

THIN PLACES

MATTHEW 3:1-17

Signs that the kingdom of heaven is near:



Verses 1-6; see also Leviticus 5:5; Psalms 32:3-5; Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 3:1-2; 4:5; Matthew 17:10-13; Luke 1:16-17; John 1:19-23; James 5:16; 1 John 1:9



Verses 7-12; see also Job 34:11; Psalms 62:12; Proverbs 24:12; Isaiah 66:24; Jeremiah 17:10; Matthew 16:27; Mark 9:43-48; Romans 2:6; 1 Corinthians 3:12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Peter 1:17; Revelation 2:23; 14:9-11; 20:12-13; 22:12



Verses 13-17; see also Leviticus 1:14; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15

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QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Have you ever been in what felt to you like a "thin place"? If so, where, when and why?
2. Read Matthew 3:1-6, Psalm 32:3-5, 1 John 1:9 and James 5:16. Do you think confession of sin needs to be specific? Verbal? Public? What difference do you think the way you confess your sins makes on the depth of your cleansing?
3. Read Matthew 3:7-12, Matthew 16:27, 2 Corinthians 5:10 and Revelation 22:12. What are your thoughts and feelings about the Day of Judgment?
4. Read Matthew 3:13-17. What, to you, is the strongest evidence that Jesus was and is the Messiah? What difference does it make if He was or was not the Messiah?
5. What do you think stands in the way of revival in your personal life and in our community? What do you think would change if you/we experienced genuine revival?