

Sermon Study Questions

Sunday, July 27, 2025

1. Read Isaiah 6:1-8
2. Isaiah's vision here focuses on God. What does he see in seeing God (be thorough), and what does it tell us about Him?
3. Isaiah also sees the seraphim. Describe these angelic beings. What do we learn about the seraphim from this vision?
4. The seraphim are proclaiming to one another, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory." What does it mean that God is holy? What is the significance of the seraphim repeating the fact that God is holy three times?
5. What is glory? What does it mean that the whole is earth of His glory?
6. Isaiah sees himself in the presence of God. What does he see? What do you learn from this experience?
7. God responds to Isaiah's guilt in a surprising way, as rather than consuming him He cleanses him. What is significant about this act of cleansing Isaiah experiences? Again, be thorough, looking at the details.
8. How does this cleansing experience point us very clearly to Christ? Read John 12:36-41.

9. Seeing God, then seeing his own filth and guilt, then experiencing God's cleansing grace leads Isaiah to respond in gratitude by offering himself in selfless service to God. Reflect on these experiences in your own life. Have they had this impact upon you? If not, why do you think that is, and what can you do so that they would?

10. Pray!

Reading of Law: Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and ⁶ is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Prayer of Confession:

Our Father in Heaven, you are a God who is good and forgiving; a God who abounds in steadfast love to all who call upon you. We thank you this morning for our Savior, Jesus Christ. He is beautiful and perfect in every way. From His fullness we have all received grace upon grace. And yet for as wonderful as He is we confess we are prone to take our eyes off of Him and focus on ourselves instead. We confess how easily we are entangled with all manner of sins, whether in word, in thought, or in deed. We sin by omission, failing to do what you command, and we sin by commission, doing what you forbid us to do. These sins are no small thing, but they bring shame to you and pain to us and to those whom we love. We confess we also weigh ourselves down with burdensome, time-consuming distractions, busying ourselves with things that don't profit us, but instead hinder us in the life of faith. Father, please forgive us, cleanse us, and sanctify us, for our heart's desire is to focus on Christ and be free from these weights and sins so as to run with endurance the race that is set before us. Please give us this grace for the glory of your name and the name of your Son Jesus, who has been given the name above all names; the only name given among men by which we may be saved. It is in His name, the mighty name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness: Psalm 86:3-5

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day. ⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. ⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

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Q. 191. What do we pray for in the second petition?

A. In the second petition, (which is, Thy Kingdom come,) acknowledging ourselves and all mankind to be by nature under the dominion of sin and Satan, we pray that the kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed, the gospel propagated throughout the world, the Jews called, the fulness of the Gentiles brought in; the church furnished with all gospel officers and ordinances, purged from corruption, countenanced and maintained by the civil magistrates; that the ordinances of Christ may be purely dispensed, and made effectual to the converting of those that are yet in their sins, and the confirming, comforting, and building up those that are already converted: that Christ would rule in our hearts here, and hasten the time of his second coming, and our reigning with him for ever: and that he would be pleased so to exercise the kingdom of his power in all the world, as may best conduce to these ends.

[Matt. 6:10; Eph. 2:2-3; Ps. 68:1, 18; Rev. 12:10-11; 2 Thess. 3:1; Rom. 10:1; John 17:9, 20; Rom. 11:25-26; Ps. 67:1-7; Matt. 9:38; 2 Thess. 3:1; Mal. 1:11; Zeph. 3:9; 1 Tim. 2:1-2; Acts 4:29-30; Eph. 3:14-20; Rev. 22:20; Isa. 64:1-2; Rev. 4:8-11; Eph. 6:18-20; Rom. 15:29-30, 32; 2 Thess. 1:11; 2 Thess. 2:16-17.](#)

NT Reading: Revelation 4:1-11

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." ² At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. ³ And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. ⁴ Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, ⁶ and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷ the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. ⁸ And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around

and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever,¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,¹¹ "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."