

God's Upside Down Kingdom

WBS Lecture Notes Matthew 3

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*Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins..."*

Isaiah 40:1-10

1. The _____ of a message will inform our subsequent _____
_____ and _____.

"He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1:16-17

2. In the ancient Jewish world...

SIN is caused by the _____ of God's law, creating
_____ and requiring _____.

IMPURITY: is a _____ state, caused by contact with
_____, creating a _____ between us and
God's holy presence, requiring _____.

3. **Repent:** to change one's _____, _____, or
_____.

"For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death." - 2 Corinthians 7:10

“Repentance is a change of mind of a very deep and practical character, which makes the man love what once he hated, and hate what once he loved.”

- Charles Spurgeon

4. Repentance _____ the soil of our _____.

"Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you."

Hosea 10:12

5. Repentance causes us to _____ our need for
_____ and _____.

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

James 1: 2-4

6. Repentance _____ us to look in the direction of coming
_____.

*I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.*

Psalms 121: 1-2

*Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.*

Isaiah 43:18-19

7. A Kingdom that flourishes in _____, is
the ultimate threat to _____.

8. Just as we were once helpless to escape _____, death is
now helpless to escape the healing power of _____.