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2020 Focus Introduction

Isaiah 6:1-8

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"What will your life have been, in the end, but the sum total of everything you spent it focusing on?"
—Oliver Burkeman

[1]In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. [2]Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. [3]And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" [4]And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. [5]And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" [6]Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. [7]And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." [8]And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."
—Isaiah 6:1-8

1 Focus on the _____ of God, not the _____ of Life

The LORD has established His throne in the heavens and His sovereignty rules over all. —Psalm 103:19 NASV

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us. The history of mankind will probably show that no people has ever risen above its religion, and man's spiritual history will positively demonstrate that no religion has ever been greater than its idea of God. Worship is pure or base as the worshiper entertains high or low thoughts of God. For this reason the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most portentous fact

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about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like. We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God. This is true not only of the individual Christian, but of the company of Christians that composes the Church. Always the most revealing thing about the Church is her idea of God."

—A.W. Tozer

2 Focus on the _____ of God in Us Before Looking at the _____ Around Us

[20]Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! [21]Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight! [22]Woe to those who are heroes at drinking wine, and valiant men in mixing strong drink, [23]who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of his right!

—Isaiah 5:20-23

[18]"Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. [19]If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; [20]but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." —Isaiah 1:18-20

3 Focus on the Opportunity to Live on _____, Not Waste Your Life with _____

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward Him. —2 Chronicles 16:9

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