

The Mountains And Valleys

Luke 3:5, Isaiah 40:3-5

Intro: John the Baptizer was a prophet who was called to prepare people to meet Jesus. As we prepare to meet Jesus today and lead others to him, we must make the pathway as easy as possible.

Mountains mentioned 570 times, valleys 28 times in Bible

I. Every Valley Shall Be Filled

“The filling process”

- A. Those things that keep people away will be removed
Gentiles, Sinners, Lost
- B. The Lord will forgive and bless you
2 Cor. 5:21, Acts 2:39
God has given you opportunity to be saved

II. Every Mountain Laid Low

“The leveling process”

- A. The Pharisees and prideful looked down on others
James 4:6 God opposes proud, gives grace to humble
Luke 5:31 Its not the health who need dr. But the sick
All of us are even at foot of the cross
- B. The Lord will remove your obstacles to salvation
Heb. 3:19 they not able to enter because of unbelief.
Took Israel 40 years to make an 11 day journey

III. The Crooked Places Made Straight

“The straightening process”

- A. A straight line is closest distance between two points
It is important to remove distractions
Jn 21:21 Lord what about him?
Lk 18:18-30 rich young ruler
Jn 12:42 some believed but were afraid
- B. Some add to word, take away from word
Matthew 15:7-9, Gal. 1:8-9

IV. The Rough Places Made Level

“The smoothing process”

- A. The Way to the Lord Needs To Be Simple
1 Jn 5:21 keep yourself from idols
1 Cor. 15:33 evil friends corrupt good morals
Heb. 12:1 lay aside every weight and run with faith

John is looking to the fulfillment of prophecy of Isiah 40 found in Isaiah 40:31. They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings