

## **“The Throne and The Altar”**

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### **Introduction: Isaiah 6:1-8**

Today we are emphasizing the peace aspect of Advent. Sin has made a big mess of life in this world!

Colossians 1:19-20

This peace comes to our hearts when we turn in repentance to God! This is what God wants to do in every human heart: 1) to reveal to us the depth of what sin has done to us, how it has ruined us, and 2) to reveal to us the all-sufficiency of the forgiveness that comes to the convicted soul through Christ! The remedy fully heals the ruin and enables us to serve God whole-heartedly in life!

### **I. THE THRONE**

Daniel 7:9-10, Revelation 20:11-13, Isaiah 6:1-5

*From a message taken from the ministry of C.H. Mackintosh, a Plymouth Brethren Preacher from the 1800's.*

This light is the moral glory of Jesus Christ!! Jesus Christ is the perfect standard by which everyone must be measured.

2 Corinthians 4:2-6, John 3:19-21

I am ruined. My very nature has been corrupted by sin!

Matthew 16:24-26, Colossians 3:5-10

I need to die daily to my old sinful nature!

**II. THE ALTAR** - The guilt which the throne detects, the altar removes.

Isaiah 6:6-7, Psalm 32:1-5, 1 John 1:5-9

Now to the response Isaiah had to such amazing grace, amazing love and forgiveness!

### **III. THE RESULT**

Isaiah 6:8

We have seen the complete ruin of the sinner, the complete remedy in Christ; and now let us look at the result in wholehearted dedication to the service of God.

It is the only way to peace with God and with men!

The conclusion of Isaiah, “Lord, here am I, send me!”

Hymn writer Isaac Watts’ hymn: “When I survey the Wondrous Cross”