

# Only A Remnant Will Be Saved

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## In The Last Days, There Will Only Be A Remnant

Isaiah 28:5-6 ESV

5 In that day the LORD of hosts will be a crown of glory, and a diadem of beauty, to the remnant of his people,  
6 and a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, and strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.

- *With the growing censorship of the progressive left wing, the media and big tech, church assembly in the U.S. will fundamentally change and innovation will be required.*
- *Christians will be marginalized and rejected more and more.*
- *Are we content with being the few on the highway of holiness, or do we prefer the trappings of success, status, state approval?*
- *To those who do justly, seeking what is right in the eyes of God, He will give the spirit of justice.*
- *To those who do not give up or give in, turning back the enemies invading the gates, He gives strength.*

Matthew 24:9-13 ESV

9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.

10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another.

11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.

13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Matthew 7:13-14 ESV

13 Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many.

14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

Romans 9:27-29 ESV

27 And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved,

28 for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay."

29 And as Isaiah predicted, "If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah."

Romans 11:2-5 ESV

2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

3 "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life."

4 But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal."

5 So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace.

## The Prophet and The Priest Will Fail God's People

Isaiah 28:7-22 ESV

7 These also reel with wine and stagger with strong drink; the priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, they are swallowed by wine, they stagger with strong drink, they reel in vision, they stumble in giving judgment.

8 For all tables are full of filthy vomit, with no space left.

- The message from God for this hour is, "Judgment is coming!"
- Yet neither the priest nor the prophet can see, nor warn, of what is happening or what is to come. They are too preoccupied with pleasing and feeding themselves, living off of God's people, to satisfy their own selfish ambitions and agendas.
- The priest and the prophet are not serving, warning, preparing and feeding God's people with God's chosen Word for the hour.
- Instead of warning of the impending lawlessness, socialism, judgments for abortion and sexual immorality, American pastors are trying to keep the peace, remain politically neutral and hold their congregations together by compromise.
- The American Christian can no longer depend upon the professional clergy to speak the Truth, because they (the professional clergy), to maintain their lifestyle, income, status and influence, have to either:
  - appease God's people, or
  - intimidate God's people.

2 Timothy 4:3-4 ESV

3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,

4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

Ezekiel 34:1-6 ESV

1 The word of the LORD came to me:

2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy, and say to them, even to the shepherds, Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not shepherds feed the sheep?

3 You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep.

4 The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought, and with force and harshness you have ruled them.

5 So they were scattered, because there was no shepherd, and they became food for all the wild beasts. My sheep were scattered;

6 they wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. My sheep were scattered over all the face of the earth, with none to search or seek for them.

Jeremiah 23:16-18 ESV

16 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.

17 They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

18 For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

## God's Remnant Will Be The Disciplined Ones

Isaiah 28:7-22 ESV

9 To whom will he teach knowledge, and to whom will he explain the message? Those who are weaned from the milk, those taken from the breast?

10 For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little, there a little."

- *In this day, truth will not come from the prophet or priest, they are too drunk in their own lies to see the judgment of God coming.*
- *The professional clergy has learned and perfected their skillset and craft to appease the people with whatever the people want to hear: either "peace or safety" or "you must listen to me alone."*
- *Those who have submitted themselves to the chastening of the Lord will understand and know what God is doing. In the school of discipline, by the Lord, they have learned to seek and to listen to His voice alone.*

John 16:13 ESV

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears [in the council of the Lord] he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

Hebrews 5:12-14 ESV

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food,

13 for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child.

14 But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Isaiah 30:20-22 ESV

20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your Teacher.

21 And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," when you turn to the right or when you turn to the left.

22 Then you will defile your carved idols overlaid with silver and your gold-plated metal images. You will scatter them as unclean things. You will say to them, "Be gone!"

Romans 12:1-2 ESV

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.