



... when you need a break from the daily grind



## KING OF GLORY

### #2 of 5: *The worship of the king*

#### ➤ **READY TO GO**

Have you ever been to really noisy music event? The kind of concert where you come out with your ears whistling? I can remember being at a concert by a well-known band where the bass was so loud I could feel it in my stomach! But have you ever experienced a building shaking because of the volume of sound? The prophet Isaiah did! When he received a vision of God in the temple he experienced heavenly worship which didn't just involve him seeing something. He also heard an amazing worship song sung by angels and the singing was so loud that he felt it – the temple was rocking! Let's find out more....

#### ➤ **READ**

- **Read Isaiah 6:1-4.** Which particular words or phrases really stand out to you and why?
- What do you think the relevance is of the attitude of the seraphim as they worshipped God?
- Why do you think God is described as holy three times? How do you respond to this?
- In what ways can you think of the glory of God filling the whole earth?
- **Read Revelation 5:9-10.** In what ways do you think this worship song differs from the one in Isaiah 6?
- Turn **Isaiah 6:1-4** and **Revelation 5:9-10** into prayers of adoration that you can use in your private devotions this week.

#### ➤ **REFLECT**

Isaiah was privileged to experience something of heavenly worship. Worship was not just a matter of singing, but it was a total experience involving all the senses. To begin with, he saw mighty angelic beings whose attitude in covering parts of their bodies whilst in flight teaches us that worship is a matter of reverence, humility and activity. Their song is completely God-focused and emphasised God's awesome holiness and activity in the world. The worship was loud enough to cause the temple to shake, so Isaiah felt its power. But awesome as this worship was, the seraphim were operating at the limits of their experience of God. They had no experience of the grace of God. Therefore the song of the redeemed in Revelation is a new song, a more complete song of praise and, in that sense, a higher one.

**Worship is not just a matter of singing a few songs on Sunday. It is us giving God what he deserves. And what does he deserve? Everything we can give! Therefore worship is a total experience, a full-time thing.**