

# SEQUOIA NOTES

## Today's Sequoia Message...

### Reasonable Worship

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor  
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Happy Thanksgiving!



**Have you ever had an encounter with someone that forever changed your life?**

### What do we need to know about Holy God and how do we respond to Him?

Isaiah 6:1-4 (NLT) It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. <sup>2</sup> Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> They were calling out to each other, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven’s Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory! <sup>4</sup> Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke.

- **God is Holy, Holy, Holy.**

Isaiah 6:5 (NLT) Then I said, “It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.”

Isaiah 6:5 (NKJV) So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! (NKJV)

- **In the presence of Holy God, humans are undone.**

Romans 3:23 (NLT) “For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”

Isaiah 6:6-7 (NLT) Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> He touched my lips with it and said, “See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven.”

- **God takes the initiative to purify and forgive.**

Isaiah 6:8 (NLT) Then I heard the Lord asking, “Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?” I said, “Here I am. Send me.

**From brokenness to mission is the pattern for humankind.**

**We are redeemed for a reason. We are saved to serve. We are healed to help.**

**Big Idea: The only reasonable response to God’s grace is decisive dedication.**

### How do you respond to God’s grace with decisive dedication?

Romans 12:1-2 (AMP) Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but be transformed and progressively changed [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may prove [for yourselves] what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].

- **Surrender in response to God’s grace.**

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- **Separate yourself & be Set-apart for God.**

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- **See & Sense God’s will & then Step into it.**

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#### #4 of 4 - October 8, 2023

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- 2) Read Isaiah 6:1-8. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 3) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in this passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about the passage? What is the major theme in the passage?
- 4) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What meaning is inferred in this passage for us?
- 5) What do learn about God in this passage and what does it tell us about us? What is the significance of the "burning coal from the altar"?
- 6) Read Romans 12:1-2. How does this passage reflect what we see in Isaiah 6 and also give us a clear way to walk out "decisive dedication in response to God's grace"?
- 7) **Application:** What steps is God asking you to take to respond to His grace with decisive dedication?
- 8) Take time to prayerfully reflect on Isaiah 6 and Romans 12:1-2 and pray "Here I am send me!" Ask God where he wants to send you and respond in faith and obedience.



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