

Fact Sheet for **“What Comes to Mind When You Think about God?”**

**Isaiah 6:1-10**

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“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.

The history of mankind will probably show that no people has ever risen above its religion, and man’s spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God. Worship is pure or base as the worshiper entertains high or low thoughts of God.

For this reason the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact about any man is not what he at any given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like. We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God. This is true not only of the individual Christian, but of the company of Christians that composes the Church. Always the most revealing thing about the Church is her idea of God, just as her most significant message is what she says about Him or leaves unsaid, for her silence is often more eloquent than her speech. She can never escape the self-disclosure of her witness concerning God.

Were we able to extract from any man a complete answer to the question, ‘What comes to your mind when you think about God?’ we might predict with certainty the spiritual future of that man. Were we able to know exactly what our most influential religious leaders think of God today, we might be able with some precision to foretell where the Church will stand tomorrow.”<sup>1</sup>

Isaiah ushers us into the throne room of God, a place that one day I hope to see with my own eyes. As Isaiah relates what he saw imagine yourself there, what you would think, what you would feel.

**ESV <sup>1</sup> ¶ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had 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 to another and said:**

**"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!"**

Compare Ezekiel 1:4-28; Daniel 7:9-10; Revelation 4:2-8

These images of God’s throne room reinforce what we know about the nature of God from other passages.

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<sup>1</sup> Tozer, A.W., *The Knowledge of the Holy*, 1961, pp. 9-10.

God is holy, eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, all wise, perfect, immutable, full of grace, loving, merciful, faithful, true, just, righteous, good, and longsuffering

Isaiah immediately had the following reaction to this vision.

**<sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> 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; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"**

**<sup>6</sup> ¶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."**

What reaction might you have? And Isaiah had the right response to God's call.

**<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."**

What has God called you to? What is your spiritual gifting? Are you active in ministry? And then God gave Isaiah his ministry.

**<sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go, and say to this people:**

**"Keep on hearing, but do not understand;  
keep on seeing, but do not perceive."**

**<sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people dull,  
and their ears heavy,  
and blind their eyes;  
lest they see with their eyes,  
and hear with their ears,  
and understand with their hearts,  
and turn and be healed."**

Consider other places where this thought from Isaiah is quoted.

Matthew 13:14-15; Mark 4:12; Luke 8:10

John 12:40

Acts 28:26

Romans 11:8

What comes to mind when you think about God? Do your children hear this from you? Do your children see this in you? What are they learning from your choices? Encourage them by your words and life!

Look up the words of that hymn, "Holy, holy, holy".

Be creative in letting others see what you think about God.