

Marked as the Remnant

Sunday Morning, March 10, 2013

Thesis:

Are You Willing to be Marked as the Remnant of God's People?

Introduction:

[The Lord Doesn't See...](#)

(Psalm 10: 1 – 11)

1 Lord, why do You stand so far away? Why do You hide in times of trouble?

2 In arrogance the wicked relentlessly pursue the afflicted; let them be caught in the schemes they have devised.

3 For the wicked one boasts about his own cravings; the one who is greedy curses and despises the Lord.

4 In all his scheming, the wicked arrogantly thinks:

"There is no accountability, since God does not exist."

5 His ways are always secure; Your lofty judgments are beyond his sight; he scoffs at all his adversaries.

6 He says to himself, "I will never be moved— from generation to generation without calamity."

7 Cursing, deceit, and violence fill his mouth; trouble and malice are under his tongue.

8 He waits in ambush near the villages; he kills the innocent in secret places. His eyes are on the lookout for the helpless;

9 he lurks in secret like a lion in a thicket. He lurks in order to seize the afflicted; he seizes the afflicted and drags him in his net.

10 So he is oppressed and beaten down; the helpless fall because of his strength.

11 He says to himself, "God has forgotten; He hides His face and will never see."

I. Know the Word of the Lord

(Amos 8:11)

Hear this! The days are coming —this is the declaration of the Lord God— when I will send a famine through the land: not a famine of bread or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

[Famine of the Word](#)

(Ezekiel 7: 25 – 27)

25 Anguish is coming!

They will seek peace, but there will be none.

26 Disaster after disaster will come, and there will be rumor after rumor. Then they will seek a vision from a prophet, but instruction will perish from the priests and counsel from the elders.

27 The king will mourn;

the prince will be clothed in grief; and the hands of the people of the land will tremble. I will deal with them according to their own conduct, & I will judge them by their own standards. Then they will know that I am Yahweh.

[They Shall Know That I Am the Lord](#)

II. Are You Willing to be the Remnant?

(Ezekiel 6: 8 – 10)

8 "Yet I will leave a remnant when you are scattered among the nations, for throughout the countries there will be some of you who will escape the sword.

9 Then your survivors will remember Me among the nations where they are taken captive, how I was crushed by their promiscuous hearts that turned away from Me and by their eyes that lusted after their idols. They will loathe themselves because of the evil things they did, their detestable practices of every kind.

10 And they will know that I am the Lord; I did not threaten to bring this disaster on them without a reason.

(Isaiah 1:9) - If the Lord Had Not Left a Few...

If the Lord of Hosts had not left us a few survivors, we would be like Sodom, we would resemble Gomorrah.

(Romans 11: 17 – 21) - Warning to Christians

17 Now if some of the branches were broken off, & you, though a wild olive branch, were grafted in among them & have come to share in the rich root of the cultivated olive tree,

18 do not brag that you are better than those branches. But if you do brag—you do not sustain the root, but the root sustains you.

19 Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.”

20 True enough; they were broken off by unbelief, but you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid.

21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you either.

III. Do You Carry the Mark of the Lord?

1. Cain Was Marked Not To Be Harmed - (Genesis 4:15)

2. The Passover - A Mark of Protection - (Exodus 12:23)

3. Tribulation Saints & the 144,000 Jews –
(Revelation 7: 3-8, 9:4, 14:1, 22:4)

(Ezekiel 9: 1 – 11)

1 Then He called to me directly with a loud voice, “Come near, executioners of the city, each of you with a destructive weapon in his hand.”

2 And I saw six men coming from the direction of the Upper Gate, which faces north, each with a war club in his hand. There was another man among them, clothed in linen, with writing equipment at his side. They came and stood beside the bronze altar.

3 Then the glory of the God of Israel rose from above the cherub where it had been, to the threshold of the temple. He called to the man clothed in linen with the writing equipment at his side. *(More of passage on next page)*

4 “Pass throughout the city of Jerusalem,” the Lord said to him, “and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the detestable practices committed in it.”

5 He spoke as I listened to the others, “Pass through the city after him and start killing; do not show pity or spare them!

6 Slaughter the old men, the young men and women, as well as the older women and little children, but do not come near anyone who has the mark. Now begin at My sanctuary.”

So they began with the elders who were in front of the temple.

7 Then He said to them, “Defile the temple and fill the courts with the slain. Go!” So they went out killing people in the city.

8 While they were killing, I was left alone. And I fell facedown and cried out, “Oh, Lord God! Are You going to destroy the entire remnant of Israel when You pour out Your wrath on Jerusalem?”

9 He answered me: “The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is extremely great; the land is full of bloodshed, and the city full of perversity. For they say, ‘The Lord has abandoned the land; He does not see.’

10 But as for Me, I will not show pity or spare them. I will bring their actions down on their own heads.”

11 Then the man clothed in linen with the writing equipment at his side reported back, “I have done as You commanded me.”

Conclusion:

(II Corinthians 5: 11 - HCSB)

Therefore, because we know the fear of the Lord, we seek to persuade people. We are completely open before God, and I hope we are completely open to your consciences as well.

(II Corinthians 5: 11 - AMP)

Therefore, being conscious of fearing the Lord with respect and reverence, we seek to win people over [to persuade them]. But what sort of persons we are is plainly recognized & thoroughly understood by God, and I hope that it is plainly recognized and thoroughly understood also by your consciences (your inborn discernment).