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Worship – Coming in Contact with God

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When the leaders ate the covenant meal with God, they were able to see His _____ which rested on a paved work of sapphire stone.

Ex 33:18-23 *And he said, "Please, show me Your glory." 19 Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion." 20 But He said, "You cannot see My face; for no man shall see Me, and live." 21 And the Lord said, "Here is a place by Me, and you shall stand on the rock. 22 So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen." NKJV*

Moses saw the _____ of God.

Importance of Thrones

Gen 41:39-41 *Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. 40 You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you." 41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." NKJV*

A throne represents _____. In a sense, Pharaoh tells Joseph that Pharaoh's throne is the only one in Egypt that is lifted up higher than his new throne.

Ps 11:4 *The Lord is in His holy temple, The Lord's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men.* NKJV

There is _____ throne higher than God's throne! You can't go higher than heaven.

1 Kings 7:7 *Then he made a hall for the throne, the Hall of Judgment, where he might judge; and it was paneled with cedar from floor to ceiling.* NKJV

A throne represents a place of _____.
There is no one to whom you can appeal God's Judgments.

Ps 19:9 *The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.* NKJV

God's judgments are true and _____ just.
God calls Isaiah to communicate His _____ of the people to the people.

Ps 93:1-2 *The Lord reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The Lord is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved. 2 Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.* NKJV

God's throne is _____.

Heb 4:14-16 *Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.* NKJV

God's throne is a throne of grace where we receive _____.

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Isaiah's reaction

Isa 6:5-8 *So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts." 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin purged." 8 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." NKJV*

The first thing Isaiah says is "Woe is me, for I am undone!" "Woe" is a passionate cry of despair.

The Hebrew word translated “woe” is used 24 times in the Old Testament. It is primarily used in the prophets (19 times) and expresses a sense of _____ and sure destruction.

Notice, God did not verbally condemn Isaiah of his sin.

The heinous nature of our sin comes into clear focus only after we see the holy nature of the Lord of hosts.

Practical application: Show people the holy God, and they will recognize their own sin.

Isa 3:8-11 *8 For Jerusalem stumbled, And Judah is fallen, Because their tongue and their doings Are against the Lord, To provoke the eyes of His glory. 9 The look on their countenance witnesses against them, And they declare their sin as Sodom; They do not hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought evil upon themselves. 10 "Say to the righteous that it shall be well with them, For they shall eat the fruit of their doings. 11 Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him, For the reward of his hands shall be given him. NKJV*

The inhabitants of Judah were in serious trouble that they brought upon themselves through their obvious sins.

The wicked _____ their suffering. The wages of sin are death!

The phrase, “I am undone!” means I am about to die, be destroyed, or be ruined.

Gen 18:27-28 *Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: 28 Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?" NKJV*

Job 42:5-6 *"I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, But now my eye sees You. 6 Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in dust and ashes." NKJV*

Judg 13:18-22 *And the Angel of the Lord said to him, "Why do you ask My name, seeing it is wonderful?" 19 So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to the Lord. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on — 20 it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar — the Angel of the Lord ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw this, they fell on their faces to the ground. 21 When the Angel of the Lord appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He was the Angel of the Lord. 22 And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, because we have seen God!" NKJV*

Luke 5:8 *When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" NKJV*

Why?

He knew he was a sinner who lived among sinful people. Notice that he recognized his own sin first!

He immediately came face-to-face with his unworthiness to be in God’s presence. He knew he deserved death.

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God’s first response to Isaiah’s honest evaluation of his situation was to send the seraphim to _____ Isaiah of his sin.

It is interesting that Isaiah did not ask for cleansing. God cleansed Isaiah when he saw himself the way God saw him.

God's second response was to _____ the newly cleansed Isaiah's willingness to volunteer for an important task.

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