



Sermon
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“Khu Kev Tog Tug Tswv”

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Thov txuj koobhmoov txujkev hlub hab txujkev humxeeb pub rua mej suavdlawg lug ntawm Vaajtswv kws yog peb Leejtxiv kws yog peb tug Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

Yaxayas 40:3 “A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord, make straight in the dessert a high way for our God – *“Muaj lub suab qw hastas, ca le khu kev tog tug Tswv; khu kev kuas ncaaj tom tej taj suabpuam khu kev rua peb tug Vaajtswv.”* Nuav yog Vaajtswv Txujlug. (Cross reference – Lukas 3:4, Mathais 3:3, Malakaus 1:3, Yauhas 1:23, Nkauj Qhuas Vajtswv 68:4, Yaxayas 11:16; 35:8; 40:4, Malakis 3:1; 4:5)

Illustration “Prepare” (Show picture of General Vang Pao)



Naisphoo Vaajpov yog peb Moob ibtug thawjcoj ntawm cov tubrog Nplog hab Moob. Naisphoo Vaajpov tau coj peb cov Moob coob tug lug moog ua tubrog nrug Asmesliskas tivthaiiv lub tebchaws Nplog tuajxub cov “communist – koosmosniv” rua lub sijhawm thaus Vietnam War. Txawm Naisphoo Vaajpov yog ibtug Moob xwb los nwg dlhau lug moog tau lub meejmom sab kws tuabneeg fwm, qhuas, hab ncu txug nwg tej txajntsig kws nwg tau paab haiv tuabneeg Moob. Yog thaus twg Naisphoo Vaajpov yuav tuaj moog saib ib paab tuabneeg twg losyog lub zog twg mas cov tuabneeg

kws npaaj tog Naisphoo Vaajpov hastas, “Npaaj tog yawm hlub, nwg yuav tuaj saib peb. Peb suavdlawg yuavtsum npaaj kuas txhij. Thaus Naisphoo Vaajpov tuaj txug lawm, cov tuabneeg ntawm muab nwg moog nyob rua qhovchaw sab hab npaaj tej zaubmov qaab rua nwg noj.

I. Nyob rua peb Vaajlugkub Qub nubnuav has txug ibtug tuabneeg kws tseem ceeb heev yuav lug losyog yuav tuaj saib peb. (Show the prophet Isaiah)



Yog le ntawd peb yuavtsum npaaj kuas txhij hab khu kev tog nwg. Yaxayas txhaj le has ntawm Vaajlugkub Qub nubnuav hastas, “A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord, make straight in the dessert a high way for our God – *“Muaj lub suab qw hastas, ca le khu kev tog tug Tswv; khu kev kuas ncaaj tom tej taj suabpuam khu kev rua peb tug Vaajtswv.”* (Yaxayas 40:3) Yaxayas teg dlejnum yog lug qha txug txujkev cawmdlim kuas tuabneeg leeg puab tej kev txhum hab tig rua ntawm Vaajtswv txujkev cawmdlim. Malakaus sau Txujmoozoo nubnuav yog sau txug Yauhaas teg dlejnum kws yog lug taw kev kuas tuabneeg yuavtsum ntseeg hab ca sab rua tug kws yuav lug cawm tuabneeg. Tug ntawd yog Yexus.

Yexus lug ua nwg teg dlejnum tav hab rov moog sau ntuj ceebtsheej lawm. Nwg yuav rov lug coj cov ntseeg moog nrug nwg nyob. Vim nwg yuav rov lug koj puas tau khu kev tog tug Tswv? Thaus twg Yexus maam le rov qaab lug coj peb cov ntseeg moog nrug Vaajtswv nyob? Vaajtswv Txujlug qha hastas, “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. – *Mej yuavtsum ceevfaaj zuv tog, rua qhov mej tsi paub lub sijhawm kws me tug Tswv yuav lug.*” (Mathais 24:42) Peb yuavtsum ceevfaaj hab khu kev tog peb tug Tswv vim peb tsi paub hastas nub twg losyog lub sijhawm twg nwg yuav rov qaab lug.

(Show Lord Supper, Baptism and Bible)



Txawm Nwg tsi tau lug los Nwg najnub lug rua peb ntawm Nwg cov “Word and Sacraments – *Teg Dlejnum Dlawbhuv.*” Tsi taag le ntawd xwb Vaajtswv phoo Vaajlugkub tseem najnub qha peb txujkev ua neej rua txujkev cawmdlim rua ntawm peb tug Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos kuas peb paub ua lub neej hum Vaajtswv sab peb txhaj le tau txujsa moog ibtxhis hab ibtxhis.

Peb tug Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos najnub lug rua peb lub neej ntawm Nwg Txujmoozoo, tabsis peb tuabneeg xum muab lwmyaam coj lug thaiv tsi pub Yexus lug tswj peb lub neej. (Show tree blocking road)



Cov kwvtij hlub hab movtshua, ntau zag peb tsi yog khu kev kuas ncaaj ca Tswv Yexus lug nyob rua huv peb lub neej, peb txhobtxwm tsi pub Vaajtswv lug kuas tau. Thaus peb ua lub neej zoo le nuav yog peb tsi tuaj hawm Vaajtswv, tsi tuaj kawm Nwg Txujlug, tsi tuaj nrug cov ntseeg “sibfim – fellowship” kws yog sib paab nrug rua txujkev sib txhawbzig. Tsi taag le ntawd hab, peb tseem najnub kawg peb tej kev chim rua tug ua txhum rua peb vim peb tsi muaj kev zaamtchim rua lwmtug. Yog koj tseem coj le nuav, koj tseem najnub ua txhum vim koj tsi pub Yexus lug nyob rua huv koj lub neej. Yog koj ua le nuav zoo nkaus le koj tseem tej tug caag ntoo lug thaiv kuas Vaajtswv lug tsi txhob tau rua ntawm koj lub neej.

II. Tabsis Vaajtswv Txujlug has le caag? (Show straight path)



Yaxayas sau hastas, “A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord, make straight in the dessert a high way for our God – *“Muaj lub suab qw hastas, ca le khu kev tog tug Tswv; khu kev kuas ncaaj tom tej taj suabpuam khu kev rua peb tug Vaajtswv.”* (Yaxayas 40:3) Vaajtswv has kuas peb yuavtsum khu kev kuas ncaaj tog tug Tswv. Peb yuav ua le caag khu tau kev ncaaj tog tug Tswv? Uantej koj yuav khu kev tau kev ncaaj tog tug Tswv, koj yuavtsum ca tug Tswv Cawmseej Yexus Khetos lug nyob rua huv koj lub sab. Yog koj yuav ua tau le nuav yog koj

yuavtsum muaj kev leegtxim. Ntawm koj tug kheej koj yuav ua tsi tau, tabsis Vaajtswv yuav coj koj lug leegtxim hab khu koj txujkev kuas ncaj lug ntawm Nwg txujkev hlub nrug rua kev zaamtchim.

Thaus koj paub hastas, Vaajtswv paab koj khu tau koj txujkev ncaaj tog Nwg lawm, Nwg yuav khaiv kuas koj paab lwmtug lug khu puab txujkev kuas ncaaj tog tug Tswv hab. Vim lub nplajteb nuav tseem tshuav coob leej ntau tug tseem tsi tau paub khu kev tog tug Tswv kuas puab tau txujkev cawmdlim, vim puab tseem nyob rua txujkev ua cevqhev rua txujkev txhum. Koj yuavtsum tau paab kuas puab tsi txhob poob rua txujkev dlaagntxag, puab txhaj le yuav dlim lug ntawm tug Tswv lub npe. Koj puas kheev moog qha Txujmoozoo rua lwmtug kuas puab paub khu kev tog tug Tswv? (Show beautiful feet)



Koj yeej paub hastas, lub nplajteb nuav tseem tshuav coob leej ntau tug tsi tau khu puab txujkev kuas ncaaj, kuas tagtug hab tseem tsi tau txujkev cawmdlim. Yog koj tsi paab moog qha Txujmoozoo, yuav ua le caag lwmtug txhaj le yuav paub lug khu puab txujkev tog tug Tswv kuas puab tau txujkev cawmdlim. Tug Thwjtim Paulus sau hastas, “How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news! ... Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard

through the word of Christ. – *Tabsis yog puab tsi tau ntseeg puab yuav ua le caag thov nwg? Hab puab yuav ua le caag ntseeg tug kws puab tsi tau nov dlua?Yog tsi muaj tuabneeg moog qha txujmoozoo rua puab, puab yuav ua le caag nov? Yog tsi muaj leejtwg khaiv puab moog, puab yuav ua le caag moog qha txujmoozoo? Vaajtswv txujlug sau hastas, “Cov tuabneeg kws moog qha txujmoozoo txhais kotaw zoo kawg le. Yog le ntawd, tub yog puab nov txujmoozoo, puab txhiaj ntseeg, hab txujmoozoo kws puab nov ntawd yog Yexus Khetos tej lug.”* (Loos 10:14-15; 17) **(Show Buddhism, shamanism, and spirit)**



Yog koj tsi moog qha Txujmoozoo, tuabneeg yuav tsi paub Vaajtswv txujkev cawmdlim. Tuabneeg yuav moog ntseeg haujsam, ntseeg txivneeb, ntseeg pujkoob yawgkoob, hab teev tej lub saamthaj kws tsi muaj sa. Yexus saamfwm hastas, “...go and make disciple of all nation... - ca le moog muab txhua tug tuabneeg lug ua thwjtim..” (Mathais 28:18) Yog koj tsi moog, tug kws tsi tau paub txug Txujmoozoo, puab yuav ua le caag nov? Puab yuav ua le caag khu kev kuas ncaaj tog tug Tswv? Puab yuav ua le caag ca Vaajtswv lug nyob huv puab lub neej kuas puab tau Vaajtswv txujkev cawmdlim? **(Show rough road to village)**



Txawm tuabneeg yuav nyob dleb npaum le caag hab txawm tej kev yuav phem npaum le caag los peb yuavtsum moog qha Txujmoozoo rua tuabneeg kuas tuabneeg txhaj le paub khu kev tog tug Tswv. **(Show picture of a lost world)**



Vaajtswv txujlug saamfwm tseg hastas, “Ca le moog muab txhuatug lug ua Kuv cov thwjtim” (Mathais 28:19) vim coob leej ntau tug tseem tsi tau paub khu kev tog tug Tswv. Cov kwvtij, koj hab kuv yuavtsum moog qha txug peb tug Cawmseej rua lub nplajteb nuav tas, “Yexus yog txujkev, yog qhovtseeb, hab yog txujsa” (Yauhas 14:6), qha hastas, Yexus tub lug theej taagnrho lub nplajteb txujkev txhum sau tug ntoo khaublig hab zaam taagnrho nplajteb txujkev txhum lawm. Nwg tub zaam taagnrho tug kws ntseeg hab ca sab rua Yexus ua nwg tug Cawmseej lawm. Tug

kws ntseeg hab ca sab rua Yexus, tug ntawd txhaj le tau txujsa moog ibtxhis hab ibtxhis kws yog tau moog nrug Vaajtswv nyob sau ntuj ceebtsheej.

III. Ntev ntau lub xyoo dlhau lug lawm, muaj ibtug “Japanese emperor – Yivpeev vaajntxwv” has kuas ibtug tub “painter – kusdluab” kus ibtug noog. **(Show Japanese bird – Japanese phoenix)**



Ib hli dlhau moog rua ob peb hli dlhau moog ua ob peb xyoo los tug kus dluab nuav pheej tseem kus tsi tau tug noog kws Vaajntxwv khaiv kuas nwg ua le. Thaus tug Vaajntxwv tog tsi taug lawm, nwg txhaj le moog nug tug tub kusdluab hastas, “Yog vim le caag koj kus tsi tau kuv dlaim dluab rua kuv le.” Tug tub kusdluab nuav muab ib dlaim ntawv lug tso rua sau lub rooj, nrug rua nwg cov cwjmem hab nwg pib kus dlaimdluab kws Vaajntxwv xaav tau. Ib xuajmoos tomqaab xwb nwg kus tau dlaimdluab lawm. Tug Vaajntxwv rov nug hastas, “Ua le caag koj ho siv sijhawm mivntsiv xwb koj tub kus tau dlaimdluab lawm?” Tug tub kusdluab teb vaajntxwv

hastas, “Vaajntxwv, uantej kuv yuav kus tau dlaimdluab nuav, kuv yuavtsum tau npaaj ntau yaam uantej kuv txhaj le yuav paub kus dlaimdluab. Ntau yaam ntawd xws le: Ntauyaam noog tej tis, ntauyaam plaubnoog, ntauyaam taubhau noog, hab saib ntauyaam noog saib puab txawv npaum le caag, kuv txhaj le yuav paub kus tug noog kws koj xaav tau. Yog kuv tsi npaaj ces kuv yuav tsi paub kus. Thaus kuv npaaj tav lawm, kuv txhaj le kus tau rua lub sijhawm kws koj tuaj nuav. (*Our Daily Bread*)

Cov kwvtij hlub hab movtshua, yog koj tsi npaaj koj yuav ua le caag khu tau kev tog tug Tswv? Peb txujkev ntseeg zoo sisthooj le tug kusdluab has taag lug sau nuav. Peb yuav khu kev kuas ncaaj tog peb tug Tswv lug nyob rua huv peb lub neej, peb yuavtsum saib ntsoov rua ntawm peb tug Tswv txujkev hlub hab kev zaamtxim lug nyob rua ntawm peb lub neej peb txhaj le yuav npaaj tau. Peb yuav ua le caag npaaj tau txujkev khu kev tog tug Tswv? Zaaj nkauj peb hu taag lug nuav nyob rua ntawm qhuab xaab qha txug peb txujkev khu kev kuas ncaaj tog tug Tswv tau yog: ([Show “Khu Kev Kuas Ncaaj” by Rev. Dr. Lang Yang](#))

Khu kev kuas ncaaj	Yog noog	Vaajtswv Txujlug
Khu kev kuas ncaaj	Yog tuaj	Kawm Nwg Txujlug
Khu kev kuas ncaaj	Yog ua	Nwg teg dlejnum
Khu kev kuas ncaaj	Yog ntseeg	Tug Tswv Yexus

Txujmoozoo Mathais, Lukas, Malakaus, hab Yauhaas puavleej sau txug Yaxayas zaajlug saamfwm txug kuas peb yuavtsum khu kev kuas ncaaj tog tug Tswv. ([Show John the Baptist](#))

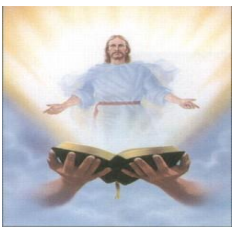


“John the Baptist – Yauhaas tug muab tuabneeg ua kevcai ntxuav” txhaj le hastas, “... I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’ as the prophet Isaiah said – *Kuv yog lub suab qws tom roob mojsab qhua hastas, ‘Khuv kev kuas ncaaj rua tug Tswv’ lawv le tug xwbfbw Yaxayas has.*” (Yauhaas 1:23) Ca peb saib ib qhov short video txug “John the Baptist – Yauhaas tug muab tuabneeg ua kevcai ntxuav” qha txug zaaj keebkwm nuav. ([Show John the Baptist preaching](#))



John the Baptist - Repent !!! - YouTube

Thaus Vaajtswv lug nyob rua huv peb lub neej, peb txhaj le tau txujkev ncaajnceeg, kev dlawbhuv rua ntawm Vaajtswv. ([Show Jesus’ coming](#))



Dlhau 2000 xyoo, Yexus lug rua lub nplajteb yog lug theej nplajteb txujkev txhum. Yexus yuav rov lug zag ob yog lub koj peb moog nrug Vaajtswv nyob. Peb tseem ua neej nyob, peb tsi paub lub sijhawm twg hab nub twg kws Vaajtswv yuav rov lug. Ca koj hab kuv khu kev tog yog khu kev kuas ncaaj huv peb lub neej lug ntawm peb txujkev leegtxim, kev ntseeg kev ca sab rua Tswv Yexus Khetos, koj hab kuv txhaj le tau txujsa moog ibtxhis hab ibtxhis. Peb ca le khu kev tog tug Tswv, khu kev kuas ncaaj, Nwg lug yuav txug. “Come Lord Jesus – Ca le lug tug Tswv Yexus.” Asmees.

Thov kuas Vaajtswv txujlug pub rua peb suavdlawg totaub hab tau nyob kaajsab lug rua ntawm peb tug Tswv Cawmseej Yexus Khetos. Peb txhuatug kws yog Vaajtswv cov mivnyuas, peb suavdlawg has: Asmees.

Children Message

Theme: Prepare the Way

Scripture: **Mark 1:2-3** As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” (ESV)

Object Lesson: Under Construction Sign



How many of you see people doing construction on the road? (Let them answer) When we see construction on the road, we get angry because we have to slow down or take a detour by going different way. But people need to make the repair in order for us to have a better road to use for the future. Today lesson, God sent John the Baptist to prepare a way for God. He told them to repent meaning turning from their bad way of life to good. In a similar way, it mean that the bad road need to be fixed in order to make it good again. (Show Kanto Road – Japan earthquake – road repair)



But John wasn't talking about road. He only use that as a example so people can understand his teaching. John was saying that we need to check our heart by making it right with God. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, we need our heart to make it right with God. If we done wrong, we need to repent and ask God to forgive us, teach us to be better and to live our live for him. God sent Jesus to this world to forgive our sin we can believe in Jesus and our heart is right with God. Each time you see a construction, remember that God as you to make your heart right with God by believing, trusting, and serving him.

Prayer: Dear God, prepare our heart by making our path straight for your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.