

THE WONDER OF WORSHIP

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Introduction:

Major difficulties that the Prophet Isaiah and the nation of Judah was facing:

1. Threat of invasion by Syria and Israel (the Northern kingdom) (Isaiah 7)
2. The Death of king Uzziah (Isaiah 6:1)
3. Judah's idolatry, wickedness, and injustice (Isaiah 1-4)

Text: Isaiah 6:1-13

A. Isaiah's Encounter with God (6:1-3)

God reveals Himself as:

1. The **Sovereign** King who is exalted above all (v. 1)
2. Holy – **Separated**, or apart from humanity and its corruption (vv. 2-4)
3. The **Almighty** and Full of Glory (v. 3)
4. The only One to be **revered** and **worshipped** (vv.2-4)

B. Isaiah's Response to his Encounter with God

1. **Ardent** Praise (v.5)
2. **Acknowledged** his Sinfulness (v.5)

C. God's Response to Isaiah's Worship and Humility

1. God showed Isaiah **mercy** (v.6-7)
2. God revealed Isaiah's **call** and **purpose** (v.8)

Life Application: Just like Isaiah, when God encounters us with His presence and reveals His call for our lives, let us respond in worship, humility, and obedience, despite the difficulties we are currently facing in life. And when we do this:

- We will **realize** who we are in light of who God is = Humility
- We will **know** that God is for us = Help
- We will have a different **perspective** in facing life's difficulties = Hope

Table talks

1. What was your religious background growing up and how did you view God and worship?
2. In Isaiah chapter 6, the Prophet Isaiah experienced what is called a “Theophany”, which means “a visible manifestation of a deity” (Merriam-Webster). We know that God is a Spirit being. Why do you think He reveals Himself in ways that humanity can understand, relate, and grasp? How does this help in understanding more about His attributes or qualities?
3. Read Isaiah 6:5 and answer the following questions:
 - Why do you think it is important for us to respond the way Isaiah responded, when encountering God in worship?
 - How does being humble and expectant make our encounter with God a transformative experience?
 - What changed in how you viewed God and yourself after having an encounter with Him?
4. How does worshipping God and encountering His presence help you go through life’s difficulties, the death of a loved one, and disappointments with a sense of hope?
5. Share a testimony of how worshipping God and encountering His presence helped you go through a difficult or a challenging time in your life.

PRAY!