

## **Presence of the Future-Part 7**

### **Repentance Central to The Gospel**

#### **Matthew 3:4-12**

4 Now John himself had a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and ALL Judea and ALL the district around the Jordan;

6 and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8

Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;

9 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to

Abraham. 10 The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

#### **Proverbs 21:2**

2 Every man's way is right in his own eyes, But the Lord weighs the hearts.

#### **Proverbs 12:15**

15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.

### **Matthew 4:12**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He withdrew into Galilee; 13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. 14 This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:

15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,  
By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

16 "The people who were sitting in darkness saw a great Light,  
And those who were sitting in the land and shadow of death,  
Upon them a Light dawned."

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Repent Greek-*metanoieite* - *to change one's mind or purpose*. Exact same word used by John the Baptist in Matthew 3:2

### **Romans 2:4-5**

4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not **knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance**? 5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

### **Matthew 12:31-32**

31 "Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. 32 Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

**Hebrews 10:26-31**

26 For if we go on sinning WILLFULLY AFTER receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,

27 BUT a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.

28 ANYONE who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

**2 Corinthians 4:4**

4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.