

THE LORD IS THERE

EZEKIEL 48;

PSALM 140:13; ISAIAH 6:1-8

Text: Ezekiel 48:35

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³⁵ *It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The LORD is there.*

Introduction:

Here is a description of the several portions of the land belonging to each tribe. At the close of this chapter we read that city that will be built that the Lord would be there.

The presence of God is something that should never be taken lightly. The idea that a holy, pure, altogether perfect God would ever choose to associate Himself with sinful men seems to be an irreconcilable contradiction.

And were it not for the redeeming work of Jesus Christ, God's Son, man could never hope to experience God's presence and fellowship. The apostle Paul was speaking of this very thing when he said:

Ephesians 2:13

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Paul goes on to say:

Ephesians 2:18

¹⁸ For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

The bottom line here is simply that if the child of God is not enjoying the presence of God, it is not because God does not desire it. He has made every provision in His Son, Jesus that men might come into His presence.

The prophet Isaiah records in scripture about his experience in the presence of God. The experience that Isaiah witnessed was eternal and everlasting.

Notice

1. IN GOD'S PRESENCE WE SEE GOD FOR WHO HE IS (ISAIAH 6:1-2)

Isaiah 6:1-2

¹ In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. ² Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

It was a tragic event and a removal that allowed Isaiah to see the Lord.

God has called us to go deeper in our relationship with God and in our worship so that we can see God for who He really is.

Two things we discover about God when we go into His presence:

A. His Majesty and Glory

Psalms 147:5

⁵ Great *is* our Lord, and of great power: his understanding *is* infinite.

God is our Creator, Sustainer, and Provider

B. His Holiness

Isaiah 6:3

³ And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory.

I'm not sure if you have ever considered this, but of all the attributes and words used to describe God, "Holy" is the only one used in triplicate.

"Holy" is the only attribute of God that we find in scripture that is in triplicate.

Not only is He is holy, He is Holier and He is Holiest. And when we worship God and see Him for who He truly is, we first and foremost should see that He is holy.

2. IN GOD'S PRESENCE WE SEE OURSELVES FOR WHO WE ARE (ISAIAH 6:3-6)

Isaiah 6:3-6

³ And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, *is* the LORD of hosts: the whole earth *is* full of his glory. ⁴ And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ Then said I, 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 mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. ⁶ Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

When we are worshipping God and we are in God's presence we are under the "Lights" of His holiness and righteousness.

Under those lights our sins and sinfulness is made clear.

We see our need, much like Isaiah saw His need and God cleansed Him.

Romans 3:10

¹⁰ As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Romans 3:23

²³ For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Romans 6:23

²³ For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It is when we see our need, we cry out to God to save us...and He answers with salvation, with grace, with mercy, with love, and with life and life more abundantly.

3. IN GOD'S PRESENCE HE PREPARES US FOR SERVICE (ISAIAH 6:6-8)

Isaiah 6:6-8

⁶ Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: ⁷ And he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. ⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here *am* I; send me.

It's in His presence that makes it possible for us to hear His voice.

It's in His presence we understand our calling.

Close:

We need a New Awareness of the Character of God.

We need a New Awakening of Christian Conscience.