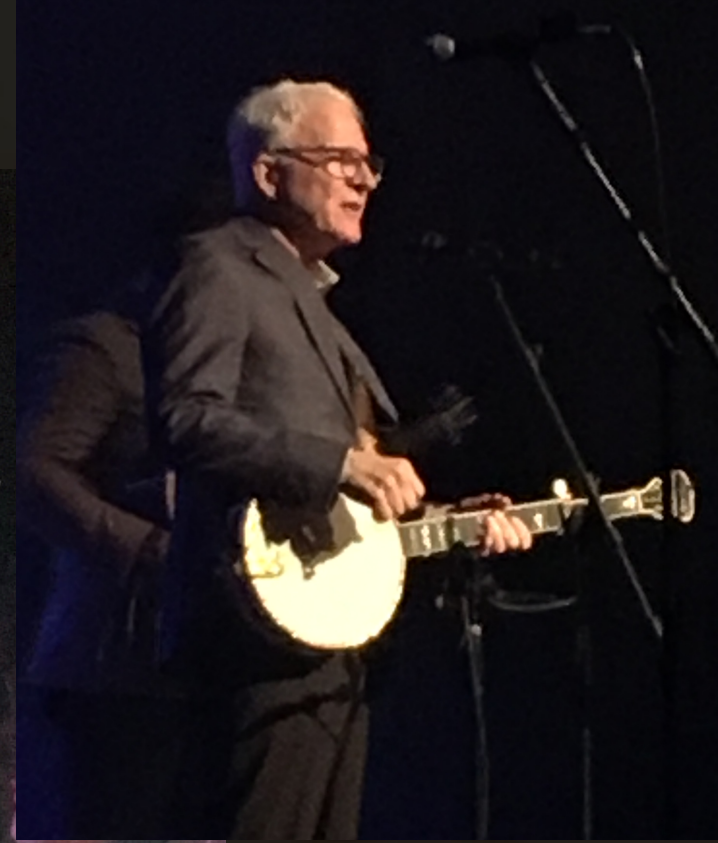


ISAIAH ♦ Rescued & Renewed



**“Near and Far”
Isaiah 6:1-8
September 15, 2019**

Steep Canyon Rangers

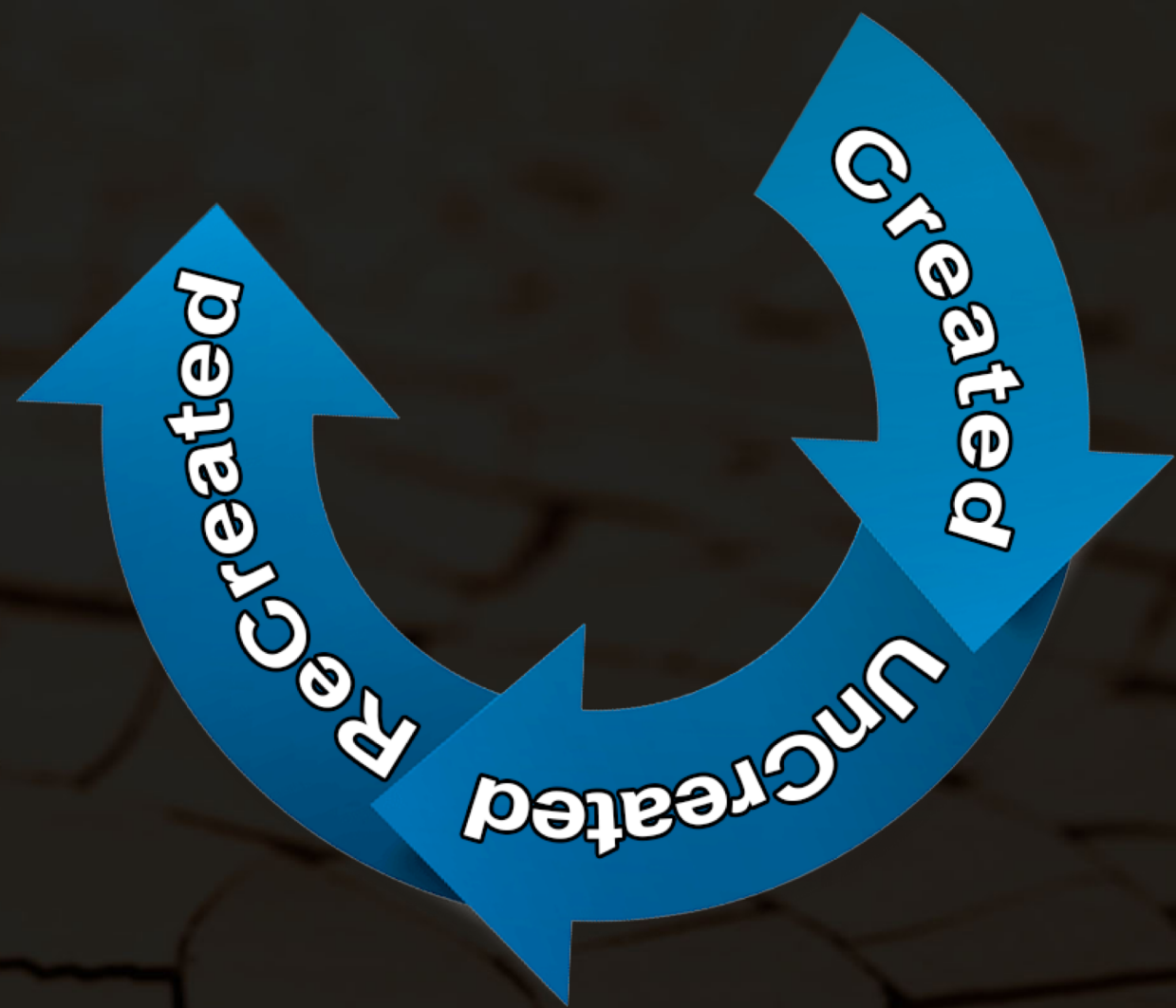


Our Perceived Greatness

God's True Greatness

Our Deep Lowness

Our True Greatness



Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² 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. ³ And they were calling to one another:

*“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”*

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

Our Perceived Greatness

Isaiah was royalty and incredibly gifted, relying on his own abilities

We have original-creation memory-remnants

Internally:
Comparisons

Externally:
Take credit for what God has done and given.



God's True Greatness

"In the year that King Uzziah died, *I saw the Lord...*"

Exodus 3:5

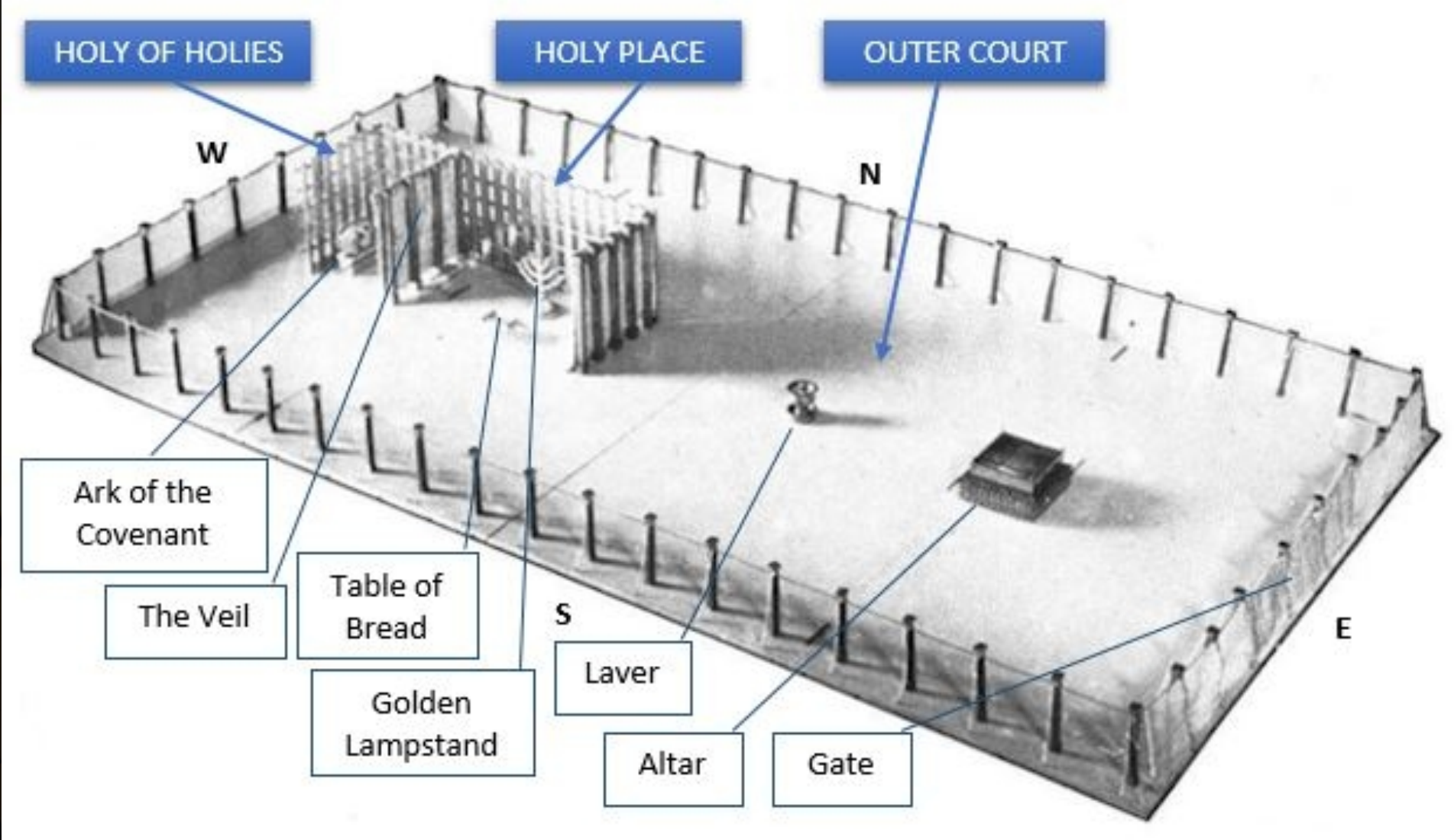
Then (God) said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."

Exodus 33: 20b-23

(God): "You cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." ...²³ ...I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

Exodus 25:22

There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the testimony...



6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Living King:
“High and Exalted”

Powerful King:
“Seated on a throne”

Exclusive King:
“filled the temple”

The Absolute Transcendence of God

² 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.

God's Glorious Holiness is so overwhelming that even sinless angels ("Burning Ones") have to cover their feet (an act of humility) and cover their eyes (so they don't burn up)

*“And they were calling to one another:
Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”*



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All of God's Attributes in One:

Superlatively:

Love

Just

Mercy

Wisdom

Power

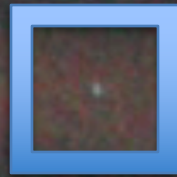
Perfection

Never Diminishing

Our True Lowness

“Pale Blue Dot”

Voyager 1 in 1990 ... 3.7 billion miles away



A person is silhouetted against a vast, starry night sky. The Milky Way galaxy is visible, stretching across the frame from the bottom left towards the top right. The person is standing on a dark, rocky ridge, looking up at the stars. The overall scene is dark and awe-inspiring, emphasizing the grandeur of the universe.

Psalm 8:3-4

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?**

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

“Woe...Ruined” = The Holy Spirit has to open our eyes to how devastatingly “unclean” we are, and we have to own it without excuse or minimizing.

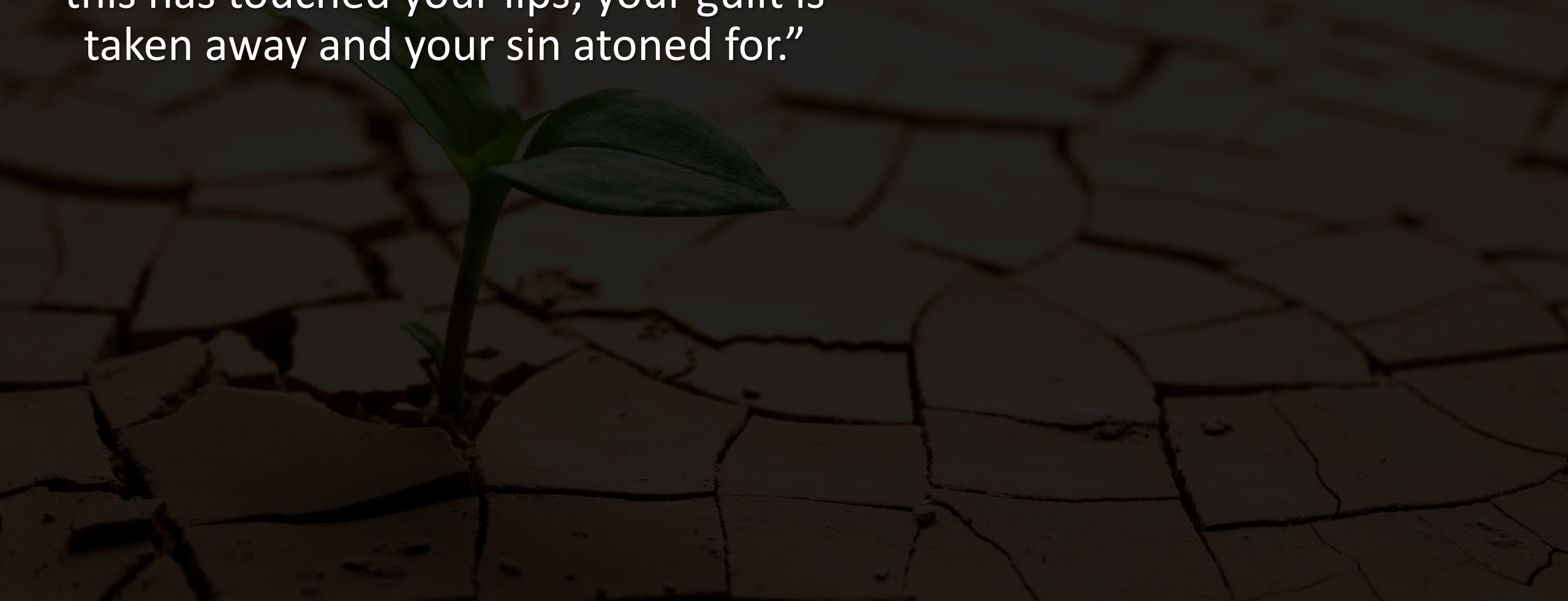
We have to be “undone” before we can be “remade”.

Repent of our Weaknesses
Repent of our Strengths

Repentance, not Remorse

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

“Atoned” - God comes to us and gives us absolute purity that is so powerful even the angels can't touch it.



The Absolute Immanence of God

Matthew 1:23
(quoted from Isaiah 7:14)

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, ***God with us***).

God HIMSELF came to us in Jesus, giving us perfect ATONEMENT on the Cross, giving us perfect ACCESS to Him.

Matthew 27:51

And behold, the curtain of the temple (remember Exodus 25) was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split.

Our True Greatness

Hebrews 10:19

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

We have perfect
access to God
himself

1 Corinthians 3:16

Do you not know that you are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

We reflect the HOLINESS of God....His
Attributes through us because He is IN us...WE
are now the TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD!



Sent...

Enjoy The Spirit

God's real presence
inside us (and we in him).

Join The Seraphim

"Holy, Holy, Holy."

Isaiah 51:11

*So the ransomed of the
LORD will return And
come with joyful
shouting to Zion, And
everlasting joy will be on
their heads.*

Join Isaiah

"Here am I. Send me."

John 20:21

*Jesus said to them
again, "Peace be with
you. As the Father has
sent me, even so I am
sending you."*