



Because God Is Holy!



- **John 19:17-30**
- **Isa.6:1-4** - In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train^a of his robe filled the temple. ²Above 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. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"
- **Rev.4:8-11** – **God is HOLY!!** - And the four living creatures, never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

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- **God is HOLY!!**
- **The entire universe exists to display the greatness, the glory and the Holiness of God!**
- **Every passage of scripture that speaks of a human having an encounter with an angelic being, the human is overwhelmed**
- **Every passage that speaks of an encounter with God, they are overwhelmed in fear. Rev.6:15-17; Lk.23:30 – God is HOLY!**

Because Humanity Is Not!



- **Isa.6:5** – Seeing the Holiness of God reveals our sinfulness.
- **We do not comprehend how unholy we are until we glimpse the Holiness of God.**
- **The only reason we do not see the reason for the cross is that we do not see our depravity in contrast to God's Holiness**
- **Have you had some encounter with God?**

Because Of God's Glorious Grace!



- **Isa.6:6,7** - The God of Grace provides the Sacrifice to take away our sin and restore our relationship with Him.
- **The entire Universe exists to display the greatness of the glory of the GRACE of GOD**
- **Rev.13:8** – The book of life of the Lamb who was slain
- **When God made the world He had in view Christ slain and a people purchased by his blood written in the book**
- **The suffering of Christ was not an after thought. Not a plan B**
- **Good Friday was in view before the work of creation began**

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- **2 Tim.1:9** – God gave us grace before the ages began!
- ***The aim of creation is the fullest, clearest, surest display of the greatness of the glory of the grace of God. And that display would be the slaughter of the best being in the universe for millions of undeserving sinners.***
- **Eph.1:4-6a** - In or through Christ before "creation"
- **Rev.5:9-12** – The hosts of heaven are worshipping the Lamb because He was slain. Rev.15:3 Still singing same song.

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- Therefore we can conclude that the centerpiece of worship in heaven for all eternity will be the display of the glory of the grace of God in the slaughtered Lamb.
- The greatest suffering that ever was will be the center of worship and wonder in heaven for all eternity
- Everything else is subordinate to this plan. Everything else is put in place for the sake of this plan: the display of the greatness of the glory of the grace of God in the suffering of the Beloved is the goal of the creation and the continuing of the universe.

The Glory of the Grace of God in Christ!



- Therefore, in the fullness of time God sent his Son into the world to suffer in the place of sinners. Every dimension of his saving work was accomplished by suffering. In the life and death of Jesus Christ, suffering finds its ultimate purpose and ultimate explanation: suffering exists so that Christ might display the greatness of the glory of the grace of God by suffering in himself to overcome our suffering.
- The entire Universe exists to display the greatness of the glory of the GRACE of GOD in Christ