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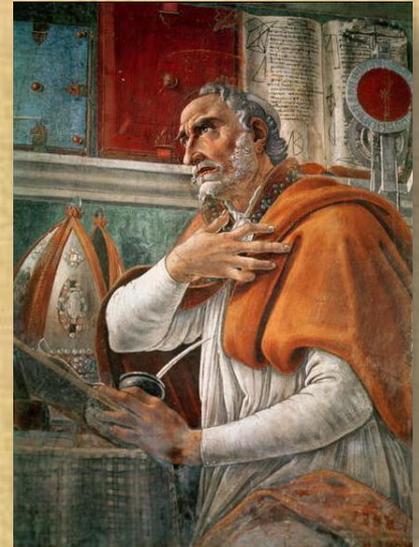
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“O God, you are the light of the minds that know you,
the life of the souls that love you,
and the strength of the hearts that serve you.

Help us so to know you that we may truly
love you,
so to love you that we may fully serve you,
whom to serve is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”



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1 Timothy 1:17

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible,
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1 Timothy 6:16

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*The proper response to God's holiness is **confession and repentance.***



C. Purification (6:6-7)

*God graciously provides the **cleansing** we need.*



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⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.

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- *A fresh vision of God in his holiness that compels us to turn away from the sin which clings so tenaciously to us*





The path to usefulness
leads through
confession.

Proverbs 28:13

*He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but
whoever confesses and renounces them finds
mercy.*

1 Peter 2:9

*But you are a chosen people, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to
God, that you may declare the praises of him
who called you out of darkness into his
wonderful light.*

1 Peter 1:15-16

*¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written:
“Be holy, because I am holy.”*