

# Holiness of God

## Isaiah's Vision of the Holiness of God (Isa 6: 1-7)

1. In the year that King Josiah died, Isaiah had a vision of the holiness of God in the temple.
2. He saw the Lord sitting upon the throne highly lifted up, His train filled the temple.
3. There were many Seraphim who stood upon the throne each of them has six wings, two to cover his face, two to cover his feet and two to fly.
4. The Seraphim were shouting: "Holy, holy is the Lord of host, the whole earth is full of his glory"
5. The foundation of God's throne shook and smoke filled everywhere.
6. Facing with God's holiness, Isaiah became conscious of his sin as well as that of Israel; he felt lost and confessed his uncleanness.
7. A Seraphim flew to where Isaiah was and torched his lips with burning coal from the altar.
8. The burning coal cleansed his lips and was made holy before God.

### **Significance:**

God's holiness consists in His being set apart from all that was unholy or immoral and no such thing can survive in His presence

## Isaiah's Teaching on the Holiness of God (Isaiah 1: 10-20)

1. After Isaiah's vision and the touching of his mouth with burning coal from above, he started his teaching to the people of Israel.
2. Isaiah said that he knew, the people believe in God but their hearts were far away from God.
3. They had separated religion from morality and thought they could serve God by offering sacrifice only.
4. He said their leaders too were very corrupt.
5. God was always pleased with their sacrifices when there was regular worship

and sacrifice.

6. Isaiah condemned their shallow religiosity.
7. He said God would no longer tolerate immorality, false religion and vain worship because of their wickedness and immorality.
8. God would no longer listen to their prayers when they call upon Him.
9. Isaiah made a call to national repentance and holiness of life.
10. He called them to repent by cleansing themselves from their sin.
11. He said whatever how their sins might be so big; God is ready to make them white as snow.
12. God promised them that they would reap the good of the land, if they repented, but if they refused to repent then, they shall be devoured by sword.

#### **SIGNIFICANCE OF ISAIAH'S TEACHING ON THE HOLINESS OF GOD**

1. The religious situation in the time of Isaiah is similar to ours today.
2. We have separated religion from morality and preach only materialism and prosperity
3. We must repent and give our lives to Jesus
4. *We must learn to combine worship with righteousness living.*