

ANTICIPATE CHRISTMAS

A Four Message Series

Anticipate the King

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Luke 3:1-6

Philippians 1:3-11

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Introduction

- **The Doctrine of the Forerunner**
 - **Mal.3:1; Lk.3:2-6 The Forerunner/King's Messenger**
 - **A familiar word picture of preparation for the king.**
- **In our world we might think of preparation for Divas, Demands and Demi-gods.**
- **Advertising, promoters preparing the way.**

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The King has not Come – But He is Coming Mal. 3

- **God says: “I have loved you.”**
- **Our response: “ Oh really.”**
- **God: do you not see the effect of living in a Wicked Land and of being a people always under God’s wrath?**
- **Do you not see the effect of living in Righteous Land being a people under the blessing of God’s love?**

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- **Actually, no. So the things once joyfully, respectfully, carefully yielded to God become casual, cast off and thoughtless.**
- **Contempt of God's power, sacrifices that are meaningless, lives that mock God before others, marriages of convenience, tithes and offerings with neither love nor passion for God and his priorities...**
- **These are the sources of much suffering in this life, sin carrying obvious consequences of self-indulgence in thought and behavior. (Consumer is King clip)**

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The Messenger Comes.

**Without Preparation, the
Coming of the King
will be Your Undoing**

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The King Has Come and Will Return – “Malachis” Needed

- **Lk. 1:68-79**
- **The HORN of Salvation – power has come. Redemption is possible.**
- **Lk. 3: 2-6**
- **“Sin old and new... Sin old and new... Redemption available to all.”**
- **Mal. 3: 2 - 4 Refiner’s Fire or Launderer’s Soap available – Men made righteous in life and acceptable in heart.**

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Conclusion Phil. 1:3-6, 9-11

- **Anticipate the King O Forerunner**
 - Prepare the way for the message
 - Speak out the way of the message
 - Live out the way of the message
- **The Forerunner's Prayer:
The Fruit of Righteousness**
- **May we be as Christmas, Forerunners,
Messengers to our World**

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