

Joel 1: 13-15. 2: 1-2

Luke 11: 15-26

“The Day of the Lord is coming. Yes, it is near,” says the Prophet Joel.

Right through the ages the prophets of the Old Testament predicted the end of time, the consequence of sin pointing to disaster, or the coming of the Messiah, the Saviour of mankind. In our own days his theme has been taken up by the preacher on the street corner with a billboard over his shoulders stating, “Repent. The end of the world is nigh!”

Just as we might smile at the latter, it has been, and remains, a necessary caution. “Sound the trumpet in Zion.” The message stands clear. We need to be awake to the Lord’s coming in whatever way he does. Knowing, In the words of the Psalm, “He (the Lord) will judge the world with justice, he will judge the peoples with truth.”

So, what are OUR choices right now? Well, Jesus tells us, as always, in his Word. The people ‘tested’ Jesus by questioning him about how he was able to cast out devils. Many continue to question in the same way today. His answer? “He who is not with me is against me: and he who does not gather with me scatters.”

We are to keep our house clean; listen to and believe in him, repent of our sins, and follow his ways, knowing that, regardless of religion, creed, or colour, we will be judged with justice and truth.