

TOTAL WORSHIP

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ²Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory." ⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for Us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" ⁹He said, "Go..." *Isaiah 6:1-9a*

To do total worship, we must...

I. Elevate and Celebrate Our Great God (vss. 1-4)

- **God is on His throne!** – God is _____, sovereign (in control) and worthy of honor.
- **God is holy!** – separate from and different than, infinitely greater than, ourselves. He is "Spirit" – _____ our mere earthly human understanding and existence; He is mystery; holiness is the sum total of His character.
- **God is almighty!** – all powerful, all-knowing, ever-present, all-loving.
- **God is glorious!** – brightness, beauty, greatness, and of great gravity. God's greatest glory is His Son, Jesus (John 1:14).

How can we experience and celebrate Him?

- **We must "see" Him** – come to Him, _____ on Him, on His terms.
- **We experience Him in "His temple"** – at a time and a place He chooses.
- **We must take proper position** – in _____ and subservience before our exalted God.
- **Our worship must be active and engaging**, not passive and self-conscious. Too often, we are a: (1) passive spectator, (2) professional critic, (3) zombie worshipper (physically here, but not mentally, just going through the motions).

II. Deal With, Don't Deny Our Sin (vss. 5-7)

- **What is sin?** – an attitude and actions of independence and _____ against God and His life-giving truths in our lives. It is a spiritual disease, a spiritual cancer that spreads and destroys us.

What are the effects of sin?

- **Sin offends**, _____, **and hurts** God.
- **Sin is personal spiritual suicide** – it kills us spiritually, emotionally, psychologically, sometimes even physically.
- **Sin causes "collateral damage" to innocent others.**

How do we deny our sin?

- **Some ignore it, some minimize it, some** _____ **it.**

But we should deal with it by...

- **Feel and express "Woe is me!"** – deep sorrow and grief.

- **Accept God's "Cleansing Coal" from the altar of sacrifice** – Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and our Savior (John 3:16).
- **Repent** – _____ it, and ask forgiveness, then do a "u-turn" in our lives – with God's help (I John 1:9).
- **Experience God's mercy and** _____.
- **We can deal with our sin** _____ during our worship experience and daily.

III. Receive and Respond to God's Revelation Message (vs. 8)

- **It is His revelation truth for our lives that is timeless (general truth) and timely** – a spiritual revelation to us to _____ upon.
- **It is for us:** 1) as a church, 2) for us individually.
- **It can occur at any time in worship:** in _____, the sermon, prayer, or supernaturally.
- **God's greatest revelation:** _____, the "Word of God" (John 1:1).

Respond to God's Revelation Message...

- **God's revelation always expects a** _____, a change in our lives.
- **The spiritual change is to become more like** _____; be in God's will and "do" for Him.
- **The response** should be both as the church collectively, and as individual believers.
- **The response of service is an act of worship** – When we live a life of living sacrifice in response to God's revelation message, our service is an act of worship (Romans 12:1). Worship is not just celebrating God. It is serving God.

Go Out Into the World, and Tell!

- **Our worship doesn't end with the end of the service, but continues as we** " _____ " our God-experience and spiritual transformation in the world.
- **In our abundant joy, we share it with** _____.

Answers: I. King; transcends; focus; humility. II. Rebellion; repels; excuse; admit; forgiveness; anytime. III. Act; song; Jesus; response; Christ; live out; our world.