

## **Standing Firm**

### **Turning Away From The World**

Luke 3:3-9 - He (John the Baptist) went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As is written the book of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. <sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. <sup>6</sup> And all mankind will see God’s salvation.’”

<sup>7</sup> 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? <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> 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.”

**In a world that is rejecting God more and more, we need to be more focused on living for Him.**

**This will involve:**

•**Daily life evaluation and repentance.**

Proverbs 28:13-14

•**True repentance is not just words. It must be shown through our actions.**

Matthew 15:7-9

•**Repentance is about turning away from the world and turning to God .**

1 John 2:15-17