

Valley Bible Church
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True Repentance or Else
Part 1
Matthew 3:7-12
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Pharisees and Sadducees failed to acknowledge their true spiritual condition.

Pharisees believed in absolute adherence to the Law, nonpolitical.

Sadducees came out from the priesthood very political and literally adherent to the “books of the Law” and only recognized the “books of the Law” as divine revelation. They did not believe in a “life after,” but believed living by the Law would bring blessings in this life.

Luke 18:9-14 Pharisees look to themselves as righteous. The Pharisee did not want to see his sin, his true condition. They looked at themselves as righteous and wanted to stand in a special place before men.

Image, ego, and status before men is deluding to ourselves.

1. We need to see ourselves clearly this is the first step to true repentance.
2. Give proper response to our condition. **Matthew 3:8**, bring forth fruit.

Isaiah 55:6-7

1 Kings 23 Josiah demonstrates true repentance. He breaks down, crushes and powders the idols.

When there is Godly sorrow that leads to true biblical repentance it is with zeal, avenging of wrong.

2 Corinthians 7:8-11 It is only through the compassion of God that we can accomplish repentance.