

# Readings from the Word of God

## Sunday, 11 September, 2022

### **Luke 3:2-6**

...the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying:

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
Make His paths straight.  
Every valley shall be filled  
And every mountain and hill brought low;  
The crooked places shall be made straight  
And the rough ways smooth;  
And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

### **Luke 1:76-79**

...[he] will be called the prophet of the Highest;  
For you will go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways,  
To give knowledge of salvation to His people  
By the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God,  
With which the Dayspring from on high has visited us;  
To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,  
To guide our feet into the way of peace.

### **Joel 2:1-2**

Blow the trumpet in Zion,  
And sound an alarm in My holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble;  
For the day of the Lord is coming,  
For it is at hand:  
A day of darkness and gloominess,  
A day of clouds and thick darkness.

### **Amos 5:18**

Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!  
For what good is the day of the Lord to you?  
It will be darkness, and not light.

### **Isaiah 13:6**

Wail, for the day of the Lord is at hand!  
It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

### **Malachi 3:1-3**

Behold, I send My messenger,  
And he will prepare the way before Me.

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But who can endure the day of His coming?  
And who can stand when He appears?  
For He is like a refiner's fire  
And like launderers' soap.  
He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver;  
He will purify the sons of Levi,  
And purge them as gold and silver,  
That they may offer to the Lord  
An offering in righteousness.

### ***True Christian Religion §105***

Divine order requires that a person should prepare himself for the reception of God, and make himself a receptacle and dwelling-place into which God may enter and dwell as in His own temple. This a person must do as from himself, but still he must acknowledge that it is from God. He must acknowledge this because he does not feel God's presence and operation, although it is God who in closest presence with man causes to function in him all the good of love and all the truth of faith.

### **Luke 3:2-14**

Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

So the people asked him, saying, "What shall we do then?"

He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."

Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?"

And he said to them, "Collect no more than what is appointed for you."

Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?"

So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages."