**Scripture:** Exodus 20:1-17 & Isaiah 5 – 6:7

**Singing:** 448:1, 4 – 321:1 – 266:1-3 – 337:1-4 – 132:1-3

**Seeing the King of Glory**

I. What it did to Isaiah II. What it did to angels

**I. What did seeing the King of Glory do to Isaiah?**

A. The setting of the vision of Isaiah

 1. Chapter 5 begins as a *song* but ends *as a lamentation and sermon*!

 a. the vineyard is Israel: *God bestowed so many blessings on them*

 b. results are utterly disappointing: *vs. 2b*

 c. God’s judgments are fierce: 3-6

 2. Upon this Isaiah begins to *preach*: explain (7) and application (8-30)

 a. each application applies to our church/society: *six-fold woe*

● woe upon *covetous people* (8-10)

 ● woe upon *partying people* (11-17)

 ● woe upon *unbelieving people* (18-19)

 ● woe upon *truth perverting people* (20)

 ● woe upon *arrogant people* (21)

 ● woe upon *justice perverting people* (22-23)

 b. end of Ch. 5 is solemn: *God’s judgment of abandonment*

 3. To these six woes, Isaiah adds a 7th woe (6:5)

a. How did he come to this *utter humbling consciousness?*

 ● it is not the seeing sin that humbles: it is seeing God!

 b. Feeling this **need** is the **heart** of the advent cry!

B. Do you and I have anything of *Isaiah’s heart-humbling insights?*

**II. What did seeing the King in glory do to the angels?**

A. Isaiah saw the *seraphim*

 1. they are personal, spiritual, angelic beings attending to the Lord

 2. their purpose or occupation: *work of praising God*

B. How are the angels affected by what they saw?

 1. They didn’t respond like Isaiah

 2. Their response is a *covering of themselves* before such glory: why?

C. What is this *holiness* the seraphim behold God the Lord?

 1. We mostly define *holiness as the total separateness from sin*

 2. Holiness is *beauty and intensity of Divine devotion*

 a. Father, Son and Holy Spirit are *divinely devoted to each other*

 b. seeing this intensity of devotion brings need *to cover*

D. How can they see this love for isn’t God invisible!?

 1. True but angels & Isaiah saw something that was visible: vs. 1

 a. they didn’t see Jehovah (LORD) (Ex. 30:20; John 1:18)

 b. they saw the Lord who is none else but Jesus: John 12:41

 *“These things said Esaias, when he saw His glory and spake*

 *of Him”*

 Calvin: *John tells us it was Christ Isaiah saw, and justly,*

*because God never revealed Himself but in the Living Word, the only begotten,* ***full of grace and truth!***

**Reflection**: Isaiah is *awed into a cry of “woe to me”*

A. The celebration of Christ’s birth without this *sin-awareness* misses

 the entire spirit of worship

B. God’s provision in Christ is to turn Isaiah’s ‘woe’ into ‘worship’ (5-7)

**Truth to Ponder**

If you want to know what God has to say to you,

see what Christ was and is. (Spurgeon)