

WEEK 2:
SEPTEMBER 18

WORSHIP IN THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY KING
ISAIAH 6:1-8

WORSHIP

WHAT WE WERE MEANT FOR

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

MONDAY

Read Isaiah 6:1-8. As you read, try to imagine with all your senses what is being described in this dream. What do you hear, what do you smell, what do you feel . . . ? In what ways does this passage help you to know God's holiness? What is your first response when you ponder God's holiness?

TUESDAY

Read Isaiah 6:1-8 noting the sequence of events in these verses.

What happens in verses 1-4? What do the seraph's do in verse 2? Why? What do they do in verse 3?

How does Isaiah respond in verse 5? How do you think you would have responded?

What happens in verses 6-7? How does this relate to what happens in verse 5?

Look at Isaiah's next response in verse 8.

Consider how you may have experienced a similar sequence of events in your life. You may have experienced this progression in a single event or over a long period of time.

These verses in Isaiah are a model of both private and corporate worship. When we find ourselves in the presence of God we are filled with awe at the indescribable holiness of God. In the reflection of God's holiness we are made aware of the depth of our sin. This leads, as an intrinsic act of worship, to repentance. But God's forgiveness is made available to us and we are restored. Our restoration leads to the consummation of our worship, which is to enter into the service of the King.

WEDNESDAY

Listen to some music today that draws you into worshipping God.

You might want to go to YouTube and listen to a song based on Isaiah 6 called "I See the Lord" by Chris Folsom.

YouTube Links:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmHI1Th9JfY>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8ORRNgVWaE&feature=related>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reN-3g-myJM&feature=related>

THURSDAY

Read the text in the box above. Which aspects of worship described here are most natural for you? Are there aspects of worship you have a more difficult time accepting or relating to? Do you notice yourself getting stuck somewhere in this sequence or skipping over something? Consider what you could do today to work through this . . . read scripture, pray, talk with a Christian friend, etc. Remember, when you worship you can expect God to speak to you, bless you, and give you direction.

FRIDAY

What have you heard from God this week? How have you been blessed? What direction has God given you? How are you responding to all of this? Are you able to be as willing and responsive as the seraphs are; as Isaiah is?