

HOW TO WORSHIP, Isa. ch. 6.
AND ENJOY IT

I. Worship the Right Deity -- God

1. "I saw the Lord" -- God is the object of worship

A. Reigning, "upon a throne"

B. Majestic, "high and lifted up"

God apart from man and supreme above man.

C. Holy (Isa. coined phrase "Holy One of Israel")

D. Glorious

2. Other Deities that people worship

A. Themselves

(1). Pride, ambition

(2). Herod Agrippa, (Webb, p. 301)

B. Other people

(1). Friends

(2). Hero worship

(3). Missionary, "seeing it's you" (Webb. p. 260)

B. Other things

(1). Legend of Abraham

(2). Money, possessions

II. Worship in the Right Attitude --

The worshipper's heart before God.

1. Confession of sin, v. 5.

A. Sense of need.

B. The clearer we see God, the more we see our own shortcomings.

C. Unclean lips, More's Utopia, people worship in beautiful churches, confessing their faults before one another; "Thus if a cloud of displeasure was risen at home, by this satisfaction it is overblown that they may be present at the sacrifices with pure and charitable minds. For they be afraid to come to church with troubled conscience. Therefore, if they know themselves to bear any hatred or grudge towards any man, they presume not to come to the sacrifices before they have reconciled themselves and purged their consciences, for fear of great vengeance and punishment for their offence."

2. The Assurance of Forgiveness.

A. God's cleansing touch.

The way of forgiveness is through the Son's shed blood; Convocation in heaven, (McC.p.130)

B. Guilt removed; sins forgiven

(1). Removal of sin a painful experience,
"a live coal"

(2). It must be pulled out by the roots.

(3). Sin brings heartache and sorrow

(4). The single word "Forgiven" on a tombstone
near N.Y.

III. Worship with the Right Response.

1. The council in the Trinity, cf. Gen. 1:26.

2. Need for volunteers

A. Intelligent, spiritual service, Webb, p.127.

B. Fields white unto the harvest.

3. Isaiah's response.

A. Unwillingness to serve indicated a shallow experience with God.

B. Isaiah volunteers before he knows what is to be done

3. His Commission

A. Desolation, vs. 9b-12.

(1). Disappointment -- the people will not be ready to receive his message.

(2). Difficulty, "How long, O God?"

B. Consolation

(1). The promise of ultimate victory

(2). v.13, The holy seed is in the stock; one day a shoot will come forth out of the old stump;
The Word of God will not return void.