



PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord; make His paths straight." (Matthew 3:3)

INTRODUCTION:

I. THE P_____ OF PREPARING THE WAY

A. It Signaled the E_____ of an Old R_____.

B. It Signaled the E_____ Into a New Rule.

When a new king arrives, o_____ s_____ must adjust.

John's message disrupted c_____, c_____, and c_____, confronting authority systems and common people alike.

C. It Signaled the Entrance of G_____.

Taking off your shoes symbolizes c_____.

When Jesus announced, "The kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:15), He was declaring that God's g_____ was no longer confined to the t_____, t_____, or p_____ p_____. It had arrived in p_____.

The Kingdom of God is not merely future hope; it is g_____ in motion.

II. THE P_____ OF PREPARING THE WAY

Preparing the way of the King is not just about s_____ b_____, but the more subtle and concealed matters of the heart – t_____, b_____, e_____, and a_____.

A. V_____ Exalted

Valleys represent b_____, i_____, s_____, and d_____ that are harbored in hearts and keep someone from receiving the King.

Exalting valleys means allowing God to heal w_____, restore i_____, and lift places where we have lived b_____ our Kingdom calling.

B. M_____ Brought Low

This refers to confronting p_____, s_____-r_____, s_____-r_____, s_____, i_____, t_____, s_____, and c_____ authorities.

C. C_____ Paths Straight

These represent c_____, d_____-m_____, and d_____-a_____.

D. R_____ Places Made Smooth

This refers to removing obstacles – trip hazards that prevent the King from establishing firm relationships in the heart: unkindness, opposition, backbiting, and uncharitable speech.

III. THE P_____ OF PREPARING THE WAY

A. R_____ (Matthew 3:2)

This is not merely sorrow for sin; it is return to new authority that requires absolute leveling.

B. R_____ (Amos 4:12)

This means setting yourself a _____ for Kingdom purposes s_____, m_____, and m_____.

C. R_____ (Luke 6:46)

The King is not honored by mere gestures of admiration but by o_____.

D. R_____

“This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached...” (Matthew 24:14)

We prepare the way by declaring the reign of Christ in our h_____, c_____, c_____ and c_____.

CONCLUSION

The King will not come where p_____ has not been made.

KINGDOM DECLARATION

- King Jesus, I clear the way for you. I lower every rival throne and declare allegiance to only you as Lord of my life.
- I align my heart, my thoughts, by desires, my decision, my will, and my entire life to your authority.
- I surrender my valleys – my brokenness, insecurity, shame, and despair to be raised and made level with your identity.
- I surrender my mountains - pride, self-rule, self-righteousness, stubbornness, intellect, tradition, success, and competing authorities to be demolished and leveled so that you and you alone are in total control.
- I align with you; come and reign—fully and freely—in me.
- I am on assignment for my King, not only at Church, but in all that I do every day, so help me transform every sphere of my influence into the glory of God.