

**ADVENT # 1 – WHY JESUS CAME
JESUS CAME TO COMFORT US
Isa. 40:1-5; Mat. 5:3-4
November 29, 2009**

A message of hope to comfort the afflicted

v. 1 - Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

The context:

Ps. 137:1-4

Isa. 40:31 –

Heb. *qavah* -

1. The foundation of our hope (v. 5b)

v. 5b - For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Hebrews 12:3

2. The basis of our hope (v. 2)

The problem: sin

Beware of no man more than yourself; we carry our worst enemies with us.
Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Luke 19:41

“*Double*”:

📖 payment for sins **and** imputed righteousness.

📖 Forgiveness of our debt **and** an unlimited bank account;

📖 Pardon for our sin **and** a position of honor.

Mat. 11:28-29

1 John 1:9

For every one look at your sin, take ten looks at Jesus! R. Murray McCheyne

3. Receiving the promised hope (vv. 3-5a)

(Mt. 3:1-4; Mk 1:1-4; Lk 1:76-78; Jn 1:23)

📖 **An invitation** to people in the desert, in the wilderness

Step one: acknowledge that you are in “the desert,” “the wilderness.”

☞ **In the desert** where thirst is a reality –

John 7:37; Mat. 5:6; Psalm 42:1-2

☞ **In the wilderness** where we are not at home.

☞ **In the wilderness** where sometimes the road is hard to see and it is easy to get lost.

☞ **In the desert** where things are barren and water is needed – living water.

📖 **An invitation** to prepare for the coming of the King

☞ The “advent” of the King -

Relinquishment of burdens & fears begins where adoration & worship of God become the occupation of the soul. Frances J. Roberts

☞ How and why the way was prepared for a coming king: (vv. 3-4)

Q: Are you prepared for His coming?

📖 **A promise** of coming glory (v. 5a)

☞ For now we see it through eyes of faith,
1 Cor. 13:12

☞ It is the glory of **God** which is promised, not ours.

☞ The glory is seen in the message

A Truth to Remember: One message of Advent: Be comforted. Better times are coming... because the King is coming.

A Challenge to Consider: Will you choose to believe the promises of God, this advent season, rather than allow the “what if’s” of our world drag you down?

One thing I heard this morning was...

Next Wk: ADVENT # 2: (Malachi 2:17-3:5; 4:1-2) JESUS CAME TO PURIFY US