

True Worship and the God Who Sees the Heart

Isaiah 66:1-6



Where We've Been in Isaiah

WE'VE TRACED ISAIAH'S MAJOR THEMES-

**HOLINESS... SIN... THE KING... THE
SERVANT... REDEMPTION... AND RENEWAL.**



Where We're Going In Isaiah

**NOW ISAIAH BRINGS EVERYTHING DOWN
TO ONE QUESTION:**

**WHAT KIND OF WORSHIP DOES GOD
ACTUALLY ACCEPT?**



GOD DEFINES TRUE WORSHIP

1 This is what the Lord says:

“Heaven is My throne and the earth is the footstool for My feet.

Where then is a house you could build for Me?

And where is a place that I may rest?

Isaiah 66:1 (NASB)



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**2 For My hand made all these things,
So all these things came into being,"
declares the Lord.**

**"But I will look to this one,
At one who is humble and contrite in
spirit, and who trembles at My word.**

Isaiah 66:2 (NASB)



GOD DEFINES TRUE WORSHIP

**7 Purify me with hyssop, and I will
be clean;**

**Cleanse me, and I will be whiter
than snow.**

Psalm 51:7 (NASB)



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15 For this is what the high and exalted One

Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, says:

**“I dwell in a high and holy place,
And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit**

**In order to revive the spirit of the lowly
And to revive the heart of the contrite.**

Isaiah 57:15 (NASB)



GOD REJECTS EMPTY RELIGION

3 “But the one who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a person;

The one who sacrifices a lamb is like one who breaks a dog’s neck;

One who offers a grain offering is like one who offers pig’s blood;

One who burns incense is like one who blesses an idol.

As they have chosen their own ways,

And their souls delight in their abominations,

Isaiah 66:3 (NASB)



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**4 So I will choose their punishments
And bring on them what they dread.
Because I called, but no one answered;
I spoke, but they did not listen.
Instead, they did evil in My sight
And chose that in which I did not
delight.”**

Isaiah 66:4 (NASB)



GOD REJECTS EMPTY RELIGION

**13 Then the Lord said,
“Because this people approaches Me
with their words
And honors Me with their lips,
But their heart is far away from Me,
And their reverence for Me consists of
the commandment of men that is
taught;**

Isaiah 29:13 (NASB)



God Vindicates His Faithful Remnant

5 Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at His word:

“Your brothers who hate you, who exclude you on account of My name, Have said, ‘Let the Lord be glorified, so that we may see your joy.’

But they will be put to shame.

Isaiah 66:5 (NASB)



God Vindicates His Faithful Remnant

**6 A sound of uproar from the city, a voice from the temple,
The voice of the Lord who is dealing retribution to His enemies.**

Isaiah 66:6 (NASB)



God Vindicates His Faithful Remnant

11 "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in this same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:11-12 (NASB)



SUMMARY

- **God defines true worship**
- **God rejects empty religion**
- **God vindicates His faithful remnant**

