

FR.TK. REFLECTIONS SECOND SUNDAY ADVENT YEAR A-2022.

OPERATION DESERT, RIVER JORDAN STORM:

The scenery was Jordan River, the main character was a frightening man from the desert. He would scare the hell out of anybody not only with his shaggy unattended hair, his dressing code of Carmel skins, his food menu of locusts and honey, a real desert product but also his NO nonsense strong call of ***change your hearts the kingdom of heaven is now at hand(Mt.3:2)***. He must have attracted so many people women, children who had come to fetch water at that hour, also the scholars of Pharisees and Sadducee's who felt the threat of their job by the desert man.

The way the stranger from the desert preached left no doubt that this a kind of man who many of us would not like to meet neither in the dark or in a clear day, because he would read your mind and soul and might not hesitate to shout your sins and activities to people. This is confirmed by what he said to the Pharisees in front of everybody ***you brood of vipers who told you you could escape the punishment that is to come(Mt.3:7)*** Sin, human defenses and excuses have no place in John the Baptist as the herald of Christ, call of ***repentance, change of heart and reform thus involving change of mind and attitude.***

Prophet Isaiah is giving **hope to the Israelites**, God will send them a leader a **shoot from David** who will lead them with **justice and peace**. This is the person the man from the desert is talking about and preparing for, this fits the person of Jesus Christ.

How are we leading and preparing the flock in awaiting for this shoot from David, in the current generation and in our society in the world who are attempting to keep Christ away from their life's? Is it really going to succeed without Christ or is only deceiving selves with short time false happiness!. Isaiah and John are calling on our generation here and now to **set straight and prepare for the coming of Christ by repentance and change of heart.**

What do we need to change is it **our behavior or attitude** might we be committing or omitting our **duties and responsibilities**. **Are we warning, correcting and advising? Might we be just watching the world take control over us?** The desert man is telling us **every tree that doesn't bear good fruits will be cut down and thrown in the fire (Mt.3:10)** **Are we bearing the good fruits for sure,** It is not enough to avoid evil we simply must do good and stand by it and the truth.

The media is working so hard telling us how to get ready for Christmas external, preparations but it is not telling **How to prepare spiritually for the coming of Jesus.** It is only the man from the desert and the prophet who are telling us to **make straight the freeways for God to travel easily and effectively into our hearts.**

Calling us **to level the mountains and hills of hatred and injustice. To fill the valleys of our failure and omissions.**

Smoothen out the roughness to others and stop judging them.

Burn the chaff of false idols of materialism, sports and excessive consumerism and sophistication at the cost of the poor and the suffering.

These are some of the ways and means of making straight preparation **with PEACE** for the way of the Lord this Christmas and His second coming.

COME LORD JESUS:.