

"The Right Checkpoints, #2: HOLINESS"

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Isaiah 6:1-8

BIG IDEA: Because our God is holy, we will be holy.

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Armies;

His glory fills the whole earth."

Isaiah 6:3 (CSB)

God is HOLY - there is no one like God who is perfect in all He is and does. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are clothed in His holiness and given new life. As we walk in step with the Holy Spirit, we are totally dedicated to hear, believe, and obey God's revealed Word, the Holy Bible. We implore everyone to accept and pursue God's command to be holy as He is holy.



Some descriptions of God's holiness.

- **God's holiness means He is separate.**
- **God's holiness means He is righteous.**
- **God's holiness means He is just.**
- **God's holiness means He is glorious.**



Some implications of God's holiness.

- **There is a great chasm between God and me.**
- **I must come to God on the merits of someone else.**

- **I must approach God with reverence and fear.**



Some applications of God's holiness.

- **I can be saved from the penalty of sin, unto the position of holiness. (Justification).**
- **I can be saved from the power of sin, unto the practice of holiness. (Sanctification).**
- **I can be saved from the presence of sin, unto the perfection of holiness. (Glorification).**

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Read: *Isaiah 6:1-8.*

Think: Consider the holiness, righteousness and justice of God and then ask these questions: *If King Uzziah represents stability for Judah, what does his death mean? Why does God choose this time to reveal Himself to Isaiah? Imagine you are Isaiah: What do you tell a friend about what you saw, heard, felt and smelled (v 1-4)? What questions about God's nature and purpose does this encounter raise for you? What makes Isaiah despair for his life and cause him to confess his sin (v 5; see also Ex. 20:19; 33:20)? What is the significance of Isaiah's lips being touched with a coal from this altar? Compare Isaiah's response in v 8 with v 5: What is significant about that? What is Isaiah's new mission?*

Do: How is your experience of God like Isaiah's: awestruck, guilt-ridden, cleansed? Are you willing to serve anywhere, anytime? God's holiness and universal reign awed Isaiah. Which of God's characteristics has most impressed you and why? Why has God sent you to your world?