

Some Products of True Repentance

Luke 3:7-20

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Intro. [A.] The doctrine of repentance is as old as man himself.

1. It is essential to a Right relationship with God and others.
2. Those who are not saved must repent before they can be saved.
3. Those who are saved must repent to maintain fellowship with God.

[B.] What is Repentance?

1. μετανοειν = "to change one's mind and purpose" to reform, to have a genuine change of heart and life from worse to better.
2. επισημω = to be converted or changed, to become as it were another man.
3. Both of these words express the necessity of change, of conversion in regards to the kingdom of God and the King, Jesus Christ.

[C.] The ministry of John was one of preaching.

- Vs. 8 1. He preached repentance.
Vs. 18 2. He also taught them many other truths.

I. [John warned Israel of Imminent Judgment.]

- [A.] "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees".
Vs. 9 1. "And even now is lying all ready at the root of the trees"
2. The tree has already been judged, fruitless!

[B.] "every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire".

1. Every thing has been done that can be done.

- B. They were to do three things.
- Vs. 14 1. "Do violence to no man". $\Sigma\alpha\rho\tau\epsilon\iota\omega$ = "to shake vehemently" hence to inspire terror.
2. "neither accuse any falsely". $\Psi\epsilon\upsilon\delta\eta\varsigma$ = "to lie to anyone"
3. "and be content with your wages". $\acute{\omicron}\psi\acute{\omega}\nu\lambda\omicron\nu$ whatever is bought to be eaten with bread, as meat, fish, etc. what was given to them as wages.

V. The People Were Curious About John.

- A. "And as the people were in expectation..."
- Vs. 15 1. $\pi\rho\omicron\sigma\delta\omicron\kappa\acute{\alpha}\omega$ = to watch toward or for anything, to look for, to expect.
2. These people had a heightened interest in the promise of a coming one.
3. They "mingled" = $\delta\iota\alpha\lambda\omicron\gamma\iota\zeta\omicron\mu\alpha\iota$ = "to think through".
4. They were trying to connect John with the anointed one.

- B. John's answer to their "musing".
- Vs. 16 1. John baptized "in" water.
2. The anointed one would be mightier than John. " $\iota\omicron\chi\rho\upsilon\acute{\omicron}\varsigma$ " = "naturally powerful"
3. He was far more important than John.
4. "worthy" = $\acute{\iota}\kappa\alpha\nu\omicron\varsigma$ = coming to, reaching to, sufficient, adequate, competent.
5. The one coming after John would immerse them in the Holy Spirit and in fire. (this had reference to the day of Pentecost)
- Vs. 17 6. He (Jesus) would also Judge Israel. (This figure of speech on the ancient method of threshing grain) He would separate the real from the pretenders.