

# ETERNITY

ISAIAH 6:2-3

ABOVE HIM WERE SERAPHIM, EACH WITH SIX WINGS: WITH TWO WINGS THEY COVERED THEIR FACES, WITH TWO THEY COVERED THEIR FEET, AND WITH TWO THEY WERE FLYING. AND THEY WERE CALLING TO ONE ANOTHER:

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD ALMIGHTY; THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY."

THESE TWO ACCOUNTS OF THE THRONE ROOM OF HEAVEN ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE OCCURRED NEARLY 800 YEARS APART; HOWEVER, BOTH JOHN AND ISAIAH PROVIDE ALMOST IDENTICAL DESCRIPTIONS. WHEN JOHN ENTERS THE THRONE ROOM OF HEAVEN, HE HEARS THE SAME SONG THAT ISAIAH HEARD, BUT THIS TIME IT IS DIFFERENT — THERE'S MORE PASSION. THE ELDERS AND THE CREATURES SURROUNDING THE THRONE CAN'T HELP BUT LAY FACE DOWN AFTER EACH REFRAIN; A REFRAIN THAT ONE CAN ONLY IMAGINE GETS A LITTLE LOUDER EACH TIME AS THEY TRY TO CONJURE UP A SONG WORTHY OF THE MYSTERY BEFORE THEM. THE CREATED BEINGS TRY TO SHOUT A SONG THAT DESCRIBES THE WONDER IN FRONT OF THEM, AND ALL THEY CAN MUSTER UP IS "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY."

THE SECOND HALF OF THE REFRAIN IS DIFFERENT IN JOHN'S ACCOUNT BECAUSE THE **ONE** WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE EARTH STEPPED INTO IT, DIED ON A ROMAN CROSS, ROSE TO LIFE THREE DAYS LATER, AND IS NOW RETURNING AND BRINGING EDEN WITH HIM.

WITHIN THESE SONGS OF HEAVEN LIES AN INVITATION TO TAKE PART. WE ARE BEING INVITED TO JOIN THE HEIGHTS AND DEPTHS, THE LIGHTNING AND THE THUNDER, THE TREES AND THE ROCKS, EVERY ANIMAL AND CREATURE, AND OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS SINGING "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY" FOR ALL ETERNITY AND THEN SOME.

# TEAM DEVOTIONAL

REVELATION 4:8

EACH OF THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES HAD SIX WINGS AND WAS COVERED WITH EYES ALL AROUND, EVEN UNDER ITS WINGS. DAY AND NIGHT THEY NEVER STOP SAYING:

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY,' WHO WAS, AND IS, AND IS TO COME."