

Prepare The Way of The Lord



Preparedness

On your journey, ponder and pray about what you can do to prepare yourself and the world for the Second Coming of the Lord.

Isaiah 40:3-5

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Jesus Christ Will Return

Jesus will be coming to the Earth again, this time in all His glory! He will reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords and dwell with those who are righteous for a thousand years!

Matthew 16:27

For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

D&C 29:11

For I will reveal myself from heaven with power and great glory, with all the hosts thereof, and dwell in righteousness with men on earth a thousand years, and the wicked shall not stand.

What a wonderful thing to hope for, that if you are prepared, you may be there with Jesus either in life or as a resurrected being!

The Lord wants you to be able to join Him in the sky for His glorious return!



D&C 88:96-98

And the saints that are upon the earth, who are alive, shall be quickened and be caught up to meet him. And they who have slept in their graves shall come forth, for their graves shall be opened; and they also shall be caught up to meet him in the midst of the pillar of heaven— They are Christ's, the first fruits, they who shall descend with him first, and they who are on the earth and in their graves, who are first caught up to meet him; and all this by the voice of the sounding of the trump of the angel of God.

The Way of The Lord

D&C 34:6-8

To lift up your voice as with the sound of a trump, both long and loud, and cry repentance unto a crooked and perverse generation, preparing the way of the Lord for his second coming. For behold, verily, verily, I say unto you, the time is soon at hand that I shall come in a cloud with power and great glory. And it shall be a great day at the time of my coming, for all nations shall tremble.

All nations shall tremble at His Coming, because they have not been doing things His way, they have been crooked and perverse.

Isaiah 55:7-8

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Lord's way is straight, not crooked. His ways are not man's ways, they are higher than man's ways. His ways are righteous and holy.

Psalms 145:17

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

To be prepared for the Lord's Coming you need to walk in His ways. Since we all at times go our own way, repentance is essential.

Psalms 128:1

Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways.

What Can You Do to Prepare Yourself?

That is an important question, a personal one that requires pondering and prayer. The Lord wants you to be prepared for this, He will help you know what to do.

Ponder

His words in scripture are filled with teachings about how to prepare yourself. Search the scriptures and ponder them for inspiration.

2 Nephi 4:15

And upon these I write the things of my soul, and many of the scriptures which are engraven upon the plates of brass. For my soul delighteth in the scriptures, and my heart pondereth them, and writeth them for the learning and the profit of my children.

Ponder on the things of the Lord, what His Spirit has taught you.

2 Nephi 4:16

Behold, my soul delighteth in the things of the Lord; and my heart pondereth continually upon the things which I have seen and heard.

Pray

Ask God in prayer for what you specifically need to do.

D&C 48:7

But ye are commanded in all things to ask of God, who giveth liberally; and that which the Spirit testifies unto you even so I would that ye should do in all holiness of heart, walking uprightly before me, considering the end of your salvation, doing all things with prayer and thanksgiving, that ye may not be seduced by evil spirits, or doctrines of devils, or the commandments of men; for some are of men, and others of devils.

This is a process that will take asking God and doing what the Spirit directs, again and again.

Do What the Spirit Directs

The Spirit will give you direction. As you act on the impressions that come from the Lord, you will receive more.

2 Nephi 28:30

For behold, thus saith the Lord God: I will give unto the children of men line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little; and blessed are those who hearken unto my precepts, and lend an ear unto my counsel, for they shall learn wisdom; for unto him that receiveth I will give more; and from them that shall say, We have enough, from them shall be taken away even that which they have.

What Can You Do to Prepare the World?

This also is a question that you must ponder and pray about to know the Lord's will for you personally.

But as His disciples, there are certain things that we have all been asked to do to prepare the world for the Lord's Coming.

Build Zion



We know that before Christ's return there must be a Zion people and a city of Zion which will be called the New Jerusalem.

Moses 7:62

...righteousness and truth will I cause to sweep the earth as with a flood, to gather out mine elect from the four quarters of the earth, unto a place which I shall prepare, an Holy City, that my people may gird up their loins, and be looking forth for the time of my coming; for there shall be my tabernacle, and it shall be called Zion, a New Jerusalem.

Zion is made up of those who are pure in heart.

D&C 97:21

Therefore, verily, thus saith the Lord, let Zion rejoice, for this is Zion—the pure in heart; therefore, let Zion rejoice, while all the wicked shall mourn.

You can begin building Zion by purifying your own heart. Then you will be able to help your family, friends and others through your example and by sharing the principles of the gospel with them.

D&C 97:22-26

For behold, and lo, vengeance cometh speedily upon the ungodly as the whirlwind; and who shall escape it? The Lord's scourge shall pass over by night and by day, and the report thereof shall vex all people; yea, it shall not be stayed until the Lord come; For the indignation of the Lord is kindled against their abominations and all their wicked works.

Nevertheless, Zion shall escape if she observe to do all things whatsoever I have commanded her. But if she observe not to do whatsoever I have commanded her, I will visit her according to all her works, with sore affliction, with pestilence, with plague, with sword, with vengeance, with devouring fire.

Those people of Zion who observe to do what the Lord has commanded, will escape the scourge which will come upon the ungodly. There will be severe consequences that come upon those who do not do what the Lord has commanded and for what the Lord sees as abominations and wicked works.

Study the scriptures to know what the Lord has commanded, and be faithful in keeping the Lord's commandments.

Warn Your Neighbor

Those who are not prepared for the Coming of the Lord will be very sad, it will be awful for them. You can help prepare others by warning them of these things.

D&C 88:80-81

That ye may be prepared in all things when I shall send you again to magnify the calling whereunto I have called you, and the mission with which I have commissioned you. Behold, I sent you out to testify and warn the people, and it becometh every man who hath been warned to warn his neighbor.

D&C 38:40-41

And again, I say unto you, I give unto you a commandment, that every man, both elder, priest, teacher, and also member, go to with his might, with the labor of his hands, to prepare and accomplish the things which I have commanded. And let your preaching be the warning voice, every man to his neighbor, in mildness and in meekness.

Tell everyone you know about the gospel of Jesus Christ! Let them know that He is their Savior and will forgive them of their sins if they will repent and follow Him before it is too late!

D&C 33:10

Yea, open your mouths and they shall be filled, saying: Repent, repent, and prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand;