

## THE ADVENT OF THE KING – The Time Is Near

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**1 Corinthians 11:26 (NIV)** – “For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes”.

**Malachi 3:1-3a (NIV)** – “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come’, says the Lord Almighty. But who can endure the day of His coming? Who can stand when He appears? For He will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver”.

“If any of you, my hearers, are seeking the Lord at this time, I want you to understand what it means: you are seeking a fire which will test you, and consume much which has been dear to you. We are not to expect Christ to come and save us in our sins, He will come and save us from our sins; therefore, if you are enabled by faith to take Christ as Savior, remember that you take Him as the purger and the purifier, for it is from sin that He saved us” – **Charles Spurgeon**

**Malachi 4:1-3 (NIV)** – “Surely the day is coming: it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire”, says the Lord Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act”, says the Lord Almighty.

“Like most Old Testament prophets, Malachi, in his picture of the coming Christ, mingled the two advents” – **Robert Alden**

**Malachi 4:4-6 (NIV)** – “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel. See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction”.

“We never need to despair when God seems silent, because what He has already said is rich enough – if we will only remember” – **David Guzik**

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**Luke 1:16-17 (NIV)** – “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 2:4-7 (NIV)** – “So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them”.

**Matthew 3:1-3 (NIV)** – In those days, John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near”. This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him’”.

“repent” = Greek *metanoeo* - “to change one’s mind afterwards”; Matthew 3:2 – V-PMA-2P

**Matthew 3:11-12 (NIV)** – “I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor, gathering His wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire”.

“John the Baptist is sadly needed today. Much of what we call Christianity is but Christianized heathenism; we need that John the Baptist should come with his stern words about the axe, the winnowing fan, and the fire. Nothing less will avail to prepare the way for a new coming of Christ” – **F.B. Meyer**

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**Revelation 1:1-3 (NIV)** – “The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending His angel to His servant John, who testifies to everything he saw – that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near”.