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Isaiah 40:3

“The voice of him that cries in the wilderness, “Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.” Isaiah 40:3

The New Testament reveals the name and person who belongs to this “voice of one crying in the wilderness.” It is none other than the older cousin of Jesus of Nazareth – John the son of Zacharias and Elizabeth – John the Baptist. (Mark 1:1 – 8). John was not a parrot only repeating what others have said and taught. John was a true voice, unique and clear, calling the Jewish nation to repentance; preparing their hearts to receive the Messiah who was awaiting His debut.

John was the “warm-up band” before the Main Act! This “one, two punch” was unlike anything Israel had heard or seen in centuries. John’s messages cut straight through the religious trappings of the day and laid bare the hearts and motives of the nation. His preaching pierced the heart of Herod the king and attracted the common man. His call was not to more religious stuff, but he called the people to integrity of heart and honesty of lifestyle before God and one another.

There are few genuine voices today. Most are only echoes – hollowly repeating what others have already said. Seek the Lord with all your heart; submit yourself wholly to God’s Word; remain true to your own integrity of heart; these are the things that will position you to become a voice for they position you to hear from the heart and mind of the Lord.

And that is the secret to being a voice and not merely a recording – to personally hear from Heaven!

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