



The ABCs of Personal Revival

Introduction:

- Recently, Elena and I have been preparing for the arrival of a couple of our kids. Among other things, we had to clear our schedules, clean the house, and prepare food.
- If we prepare for those kinds of things, wouldn't it make sense that we also need to prepare for God to arrive in our lives to do a work of renewal?
- This morning, I want to show you a picture of God's people preparing for Him to do a work in their lives.

Then Joshua said to the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you" (Joshua 3:5).

"Consecrate" Has _____.

Hebrew "kawdash" –

Then...

Leviticus 11

To consecrate meant that the people of God were to separate themselves from anything that would contaminate their relationship with a perfect God.

– Professor David Howard, New Orleans Baptist Seminary

Now...

Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God (II Corinthians 7:1).

In Luke 3, John the Baptist drills down even more specifically what it means to prepare for the Lord's coming.

- Make sure you _____ (v.11).
- Make sure you _____ (v. 13).
- Make sure you _____ (v. 14)

In other words, consecrating oneself means:

"Consecrate" is of a _____.

One does it for _____.

Even though God is sovereign, He doesn't _____.

When you see God's people consecrating themselves, you can bet that God is _____!

What I Do _____!

Conclusion: