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Scripture Lesson:- Isaiah 40: - 1 - 8.

Text:- Isaiah 40: 3. "Prepare ye the way of the
Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for
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to thee! We must have our hearts cleansed. We cannot carry a wrong spirit within. The difficulty with so many of us, our hearts condemn us; we must have the Holy Spirit witness again to our hearts that we are indeed the children of God. He says in these words of Scripture, that only when our hearts are cleansed, only when we have the joy of salvation restored, then will sinners be converted unto him.

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