

The Hope of Glory

Isaiah 6:1-8

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Prayer is more than just a spiritual discipline, it is a means of loving each other and a weapon of warfare; a relational gift from God. Everyone looks for hope in times of suffering. 1 Thess. 4:13 exhorts us not to grieve as one without hope. God Himself is our hope. In Isaiah 6, we are led to behold God as our true hope, in the midst of all the uncertainty.

Hope in God [Three Ways]

1. Hope in God the Father (vv1-4)

The volatility in the time of Isaiah is not far from our situation today. In times of great aimlessness, we need to be directed to God.

v1b – “the Lord... high and lifted up”; this God is *Adonai*, the title given to Him out of reverence. High and lifted up in wisdom, in power, over time, in pleasure, and ultimately **high and lifted up in glory**.

v2 – The Seraphim (the fiery ones) are not competing for God’s glory. Instead, they complement God’s image of holiness. They witness the God’s pure holiness (His core character) and cry out, “*Holy, holy, holy*”.

God’s glory is God’s unknowable holiness made relatable. It is closer than we think, and we cannot escape experiencing it (Rom 1:20). The earth is filled with His glory!

The smoke described in verse 4 is not a result of the shaking but a result of God’s glory and power (Rev 15:8); these 4 verses display the glory and magnificence of God the Father.

To hope in the Father is to be assured that He is high and lifted up; so adore Him in prayer! How? **#1:** Have your Bible open and use Scriptures that magnify God. **#2:** Kneel as you pray. **#3:** Use grand-sounding biblical terms to adore Him.

2. Hope in God the Son (vv5-7)

In this overwhelming experience for Isaiah, his response was not one of marvel, but of self-condemnation: “Woe is me! For I am

lost;” (v5a). In the midst of fears and anxiety, he was first and foremost convicted of his sin. Beholding God, Isaiah’s concern was not about his life or his future—but that he is a sinner. *Suffering cannot cover sin*.

v7 – with just one touch of the burning coal, Isaiah’s sin was atoned for; he was justified, forgiven, cleansed, and reconciled to God. This coal was taken from the altar for sacrifice—sacrifice for sin.

Isa. 52 and 53 – God’s servant, holy as God, will be punished for our sin; through His punishment we would have peace, healing and salvation. This holy Servant is Jesus. *Suffering cannot cover sin; only Jesus the Servant-Son can*.

To hope in the Son is to be assured that He covers our sin; so repent — turn to Christ that He might make you come alive to your sin.

3. Hope in God the Spirit (v8)

There is a mission that needs fulfilling, an ambassador required for God’s purposes. Isaiah, filled with the Holy Spirit, now presents himself as a living sacrifice, boldly saying “Here I am!”. God, by His Spirit, is working among us to be a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1).

To Hope in the Spirit is to be assured to say “Send me”; worship as a living sacrifice — ask for His empowerment for the sake of His kingdom.