

What happens in worship?
What is your ideal worship service?

Isaiah 6:1a

In the year that **King Uzziah died** I **saw the Lord** ...

The precursor to worship: **openness of the human spirit**

- **The function of a “crisis”**

Isaiah 6:1

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a **throne**, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe **filled** the temple.

The presence of God (Coram Deo) is a **reality check.**

1) The **surpassing reality of God**

Isaiah 6:2

Above him stood the **seraphim**. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

The Example of the Seraphim:

- **Consumed with God**
- **They use their bodies**
- **They use words (holy echo)**

Isaiah 6:3

And one called to another and **said**: “**Holy, holy, holy** is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

2) Genuine **attempts to express what they experience**

- **Ascribe glory to God**

Worship cannot be limited by rationalism or logic.

- **Worship is not primarily explanation but **experience**.**

Isaiah 6:4

And the foundations of the thresholds **shook** at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with **smoke**.

Isaiah 6:5

And I said: “**Woe is me!** For I am lost; for 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!”

3) Depth of **disturbance**

- a) No **rivalry** to God (internal nor external)
- b) Pervasive **humility**
 - **Behavior vs. Nature**
- c) Utter **Impossibility**

Isaiah is so overwhelmed that he does not even ask for cleansing or deliverance!

→ **In other words, Isaiah underestimates the **grace & mercy of God!****

Isaiah 6:6-7

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a **burning coal** that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is **taken away**, and your sin **atoned** for.”

4) **RE (= *back; again*)**

- **REdeemed**
- **REstored**
- **REinvigorated**
- **Revitalized & Revived**

Isaiah 6:8

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “**Here I am! Send me.**”

5) Life that **flows from the fire.**

Effects of Worship:

- Deterrent against **sin**
- Discouragement against **idleness**
- Instilling **spiritual & moral courage**
- Clarifying our **‘why’ → motivation**

What is coming from our lives that can only be explained by the words, “*Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord ...*”?

Reality Check → Check the Flow:

- Check the flow of our **hearts** → *Is there awe & humility?*
- Check the flow of our **lips** → *Is there praise?*
- Check the flow of our **money**? → *Is there stewardship & generosity?*
- Check the flow of our **life & lifestyle**? → *Is there service?*

Revive us again;

Fill each heart with Your love;

May each soul be rekindled

With fire from above

{William McKay}