

Isaiah's Experience

Isaiah 6:1-7

Worship: the impact of a building upon a worshiper

- Atonement... from the altar

Our series: How did we get to Christian worship today? It seems very different from the temple, let alone Isaiah's vision. To begin to answer this question, we must look at the altar, from which the coal was taken.

6:1:

- The Lord high and lifted up
- Train fills the temple

6:2

- Seraphim: "burners"

6:3

- "Holy, Holy, Holy" – why three times?

6:4

- Natural disaster

6:5

- "Woe is me!"
- Unclean lips
- For my eyes have seen...

6:6

- A burning coal-- looks ominous

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. How has a church building and sanctuary impacted your worship of God?
2. What does holy mean? What Bible passages help you understand this word?
3. When you understand God's holiness, are you undone like Isaiah?
4. Although fearful, Isaiah is made safe and his sin atoned for by the burning coal from the altar. How is this related to Christian worship today?