

## “One Holy Passion”

Isaiah 6:1-8

*How do I grow in my love for God and my passion to serve Him?*

### 1. The Lesson of the Seraphim: I must spend time in the presence of God!

#### (1) Their Design

##### -1- Their Name and Character

- “seraphim” = “burning ones”

v. 2 “Above him stood the seraphim.  
Each had six wings:  
with two he covered his face,  
with two he covered his feet,  
and with two he flew.”

##### -2- Their Wings

- Wings of privilege “with two he covered his face”

- Wings of creature humility “with two he covered his feet”

- Wings of service and zeal “with two he flew”

#### (2) Their Worship vv. 3-4

“And one called to another and said:  
‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
The whole earth is full of His glory!’ ”

##### -1- Its Necessity and Zeal

- They must give expression to the wonder of what they are seeing!  
they must tell someone else!

##### -2- Its Content

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!”

- “holy” “set apart” - entirely set apart from all that is earthly and created  
- entirely set apart from all that is fallen and sinful

- “the whole earth is full of His glory” The whole created order shows forth His glories

##### -3- Its Freshness cf. // Rev. 4:8 “and day and night they do not cease to say...”

- An unceasing utterance of praise, yet always full and fresh!

-4- Its Power “And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called,  
and the house was filled with smoke.”

### 2. The Lesson of Mercy Discovered: I must drink deeply of mercy and grace!

vv. 5-7

(1) Isaiah is gripped with the reality of his sin and need “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...!’

- He is instantly made aware of his moral filthiness!
- He is also made aware of the sin of the nation.

#### (2) God declares His grace and forgiveness, assuring His child (6-7)

- The symbolism - A coal is taken from the altar of sacrifice, and Isaiah’s lips are touched.

##### - The word of assurance

‘Behold, this has touched your lips;  
Your guilt is taken away,  
And your sin atoned for.’

#### (3) God Calls and Commissions Isaiah into Service (8-10)

##### -1- A messenger needed!

“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

**PREPARATION:** Isaiah was not ready to receive a call until:

- He had made a discovery of grace
- He knew himself more truly – he had real self-knowledge

##### **GOD SETS THE TERMS!**

##### -2- Isaiah responds and is commissioned

“Here I am! Send me!”

### Further Application: