

DECEMBER 26, 2020
“CALLED TO PREPARE”

Scripture Focus:
Matthew 3:1-12 NLT



CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT
Saturday at 6:00 pm

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Remembering and Reflecting on God's Promises


**For all the promises of God find their Yes in him.
That is why it is through him that we utter
our Amen to God for his glory.**

2 Corinthians 1:20 ESV



Additional Scriptures

- ▶ Isaiah 40:3
- ▶ Malachi 4:5-6
- ▶ Matthew 4:17
- ▶ Matthew 13:40-43
- ▶ Luke 19:10
- ▶ John 10:41
- ▶ Acts 3:12
- ▶ Revelation 2:1-7
- ▶ Acts 11:18
- ▶ Acts 20:21
- ▶ 2 Corinthians 7:9-10



“Preparation
is 2/3rd the
equation.”

Quote of
the Day



Prepare the way
of the Lord!



KEY WORDS



PREPARATION



REPENTANCE

- ▶ Preparation is not just external, but it is Internal.
- ▶ Preparation is one of the greatest rooms that we never graduate from.
- ▶ Just when we think we have arrived we have to wait some more.
- ▶ We think that something is our destiny; however, it turns out to be another room of preparation.



PREPARATION

- ▶ Repentance is the first step to revival.
- ▶ Repentance Is about the Past, Confession is about the Present, and Restoration is about our Future.
- ▶ Repentance is a changed mind first and then a change of direction.
- ▶ Repentance is a change of mind, purpose, and will. - *Kenneth Hagin*
- ▶ The Proof of Repentance is Restitution. - *Dr. Mike Murdock*



REPENTANCE



Icebreaker Question #1

What does it mean
to repent?



Icebreaker Question #2

What plan can you make
to get rid of the
chaff in your life?



Bonus Question #1

Are you a person who likes to be prepared, or more of a person who likes to take things as they come?

Bonus Question #2

What is the difference
between Confession and
Repentance?

LESSON OUTLINE

MATTHEW 3:1-12

I. Called to Testify MATTHEW 3:1-4

What John Preaches (3:1-4)

1. His message (3:1-3)
 - a) As proclaimed (3:1-2): *"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."*
 - b) As predicted (3:3): Isaiah the prophet foretold John's ministry and message some 700 years earlier (Isaiah 40:3).
2. His mantle (3:4): He wears a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt, and he eats locusts and wild honey.

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LESSON OUTLINE

MATTHEW 3:1-12

II. Called to Repent **MATTHEW 3:5-10**

To Whom John Preaches (3:5-10)

1. To the people of Israel (3:5-6): Many accept his message, repent of their sins, and are baptized.
2. To the religious leaders of Israel (3:7-10)
 - a) John's description of these wicked men (3:7): He refers to them as a brood of snakes!
 - b) The leaders' demand of John (3:8-10): He warns them to truly repent and do good works or be destroyed.

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LESSON OUTLINE

MATTHEW 3:1-12

III. Called to Prepare **MATTHEW 3:11-12**

For Whom John Preaches (3:11-12)

1. He is preparing the way for the coming of the Messiah.

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Development

