

The Herald Prepares the Way

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To properly appreciate the Redeemer, we must expose ourselves to the refining fire of self-examination and humility.

Scripture: Matthew 3:1

Topics: "Repentance", "Preparation for Christ"

Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the role of John the Baptist as the herald who prepares the way for Jesus, breaking a 400-year silence with a powerful call to repentance and the announcement of the Kingdom's nearness. His compelling message drew crowds to the Jordan, illustrating the impact of a genuine voice that speaks truthfully about God. Meyer encourages believers to embrace the refining process of self-examination and repentance, recognizing their need for Christ and the transformative power of His grace. The sermon highlights the importance of authenticity in faith and the necessity of preparing our hearts to truly appreciate the Redeemer.

Transcript

Matthew 3:1-12

Matthew's Gospel heralds the Kingdom. We are allowed to see and listen to the forerunner, whose voice again awoke the hearts of men with prophetic utterance after a silence of four hundred years. He leaps into the arena with the suddenness of Elijah.

His message was twofold—the need for repentance and the announcement of the nearness of the Kingdom; it thrilled his generation with a strange wonder and interest. All of the southern part of the country seemed to empty itself into the Jordan valley. Yes, if a man is not a reed shaken by the wind, not effeminate in court dress, not a copy but an original, who speaks what he sees and knows of God, men will come to Him in every age.

To us also John the Baptist must come, if we shall properly appreciate the Redeemer.

We must expose ourselves to the fire, the ax, the winnowing-fan, that we may learn what we really are and come, like Paul, to reckon our own righteousness as loss, if only we may win Christ and be found in Him.

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