

The Remnant And Servants in Isaiah

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Abstract: Prophet Isaiah witnessed the spiritual decline of God's people, both Israel and Judah. Knowing God's heart and purpose for His people, and feeling God's grief, Isaiah put hope on a small remnant, which he called the remnant of Jacob. He hoped that the remnant would care for God's heart and purpose, and would rise up to walk with Him and stand with Him, and not be wearied by the weight of past failures and humiliations. From chapter 1 to chapter 66, Isaiah described hope in the midst of sadness. We wish to follow his burden and glean from chapters 1, 7, 10, 37, 40, 42, 61, 62, 63, 65, and 66, to see the heart of the remnant and God's encouragement to them.

In God's heart the remnant had a special place. They could feel God's heart, understand God's mind and identify with God's purpose. They could respond to God's anointed Servant and follow Him. And finally they could become God's faithful servants themselves, like new wine in the cluster. (Isa 65:8, the farmer finds in a cluster good grapes that can be made into new wine. For their sake He will not destroy all the clusters.) The spirit of the remnant actually continued after Isaiah. We see it in Daniel and in the overcomers in the New Testament.

Lord willing, we will address the following topics in 4 sessions:

1. The story of the remnant and their value to God (Isa 1:3, 7:3, 10:21, 37:31, 61:3, 62:6-7, 65:8, 66:1-2)
2. Behold My Servant! (Isa 42:1-7)
3. New wine in the cluster – My servants (Isa 61:3, 62:6-7, 65:8, 66:1-2)
4. The remnant spirit in Daniel and the New Testament (Dan 1-2, 6, 9; Rom 11:5; Rev 2-3)

以賽亞書裡的餘民和僕人

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摘要：先知以賽亞親眼看見神百姓屬靈光景的衰敗，包括以色列和猶大。以賽亞心裡知道神對祂百姓的心意和目的，就把盼望放在少數他稱為雅各餘民的身上。他盼望這些人會在乎神的心意，起來與神同行，站在神的一邊，不被過去一切的失敗和羞恥所壓到。從第 1 章到第 66 章，他一面寫到以色列光景的可悲，一面也寫到對餘民的盼望。我們這次希望跟著以賽亞的負擔，從 1, 7, 10, 37, 40, 42, 61, 62, 63, 65, 66 各章裡抽出一些經節，來看餘民的心和神一路對他們的勉勵。

在神的心中這些餘民有特殊的地位。他們能感覺神的心，能懂得神的意念，能認同於祂的目的。他們能看見神所膏的那位獨特的僕人，能跟隨祂。最後他們也成為神忠心的僕人，像葡萄中間的新酒一樣。（賽 65:8，園主在不能用的葡萄中間，找到一些可以做新酒的好葡萄，就不棄絕全體）。在以賽亞以後，餘民的靈繼續往前，在但以理和新約的得勝者身上都看得見。

主若願意，我們準備在四次聚會裡一同看以下幾個題目：

1. 餘民的故事和對神的價值（賽 1:3, 7:3, 10:21, 37:31, 61:3, 62:6-7, 65:8, 66:1-2)
2. 看哪！我的僕人（賽 42:1-7)
3. 葡萄中間的新酒——我的眾僕人（賽 61:3, 62:6-7, 65:8, 66:1-2)
4. 但以理書和新約裡餘民的靈（但 1-2, 6, 9; 羅 11:5; 啟 2-3)