

Connecting Church and Home

Quarter 2, Week 4 :: **A Vision, a Vocation, and a Virgin Birth**

Treasure Story: Isaiah 6 & 7:10-14

Can you imagine what it would be like to be in the presence of royalty? Should you bow or courtesy? How should you address the king or queen? The sheer gravitas of being in such a situation is daunting. Imagine this feeling 1,000 times magnified and you still wouldn't come close to what Isaiah experienced when he entered the throne room of God. Isaiah saw the holiness of God, and it transformed his life and it will transform our lives as well.

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"How little people know who think that holiness is dull. When one meets the real thing it is irresistible."
– C. S. Lewis

When Isaiah was confronted with God's holiness, his first response was repentance. How often do we remember God's holiness and when we do, how do we respond? We should be in awe of God's holiness, but it should also remind us that He has made a way for us to be holy through the blood of Christ. Here are a few suggestions for remembering God's holiness and seeking repentance through Christ:

- **A White Shirt:** To help illustrate God's holiness to your children, have a white dress shirt on hand. Wash, dry, and iron the shirt until it is clean, crisp, and ready to wear. Then ask them if it would be a good idea to take that shirt and go wash the car or clean the toilet with it. Explain to them that God is holy. When we trust in Jesus, He cleans us and sets us apart for His use. When we disobey Him, it is like we are taking our holy lives and using them wrongly like using the clean shirt to wash the car.
- **Holiness Leads to Repentance:** Explain to your children that God expects us to be holy as He is holy. At first, this may seem impossible to them and they may express that to you. Apart from Jesus, holiness is impossible. But God loves us and sent Jesus to die for us so that we will constantly repent of our sin and depend on Christ to make us holy before God. When we repent and turn from our sin, God looks on us as He looks on Christ.

My Mission As Parent

- Is God's holiness something that you think about regularly? When you do think of it, how do you respond?
- Does holiness cause you to think more about yourself, or does it also cause you think about Jesus?
- How can your need for repentance in Christ help you be a better parent?

Prayer Points

- Ask the Lord to help you see your sin in the light of His holiness.
- Pray for the Lord to guide you to repentance as a result of seeing His holiness.
- Praise the Lord together with your children that in Christ we can be holy and offer repentance that is pleasing to God.