

## *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

This name of God is the most difficult of all to describe...Holiness may be the most essential attribute of God – and the one we least understand and don't inherently share.

“Holy, Holy, Holy” is only mentioned twice in all of Scripture.

### Isaiah 6:1-7

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called out to another and said, “Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory.”

<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke. <sup>5</sup> Then I said, “Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. <sup>7</sup> He touched my mouth *with it* and said, “Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven.

- Isaiah was a firsthand witness of God's holiness in his vision in Isaiah 6.
  - Isaiah was a Prophet, a righteous man -- his reaction to the vision of God's holiness was to be aware of his own sinfulness and to despair for his life.
- Even the seraphim in God's presence, those who were crying, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty,” covered their faces and feet with four of their six wings.
  - Reverence and awe inspired by the immediate presence of God
  - They covered themselves as much as possible, in recognition of their unworthiness in the presence of the Holy One.

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- When John saw Him, he fell down like a dead man, and Christ placed his hand on him, and said “Don't be afraid, I am the first and last, I am the Living One...” (Rev. 1:17).

### Revelation 4:2-11

Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne was standing in heaven, and One sitting on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And He who was sitting *was* like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and *there was* a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance. <sup>4</sup> Around the throne *were* twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones *I saw* twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

<sup>5</sup> Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; <sup>6</sup> and before the throne *there was something* like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind... And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say,

“Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come.”

<sup>9</sup> And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, to Him who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying, <sup>11</sup> “Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed and were created.”

- The Elders fell down before Him, and cast their golden crowns at His feet acknowledging **“You alone are Worthy...”**

In both instances, these were visions...

- The best of this world’s beauty, majesty, and wealth...cannot describe Him...
- Likewise, all the languages of men, their deepest, most passionate and poetic expressions cannot capture Our Holy, Holy, Holy God!

So, I have decided not to even attempt it...

- There are some things too deep for words, too beautiful for description...

But I ask you today to join me in:

- Like Isaiah, John, the Angels, the Seraphim, the Elders – [Fall Down Before Him Now...](#)
- [Close Your Eyes, and ask the Spirit to Show you a Glimpse of What He Showed Isaiah, and What He Showed John...](#)
- Imagination is a Spiritual Tool...
  - It has been so terribly ignored, or used for self or even evil...
  - Use it now for what it was meant for...Go to Him and fall down...and cry out with the Saints, the Angels, the Elders...Holy! Holy! Holy!

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!  
Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Tho the darkness hide Thee,  
Tho the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.  
Only Thou art holy—there is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.  
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!