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NO LIMITS WITH PASTOR DELMAN

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Isaiah 6:1-8

INTRODUCTION

We live in a world that often values appearance over substance. We see it in fast fashion, fast fame, and the carefully curated images on social media. Like a beautiful house that is secretly crumbling from within, our culture has learned to make things look good without making them strong. We have influence without integrity and success without the sacrifice of surrender to the Lord. This creates a deep-seated anxiety, leaving us feeling unstable and insecure when life's storms inevitably arrive.

This is precisely why we are in desperate need of the glory of the Lord. In the Bible, "glory" isn't about glitter or religious theater. It literally translates to "weight" or "substance." It is the tangible presence and power of God that grounds us. To pray for God's glory is to ask for something within you that is heavier than what is happening around you; a power that betrayal cannot steal, that grief cannot bury, and that the world cannot take away. As we see in Isaiah's vision, encountering this glory is what prepares us for transformation and a life of purpose.

KEY POINTS

1. God's Glory Gives Us Substance In A Superficial World

When the foundations of his world were shaken by the death of King Uzziah, Isaiah encountered the unshakable glory of God. The seraphim cry out, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." This vision offers a profound contrast to a world obsessed with the superficial. God's glory is the substance, the weight, that gives our lives stability. It is the keel of a ship, the heavy, unseen beam that keeps it upright in a storm. While the world celebrates what is visible, like the paint on the hull, it is the unseen weight of God's presence that makes the difference between sailing and capsizing. When God puts His glory in you, the winds of criticism, trouble, and change may cause you to sway, but you will not scatter.

We are all tempted to build our lives on foundations that cannot hold us: applause, appearances, possessions, or even relationships. Take a moment to honestly assess your own foundation. Is your life built to be bought or built to last? Many of us have "staged lives," carefully furnished for public viewing but hollow on the inside. This is an invitation to move beyond a faith that just looks good and pursue a relationship with God that is real. Let us ask God to fill us not with enthusiasm that fades, but with the holy substance of His presence that grounds us, changes us, and prepares us to stand firm through any storm.

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2. God's Glory Gives Us Sight In A Deceptive World

Before God gives Isaiah his mission, He first changes what Isaiah can see. The encounter with God's holiness gives him corrected vision. First, he sees God more clearly, as sovereign and holy. Second, in light of that holiness, he sees himself honestly, crying, "Woe is me! I am lost." Finally, he sees his purpose differently, responding to God's call with, "Here am I; send me!" This divine sight allows us to cut through the deceptions of our world. We live in an age where corruption is often celebrated, and even our theology can be co-opted. A shallow "Christianity" that baptizes bigotry, ignores the poor, and waves the Bible while wounding the broken is a profound deception. Seeing God's glory for what it is, holy and just, exposes these counterfeits and reorients us to what truly matters.

We are called to be people of truth in a deceptive world. This requires us to be spiritually discerning, constantly tuning our hearts to God's signal. Like turning on a device to access invisible radio waves, connecting with God's glory allows us to see what was previously hidden. It empowers us to reject the false gospels of nationalism and consumerism and embrace the true gospel of Jesus Christ, which prioritizes love, justice, and mercy. This is not a call to judgmentalism, but a call to clarity, so we can be agents of healing and reconciliation in a world that desperately needs to see the true nature of God.

3. God's Glory Gives Us Stability In An Unstable World

In a year of crisis, the prophet's most profound vision is of stability: "I saw the Lord sitting on a throne." While the earthly throne was empty and the nation was panicking, heaven was not. God is not pacing because earth is in chaos. The earthly king was gone, but the eternal King remains seated. This image of divine sovereignty is our ultimate source of peace. Empires rise and fall, leaders come and go, and our personal lives are filled with swift transitions, but God remains seated. The train of His robe fills the temple, a symbol of a majesty so vast and a rule so complete that no earthly crisis can disturb it. This is the foundation upon which we can build our hopes.

Everything you need, your security, your peace, and your identity, is ultimately not found in your job, your bank account, or your relationships. It is saved in the cloud. When we lose our footing, we can panic, thinking everything is gone. But in Christ, our true life is stored in the unshakable, sovereign presence of God. When you sign into that cloud through prayer, service, and surrender, you find that everything you truly need is still there, secure and eternal. Your breakthrough is in the cloud. Your healing is in the cloud. Your future is in the cloud. Let this truth anchor your soul, providing calm and stability no matter how unstable the world around you becomes.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. In what areas of your life are you most tempted to prioritize appearance over substance? How can you intentionally invite God's "glory" or "weight" into those areas this week?
2. The sermon challenges us to see through deception, including harmful ideologies that misuse faith. How can we, as followers of Jesus, better equip ourselves to identify and lovingly confront this kind of deception in our communities and society?
3. Think of a time when your world felt unstable, like Isaiah's experience "in the year that King Uzziah died." How does the idea of your security, peace, and identity being "saved in the cloud" of God's glory change how you face present or future instability?
