**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Everything that is worthwhile depends upon our concept of God.
   2. The prophet Isaiah saw the Lord, and it was an amazing event.
      1. Isaiah 6:1-5
   3. Today, like never before, we need to get a glimpse of God.
      1. Not any god and not many gods, but the one true God.
      2. We know that there are not many gods, but some people wonder if there is one God who has different names.
         1. For instance, many people today say that it doesn’t make any difference whether a person believes in Jehovah or Allah as long as they believe in one true God.
            1. Things that are different are not the same.
   4. We need to understand that there is one true God.
      1. Jeremiah 2:11
   5. We used to have pluralism in America, where our nation allowed room for each person’s faith.
      1. We do not believe in forcing our faith upon anyone.
         1. Forced religion is an abomination to Almighty God.
         2. A person is free to believe what he wants to, though he will have to give an account to God for his beliefs.
      2. Today, however, what we have in America is not pluralism but syncretism.
         1. In pluralism, we all practice our faith.
            1. A Jew prays the way he wants to pray.
            2. A Buddhist prays the way he wants to pray.
            3. A Christian prays the way he wants to pray, which is in the name of Jesus.
         2. There are those today who want to dumb it all down and mix it all together, and that is syncretism.
            1. It has somehow become un-American if we don’t view everyone’s religion as just as good as our own.

But we need to remember that there is but one true God.

* 1. There are many things about God that we cannot understand.
     1. No one understands God.
     2. We couldn’t have any confidence in a God whom we could understand.
     3. But we don’t have to understand God to know God.
        1. We all have questions, and we sometimes have doubts.
        2. Evangelist Tom Skinner once said, I spent a long time trying to come to grips with my doubts and suddenly I realized that I had better come to grip with what I believe. I have moved from the agony of questions I cannot answer to the reality of answers that I cannot escape, and that is a great relief.”
  2. Our Scripture passage today tells of Isaiah, who saw the Lord high and lifted up.
     1. It was the year of a national crisis.
     2. The king had died.
        1. It seemed as though Isaiah had pinned all of his hopes for his country upon King Uzziah.
     3. During this time of crisis, Isaiah went to the temple of God.
        1. There he saw the Lord high and lifted up, sitting upon a throne, and His train filled the temple.
           1. Isaiah 6:1
           2. In ancient times, a king or monarch would wear a robe.

The greater the pomp and circumstance, the longer the robe’s train would be.

The train spoke of the king’s glory and majesty.

* + - * 1. When the prophet Isaiah mentioned that the Lord’s train filled the temple, he was talking about the glory and majesty of our great God.
  1. When Isaiah saw the Lord, he witnessed many things about Him.
     1. In today’s message, we will discuss three attributes of the one true God that Isaiah saw.

1. he is the triune god
   1. Isaiah 6:1-3
      1. The word “seraphim” means “burning ones.”
         1. These are angels.
   2. Isaiah 6:8
   3. The prophet Isaiah saw a vision of the triune God.
      1. Not only the one true God, but one God in three persons.
   4. The concept of the Trinity is the great Christian distinctive.
      1. Our God, the one true God, is revealed in three persons.
      2. To deny the Trinity is the root of many heresies.
         1. Unitarians do not believe in the Trinity.
         2. Jehovah’s Witnesses do not believe in the Trinity.
         3. Mormons do not believe in the Trinity.
         4. Islam does not believe in the Trinity.
         5. Our Jewish friends will not accept the doctrine of the Trinity.
   5. The concept of the Trinity is not incidental; it is absolutely fundamental.
   6. Many Christians are ignorant about the Trinity.
      1. Some say that the Trinity is made up of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.
         1. This is wrong.
         2. The Trinity is made up of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
      2. We do not worship three gods; we worship one God who reveals Himself to us in three persons.
   7. The only way to understand the doctrine of the Trinity is by divine revelation.
      1. This is the only way we can know God.
         1. Can the finite understand the infinite?
         2. Not by investigation, not by logic, not by philosophy, not by science, and not by mathematics.
      2. It may sound contradictory to logic, but it is beyond logic.
         1. One may say, “If I can’t understand it, then I can’t accept it.”
            1. Most of us don’t understand how windshield wipers work, but we still use them.
            2. Do you understand infinity?
            3. Do you understand how God can be everywhere at the same time?
            4. Do you understand eternity?
            5. Do you understand that God never had a beginning and will never have an ending?

None of these concepts fit human logic.

* + 1. The doctrine of the Trinity rises and falls on Bible revelation.
  1. Do not get caught in the trap of trying to prove the Trinity by trying to compare God to something.
     1. There is only one God, so there is nothing to compare Him to.
        1. Isaiah 40:18
     2. We can compare objects, such as a pulpit to another pulpit or a plant to another plant, or we can compare a man to another man.
        1. To compare these things, we can show their similarities and differences.
        2. But there is only one God, and He cannot be compared to anything.
  2. We can see reflections of God’s triune nature in His creation.
     1. Time is past, present, and future.
        1. The past is not the present, the present is not the future and the future is not the past.
           1. Each is distinguishable, but all are inseparable.

You cannot have one without the other.

* + 1. Space is height, width, and depth.
       1. Height is not width, width is not depth and depth is not height
          1. Each is distinguishable, but all are inseparable.

You cannot have one without the other.

* + 1. God created man with a body, soul, and spirit.
       1. Body, soul, and spirit are separable, but they are part of a unit.
       2. We are made in the image of God.
    2. None of these examples are proof of the Trinity, but they are reflections of the Trinity.
  1. The triune nature of God is discussed in the Old Testament.
     1. We see this in the vision of Isaiah.
        1. Isaiah 6:1
           1. The word for “Lord” in this passage is “Adonai,” and it is a name for God only.
        2. Isaiah 6:3
           1. Adonai is shown to be the Jehovah of hosts.
        3. Isaiah 6:8
           1. In this verse, the Lord is speaking.

The pronoun “I” is singular.

The pronoun “Us” is plural.

* + - * 1. Here, the Holy Trinity is acting in concert.
      1. There is no wonder that in Isaiah 6:3, the seraphim said, “Holy, holy, holy.”
         1. Holy is the Father.
         2. Holy is the Son.
         3. Holy is the Spirit.
    1. We also see the Trinity in the creation story.
       1. The opening verse of the Bible, Genesis 1:1, has the Trinity.
          1. The name for God in this verse is the Hebrew word “Elohim.”

The “im” ending for Elohim means that it is plural in nature.

This could be translated “Gods” but the translators just say God.

In Isaiah 6, we read about the seraphim, which ends in “im.”

A seraph is one angel; seraphim are many angels.

A cherub is one angel; cherubim are many angels.

This does not mean three gods, but one God that is plural in nature.

* + - * 1. In Genesis 1:26, Elohim says, “Let Us make man in Our image.”

He is not speaking to the angels.

We are not made in the image of angels.

God didn’t make us half-angel and half-man.

If this were so, then we wouldn’t be in the image of either one.

To whom was God speaking?

The triune Godhead was taking counsel together.

* + - 1. Everything was created by the triune God.
         1. Genesis 1:1

God created the heavens and the Earth.

This is God the Father.

* + - * 1. John 1:1-3

The “Word” here is a name for Jesus.

This verse refers to the Trinity.

This passage tells us that Jesus created all things.

* + - * 1. Job 26:13 tells us, “*By His Spirit hath He garnished the heavens*.”

In the beginning, the triune God made it all.

We see the triunity of God in the creation of the world.

* + 1. The triunity of God is also seen in the great confession of Israel.
       1. One reason many Jews will not accept our faith is that they think it is blasphemy to believe that God had a Son.
          1. They think that if God had a Son, then you have more than one God.
       2. Deuteronomy 6:4-5
          1. This is called the Shema, and it is the great confession of Israel.
          2. The Jewish people would repeat this every day.
          3. Jews believe that since it says He is “one God” they cannot accept the Trinity.
          4. In this passage, the word “Lord” is translated from the word “Jehovah.”

It says, “Jehovah our Elohim is one.”

Jehovah is singular.

Elohim is plural.

* + - * 1. The word “echad” is the word for “one.”

It does not mean a singular one but a collective one.

Genesis 2:24

Husband and wife are a collective one.

Genesis 11:6

All the people were called “one people.”

Numbers 13:23

A bunch of grapes but “one cluster.”

1 Samuel 13:17

One company of people.

1 Chronicles 17:21

“One nation.”

These passages are referring to one as a unity.

* + - 1. Jehovah our Elohim is one (a unity).
         1. We are not worshipping three gods, but we are worshipping one God who is a triune God.
  1. The Bible makes it clear that the eternal Father is triune.
  2. We see the triunity of God in the prophecies concerning the Messiah.
     1. The eternal God has an eternal Son.
        1. Daniel 3:25
           1. The three Hebrew children were in the fiery furnace.
           2. The Son of God got in that fiery furnace with them.

Jesus did not come to get us out of trouble; He came to get into trouble with us.

* + - 1. Proverbs 30:4
         1. This passage asks what the name of the Son of God is.
      2. Psalm 2:6-7
         1. God the Father is speaking in this passage.
         2. The holy King that God sets upon His hill of Zion is the Son of God.
      3. Isaiah 9:6
         1. The term “mighty God” here is “El Gabor,” which literally means “the God-man.”

This is Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

* + - 1. There is no way to explain the deity of Jesus apart from the Trinity.
      2. We cannot accept the full deity of Jesus unless we accept the Trinity.
  1. Did Jesus believe Himself to be God the Son as well as the Son of God?
     1. In John 8:58, Jesus calls Himself the “I AM.”
        1. “I AM” is the most holy name for God in the Bible.
     2. John 5:23
     3. John 14:6
     4. Matthew 11:27
        1. According to Jesus, the only way we can truly know the Father is through Him.
     5. John 5:22-23
     6. John 14:9
  2. This is the treasure of the Trinity.
     1. We worship a triune God.
     2. Holy, merciful, and mighty; God in three persons.
  3. The one true God is the triune God.

1. he is the holy god
   1. Isaiah 6:3
   2. If one word had to be chosen to characterize God, it would have to be “holy.”
      1. God is a holy God.
      2. This is His inward character of perfect goodness.
      3. This means that He takes sides against everything that is bad and evil.
   3. God is holy, which means that He will punish sin.
      1. We don’t break the laws of God; we don’t break the Ten Commandments
         1. The Ten Commandments stand; we are broken on them.
         2. A person who tries to break God’s law is defeated before he starts.
            1. For instance, a person stepping out of a ten-story building does not break the law of gravity; he demonstrates it.
            2. A person who becomes a glutton does not break the laws of health, but he is the one who gets broken.
      2. When we disregard God’s law, we put ourselves on the side of sin.
      3. God is holy and is forever against sin.
   4. Most of us have never really seen the holiness of God.
      1. Sometimes it takes a crisis for us to see the holiness of God.
         1. It was when King Uzziah died that Isaiah saw the Lord high and lifted up.
            1. Isaiah 6:1
      2. The hope of America is not the White House, but it is the church house.
      3. The hope of the world is not America; it is God.
      4. We need to see God as the holy God.
      5. Isaiah had his eyes on the wrong king.
         1. When Uzziah died, he then saw the Lord; and it made a difference to him.
   5. The seraphim are angelic creatures.
      1. Isaiah 6 is the only place in the bible that mentions seraphim.
      2. They have six wings.
         1. With two wings they cover their eyes because God is too holy for these angels to look upon.
         2. With two wings they cover their feet in shame to even stand before His presence.
         3. With two wings they fly to serve Him.
      3. Isaiah 6:6
         1. One of these angels brought a coal from the altar.
      4. They cry, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.”
         1. Isaiah 6:3
   6. This is the missing message today: we think of God as some sort of a glorified grandfather or “the man upstairs.”
      1. God is the thrice-holy God of Israel.
      2. We do not have a concept of God until we see the triune nature of God.
      3. He is the holy God.
2. he is the saving god
   1. The answer to the new age is the new birth.
   2. Isaiah 6:5
   3. Isaiah 5:8-23
      1. In this passage, the prophet Isaiah mentions six different woes.
         1. He is excoriating sin.
         2. He is saying woe to this sin and woe to that sin.
      2. He then sees the Lord and says, “Woe is me!”
      3. If we are self-righteous and pointing our fingers at other people and condemning the sins of others and not falling upon our faces before God, then we have a serious problem.
   4. Isaiah 6:5-8
      1. This is an answer to Isaiah’s sin.
         1. We can’t repair a broken life, but the Lord Jesus can.
         2. We do not come to church to hear a sermon, we come to meet God.
      2. One of the seraphs went to the altar.
         1. They put the sacrifice upon the altar.
            1. The blood fell into the burning coals and was consumed.
         2. The seraph took tongs and took a coal from the altar and placed it on Isaiah’s lips.
            1. Isaiah 6:7
         3. This is a prophecy and picture of the blood of Jesus Christ, who cleanses us from all sin.
            1. Hebrews 9:22
   5. Any kind of belief in God that does not see God as a God of love, a God of grace, a God of forgiveness, and a God of salvation, has missed the one true God.
      1. There is only one way to know this one true God and that is through the bloody sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.
         1. John 14:6
      2. He is the saving God.
   6. There is salvation in the name of our great God and Savior.
   7. The God of the Bible laid down His life for us.
      1. John 10:15
      2. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in infinite love died upon the cross.
   8. When we get to Heaven, it is not streets of gold or gates of pearl that we should want to see.
      1. We should want to see Jesus, the one who died for us.
      2. What a mighty God we serve.
3. CONCLUSION
   1. How blessed you are to have the one true God knocking at your heart right now.
   2. Ephesians 2:8
   3. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   4. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
      1. Romans 3:23
      2. Romans 10:9-10
      3. Romans 10:13
      4. Acts 16:31
      5. John 3:16