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A glimpse of the holiness of God will change us forever. As Isaiah is thrust into the presence of God and the seraphim cry out, “Holy, holy, holy,” the prophet confesses, “Woe is me! For I am undone.” Isaiah in one brief moment is exposed and broken under the gaze of the Almighty. In an instant he is measured by the ultimate standard of holiness; he is weighed in the balance and is found wanting. The holiness of God has seized his heart, soul, and mind. He cannot forget what he has seen. Boredom, casualness, and lukewarmness about the things of God are gone forever. “Mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts” (*Isa. 6:5*).

May God raise up such an army of worshipers—those who long to reverently remember Him who first remembered us on Calvary’s cross. Might God raise up tender-hearted worshipers. Let us draw near unto Him, who in mercy, first drew near to us and humbly bow our hearts as worshipers in His holy presence. May our reverent worship once again shine bright as the hallmark of our devotion to Christ.

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