

Behold His Glory

“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His [robe] filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy [is] the LORD of hosts; The whole earth [is] full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.” (Isaiah 6:1-4 NKJV)

What majesty is displayed by the words in this passage! Here we see Jesus high and lifted up. He would be lifted up on the cross in Isaiah’s future, but here He sits, glorious. Isaiah gazed upon the Lord with the prophetic eye for no man can endure the glory of God’s essence. As Moses only saw God’s aftermath, Isaiah only saw God in a vision. Still the imagery is profound.

The Lord sits on a throne above all others. He is King of kings, and Lord of lords. Take courage brethren our God reigns. His robe fills the temple. Is this a picture of Christ filling the church? I’ll let you ponder that. However, it is clear that this garment declared His majesty.

Should there be any doubt about His exalted position, we see the mighty seraphim declaring with thunderous chorus the glory of God. The doorposts are shaken by the sounds of praise, and the whole place is filled with smoke.

Take a few moments and picture this in your mind’s eye. Surely to see such a vision would make the strongest will to yield. It caused Isaiah to be undone. Imagine the Lord high, lifted up, and bow before Him this day.

Holy, holy, holy was the cry! Let those words ring in your ears. Rehearse them again until you feel the weight of your sin. No one wants you to be miserable, but thankfulness comes from an acute sense of escape. Behold His glory as Isaiah did and worship Him. Be thankful you have the blood of Christ applied to your sins, if indeed you know the Lord. “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God,” (Hebrews 10:31 NKJV) but it is glorious to have His favor. Find the time today to bow before Him. Amen.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
Gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
Bring and adore Him—the Lord is His Name.--John Monsell