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PRODUCING FRUIT IN KEEPING WITH REPENTANCE

Luke 3:1-20

- I. Historical Setting: (3:1-2) – Specific and detailed
- II. The ministry of John the Baptist (3:3-20)
 - A. Preaching: Baptism of repentance for forgiveness of sins. (3:3-6)
 1. Prepare the way
 2. Make Straight the Paths
 3. The Point: *Do everything you can that will allow the Lord to work in your life.*
 - B. Sample sermon: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.” (3:7-8)
 1. Fruit is more important than spiritual ancestry. (3:8-10)
 2. What is “*the fruit?*” (3:11-18)
 - Generosity (11)
 - Integrity (12-13)
 - Honesty (14)
 3. Focus on the Good News! (The Lord is gathering wheat!) (15-18)
 - C. Uncompromised message: Speaking the truth ... even about the king ... which resulted in being locked up in prison. (19-20)
- III. Application: Are you producing fruit that is ‘in keeping with repentance?’
 - A. I am generous with the grace and blessings that God has given to me.
 - B. I am a person of integrity ... I do not take the grace and blessing that God has given to others.
 - C. I am honest in all my interactions ... I do not misuse Scripture or my position to take advantage of others.

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The Call to Worship Luke 3:4-6

‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

⁵Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

⁶And all mankind will see God’s salvation.’

Responsive Reading

P: We gather here this morning O Lord, seeking Your mercy ...
appreciating Your unfailing love.

C: **¹Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. ²Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin.** (Psalm 51:1-2)

Silent Prayer of Confession.

P: All we like sheep have gone astray ... we have turned to our own way. (Isaiah 53:6)

C: **³For we know our transgressions, and our sin is always before us. ⁴Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.** (Psalm 51)

P: The Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6)

C: **⁷Cleanse us with hyssop, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow. ⁸Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from our sins and blot out all our iniquity.** (Psalm 51)

Silent Prayer of Thankfulness for Restoration.

P: ¹⁰Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit

within us. ¹²Restore to us the joy of your salvation and grant us a willing spirit, so that we might be sustained. (Psalm 51)

C: **¹⁶You do not delight in sacrifice, or we would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.** (Psalm 51)

Silent Prayer of Thankfulness

P: Hear the wonderful news of the Gospel! ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (I Peter 2:24-25)

*Hymn No. 521 *Redeemed* (vs. 1, 3, 4)

Redeemed—how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; redeemed thru His infinite mercy —
His child, and forever, I am.

*Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever, I am.*

I think of my blessed Redeemer. I think of Him all the day long;
I sing, for I cannot be silent; His love is the theme of my song.

*Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever, I am.*

I know I shall see in His beauty the King in whose law I delight,
Who lovingly guardeth my footsteps and giveth me songs in the night.

*Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
redeemed, redeemed, His child, and forever, I am.*

Scripture Reading Luke 3:7-20

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to

yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked.

¹¹ John answered, “The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.”

¹² Tax collectors also came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?”

¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them.

¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?”

He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Christ. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them.

¹⁹ But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

The Anthem

*Doxology

Sermon Continued

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The Ministry of John the Baptist

*Hymn No. 58

This Is My Father’s World

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears all nature
sings, And round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father’s world! I rest me in the thought of rocks and
trees, of skies and seas—His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world—the birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world! He shines in all that’s fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass—He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father’s world—O let me ne’er forget
That tho the wrong seems oft so strong God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world! The battle is not done; Jesus who died
shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.

The Offering of Thanks and Praise

Offertory

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 435 *What a Friend we have in Jesus* (vs 3)

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee—Thou wilt find a solace there.

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*Choral Benediction No. 43 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (refrain)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided —
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Postlude