

The Greatness and Attributes of God

- A true knowledge of God, inspires faith and motivates action
- Three attributes help us understand every other attribute: God's infinitude, God's perfection and God's holiness

Isaiah 6:1-8

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"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

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- ⁵ "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."
- ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."
- 8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

1. God is awesome and glorious

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 - God is incomprehensible, transcendent, glorious

God's Glory

a) God's glory is the created brightness that surrounds God's revelation of himself. It is the manifestation of who God is; revealed when He speaks, acts or makes Himself known

2. God is convicting

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- Conviction comes when we see ourselves in the light of God's greatness, holiness and love
- Conviction reveals our sin and inadequacy and our need for cleansing and empowering from the Holy Spirit
- Conviction is an act of grace because it leads to repentance and transformation

3. God is Forgiving

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- God doesn't just cover over our sin, He completely removes our guilt
- God forgives us in a <u>judicial</u> sense (justification); he forgives us in a <u>paternal</u> sense (1 John 1:9) and He also forgives us in a <u>personal</u> sense; He assures us that the sin we feel guilt over is atoned for and forgiven

4. God is Personal

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

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- I saw the Lord... Then I heard the voice of the Lord
- Worship is all about seeing God and hearing God's voice and then responding with, "Here am I, send me!"
- How is God revealing Himself to you and what is He saying?