

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. . .

The will of God for your life will not be accomplished in its entirety apart from prayer.

Jeremiah 33:3 'Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

Luke 7:29 When all the people and the tax collectors heard this,

Heard everything the Lord communicated about John in **Luke 7:22-28**. . .

In review

24 When the messengers of John had left He began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see?"

. . . A reed?

. . . One who lived a luxurious life?

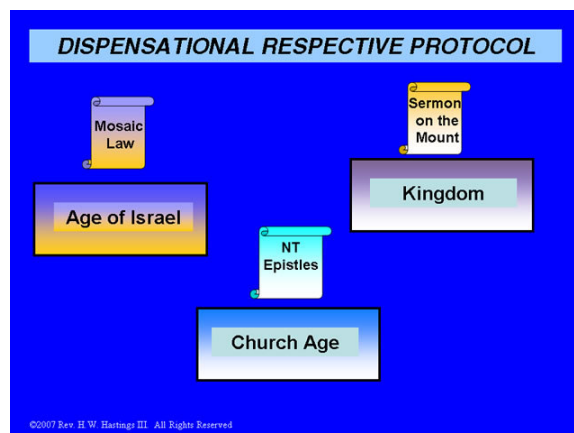
26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and one who is more than a prophet.

- In vv. 27-28 the Lord conveys the ***well done good and faithful servant*** medal on John.
- In vs. 27 we observe what it is God designed John to fulfill during his life.

27 "This is the one about whom it is written, 'Behold, I send My messenger ahead of You, Who will prepare Your way before You.'

- That's what God designed John to do.
- That's the work that God prepared beforehand for John to accomplish.

God's work for all of us was determined from eternity past.



‘Behold, I send My messenger ahead of You, Who will prepare Your way before You.’

[A prophesy from **Malachi 3:1**]

The Father’s statement to the Son on the threshold of time and eternity

Behold [ἰδοὺ – IDOU – “Look!”], I send [ἀποστέλλω – APOSTELLO – “I am sending”]

[Corrected translation] **See, I am sending My messenger ahead of You** [My Son], who will **prepare** Your way before You. . .



κατασκευάζω - KATASKEUAZO – “To make ready; to prepare” - John’s job description!

Here is a conversation between two members of the eternal Godhead.

The Father says -

Look, I am sending My messenger ahead of You, who will prepare Your way before You. . .

*And note what the Son said to the Father in **Hebrews 10:5-7** -*

“ . . . Behold a body you have prepared for Me . . . to do Thy will O God.”

Priority #1 – To do God’s will

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.



John was designed to perform the verbal action of **κατασκευάζω**.

John’s job was to prepare the way for God the Son.

²⁸ “I say to you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John;

POD - To receive the *Well Done Good and Faithful Servant* medal, the believer is required to do what God has designed him to do.

What is your spiritual gift?

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.