

“Prepare Your Heart for the King”

Luke 3:1-20

Sunday, March 8, 2026

1. The King Exposes False Security (1–9)

- A. (Mt 7:21–23) ²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ ²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” NKJV
- B. (Jas 1:22) “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” NKJV

2. The King Requires Visible Fruit (10-14)

- A. Repentance isn’t feeling sorry in a moment of time, it becomes genuine by what changes in our daily patterns
- B. (Ga 5:22–23) ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.” NKJV

3. The King Examines Every Heart (15-20)

- A. (Heb 4:13) “And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.” NKJV
- B. (2 Co 13:5) “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.” NKJV
- C. The conviction of the Holy Spirit is not meant to crush you, but to move you in repentance

Write-up

In this message from Luke 3:1–20, we see what it means to **Prepare Your Heart for the King** as John calls God’s people beyond heritage and familiarity into genuine repentance. Through this passage, we discover that the coming King exposes false security, requires visible fruit, and examines every heart—not to shame us, but to free us. It is a call to lower pride, lift shame, and respond to His mercy with real surrender.

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Join us this Sunday as we open Luke 3:1–20 and discover what it means to **Prepare Your Heart for the King**—seeing how God exposes false security, calls us to real repentance, and frees us through His mercy, rooted in His grace.