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Jer 33.14-16

- Messiah will be descendant of David (a king)
- He will do what is just (conforming to the Law) and right (conforming to the nature/will of God)
- Results of His reign will be His people:
 - Being saved (delivered)
 - Living in safety (free from harm/danger)
 - Taking on His name (The Lord our Righteous Savior)
- Our response as we look for God to work is to *qarwe* (kavay) – encompasses waiting, trusting and hoping



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Who is the Messiah?

- **The Messenger of the Covenant**
 - Matt 26.28 - This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
- **The One you seek/the One you desire/the God of Justice**
 - See more clearly at Jesus' 2nd coming (Rev 19-20)
 - At 1st coming- Jesus invites people to repent and follow Him in order to be forgiven and avoid punishment for sin



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What will the Messiah do?

- **Come to the Temple (surprisingly)**
- **He will purify/cleanses the people of God**
 - Refiner's fire/lauder's soap – both cleanse without destroying the object they are cleansing
 - See Jesus' Cleansing of the Temple in Matt 21.12-17



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What will be the results of the Messiah's activity?

- **No one will be able to stand before Him** – all are in need of cleansing; see Prodigal Son in Luke 15.12-32
- **People of God will worship in ways that are acceptable to the Lord**
 - Heb 10.10 - And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all
 - 1Cor 6.11 - But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God



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Our response to the Messiah's coming

- **To submit/embrace the refining process through:**
 - **Repentance** – a change of mind leading to a change in behavior
 - **Bringing acceptable sacrifices to God** –
 - Rom 12.1 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.



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