

Churches WORSHIP

Isaiah 6:1-8

Jude 1-4

2 Timothy 4:1-15



Christ Is Coming for His Church

- NOT for those who ignore His Word.
- NOT for those who do not serve His Body/Him.

Goals for 2025: PERFECTION (Philippians 3:12-14)

- **RUN together** (Hebrews 12:1-2; Romans 12:4-5)

God Adds Every Believer to a Church

- Church is PEOPLE. The people of a Church are baptized believers/disciples.
- “Church” (ἐκκλησία) means “Called Out Ones”.
 - **CALLED** by GOD! (Jude 1)
 - **CHOSEN** by GOD! (1 Peter 2:9)
 - **SEPARATED/SANCTIFIED** by GOD! (Jude 1)
 - **PRESERVED** in JESUS CHRIST!
 - They are God’s own SPECIAL PEOPLE. (1 Peter 2:9)
- A believer is saved to serve the Body of Christ - Christ as its Head.
- No where in the NT do we read of one who calls themselves a Christians and not being active in a local Church.
- A church-less Christian is NOT a Christian.
- A non-functional Christian is NOT a Christian.
- God gifts ALL Christians with a gift to be used in a local Church.
- Christians GROW as they SERVE a local Church/Body of Christ.

We are THE BODY

- Christ is our HEAD. There is ONE HEAD of the Body. The ONE HEAD directs the BODY. The BODY moves at the direction of the ONE HEAD.
 - ★ All the members of the BODY work in ONE ACCORD as **THEY** follow **their one Head**.
- We **belong** to Christ and to each other. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 12:4-5)

- We are to be **unified** in thought and doctrine.
- We all have been given **gifts** to serve the Body.
- Believers serve together - Christ and each other.
- Believers **grow together** in a local church.

We are ORGANIZED (Ephesians 4:11-12; Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Tim 3:1-13)

- God has given His Church **leaders** to guide and rule over His people. (Heb13:17)
 - The people of the Body are commanded to obey their leaders.
 - Leaders will give an account to God for the souls given him.
- The calling to leadership has very high standards because the calling is to set the example for God's people. (Hebrews 13:7)
- God has ordained church government. God is a God of **order**; not disorder.
- Both leaders and those who are ruled have their responsibilities outlined by God in His Word.

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- What do churches do? (Acts 2:42-47)
- Or another way of asking the question is, "Why did God call us out of the world?"
 - ❶ Whatever We Do We Do For His Name Sake (1 Corinthians 10:31)
 - ❷ To Worship Him (2 Peter 2:9)
- Churches worship in sPIRIT and TRUTH. (John 4:23-24) - "**MUST**"
- Question: Did you come to church or did you come to worship?

What Is Real Worship? (Isaiah 6:1-8)

- Context of Isaiah before chapter 6.
 - (1:2-4) God's people did not know/consider who God was!
 - (1:4) A sinful nation. A nation that ignored the Word of God.
 - (1:10) God compares Israel to Sodom and Gomorrah.
 - (1:11-15) Israel's worship make God sick!
 - (1:17-20) REPENT!
 - (2:1-5) God will judge ALL. God's people walk in the light of the LORD.
 - (2:6-22) The Day of the LORD
 - "The LORD alone shall be exalted in that day."
 - (3:1-26) The God who strikes!

SIX “WOE’S” and FOUR “THEREFORE’S” of Chapter 5

→ The Six “WOE’S” –

- ❶ (vv. 8-10) **Covetousness and Greed.**
- ❷ (vv. 11-17) **Pursuit of pleasures, drunkenness, disregarding the work of God.**
- ❸ (vv. 18-19) **Willful sin and irreverence towards God.**
- ❹ (v. 20) **GROSS wickedness.**
- ❺ (v. 21) **Choosing our wisdom over God’s.**
- ❻ (vv. 22-23) **Neglecting God’s given responsibilities; justifying the wicked.**

→ The Four “THEREFORE’S” --

- ❶ (v. 13) People go into captivity (lose their freedom) because of the lack of knowledge – from **rejecting** the truth. (Hosea 4:6)
 - Famine and drought will affect ALL!
- ❷ (vv. 14-16) **Death** comes. God enlarges SHEOL – “the grave”.
 - Not necessarily their lives but the lives of those dear to them!
- ❸ (v. 24) People are **consumed**.
 - **Because** God’s people **reject** and **despise** the Word and Law of the LORD, God devours His people like fire devours chaff! (Proverbs 1:22-30; Hosea 4:1, 6)
- ❹ (v. 25) God’s anger arouses **against** His people!
 - ★ GOD IS NOT FOR HIS PEOPLE BUT AGAINST THEM.
 - ★ Psalm 50:7; Jeremiah 15:6; **18:11**; 50:31; 51:25; Ezek 5:8; 15:6-8; Micah 2:3.

The Timing (Isaiah 6:1)

- King Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26) died.
- Isaiah, like many, goes to the Temple to mourn.

What Did Isaiah See? (Isaiah 6:1-4; John 12:41)

- The **Lord** (*Adonai* - Owner, Ruler, Master of ALL) high and lifted up.
- No one has ever seen God. Isaiah comes into the presence of the Lord Almighty. He comes face to face with the attributes of God - His attributes describe WHO He is.
- “the Lord sitting on a throne - **high and lifted up!**” “Sitting” - present tense - “the LORD reigns” - Psalm 47:8; 93:1; 96:10; 97:1; Rev 19:6
- “His robe filled the Temple” - His - the Lord’s glory FILLED the Temple.
- Seraphim - plural - six wings - perhaps the four living creatures in Revelation and Ezekiel 1.
 - With 2 they covered their faces NOT to look on Adonai’s holiness!
 - With 2 they covered their feet absolute humility before Adonai’s holiness.
 - With 2 they flew ready to do Adonai’s will.

- The seraphim cry out, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD of hosts. The whole earth is filled with His glory.”
 - ★ The Holy, Holy, Holy God demands that His people be holy just as He is holy. (1 Peter 1:13-16) **MEDITATE!** (Hebrews 12:14)
- (v. 4) The house shook and was filled with smoke (glory of God).
 - See Exodus 40:34-35; Numbers 14:21; 1 Kings 8:11; 2 Chronicles 5:14; 7:1; Habakkuk 2:14; Matthew 27:50-51; Rev 11:19; 15:8)

The SEVENTH Woe! Man in the Presence of GOD! (Isaiah 6:5)

- Before one can truly worship God he **must have** a right view of God. **IF YOU VIEW OF GOD IS WRONG EVERYTHING YOU BELIEVE IS WRONG!**
- **One must have God’s view of Himself not man’s view.**
- **Isaiah’s response** in the presence of God: **“WOE IS ME! I AM UNDONE!”** - Meditate!!!!!! The man Isaiah??????
 - “undone”; “unclean” - MEDITATE! - LIPS!!!!
- Responses of others: Abraham (Gen 18:27); Jacob (Gen 32:10); Job (Job 42:6); Daniel (Daniel 10:8); John (Rev 1:17); Peter (Luke 5:8-11); David (2 Sam 7:18); Paul (Acts 9:4; 1 Tim 1:15).

What Did Isaiah Experience? (Isaiah 6:6-7)

- **AMAZING GRACE!!!!!! AMAZING MERCY!!!!!** - Undeserved; Unasked
- (v. 6) At the command of God, a seraph takes a coal from the altar (picture of the Cross – the place of God’s judgment) and touches Isaiah’s lips.
- **BEFORE THIS THERE IS NO PRAYER FROM ISAIAH! THIS IS THE WORK OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD WHO SITS ON HIS THRONE.**
 - ★ He cleanses whomever He wishes!! (Carefully meditate on Isaiah 22:14; 2 Kings 24:4; 1 Sam 3:14; Rom 9:15-23, Matt 11:25-27; John 3:8; Phil 2:13)
- Isaiah’s **sins** were **purged – taken away!** (Psalm 103:12; **Isaiah 43:25**; Jeremiah 31:34; Micah 7:18; 1 John 1:7)

What Did Isaiah Hear? (Isaiah 6:8)

- The Lord speaks, “Whom shall I send and who will go for US?”
- **What Was Isaiah’s Response?** (Isaiah 6:8)
 - IMMEDIATE: “Here I AM! Send ME!”
- See other responses to God’s grace: Paul (Acts 9:6); people at Pentecost (Acts 2:37); Abraham (Genesis 22:1); Samuel (1 Samuel 3:10)

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- ① **Do you *know* God?** Are you in an **intimate** relationship with Him? Is it your deepest desire to please Him in all you do, say, and think? Do you desire His name to be hallowed in all you do, say, and think?
- ② Do you take God seriously at His Word?
- ③ Do you come every Sunday to worship the holy, holy, holy God?
- ④ Do you ***experience*** God as your worship? Do you “SEE” God in your worship? Do you worship in spirit and truth?
- ⑤ Does being in the presence of a holy, holy, holy God fill you with REAL AWE?

Awesome

Definition: an overwhelming feeling of reverence, admiration, fear, etc., produced by that which is grand, sublime, extremely powerful.

- ★ **God is AWESOME!** (Deuteronomy 7:21; 10:17, 21; 28:58; Nehemiah 1:5; 4:14; 9:32; Job 10:16; 37:22; Psalm 33:8; **47:2**; 68:35; 99:1-3; 111:9; Jeremiah 20:11; Daniel 9:4; Zephaniah 2:11)
 - ★ God does AWESOME/Wondrous things/works/acts! (Deuteronomy 10:21; Psalm 66:3, 5; 106:22; 145:6; Isaiah 64:3)
- ⑥ Do you loathe YOUR SINS in the presence of a holy and awesome God?
 - ⑦ Is your response to God’s Word immediate - “HERE I AM! SEND ME.” Does your worship move you serve God with your whole heart and whole soul? (Deuteronomy 10:12-14)