



“But I will not destroy them all,” says the LORD. “For just as good grapes are found among a cluster of bad ones (and someone will say, ‘Don’t throw them all away – there are some good grapes there!’), so I will not destroy all Israel. For I still have true servants there. I will preserve a remnant of the people of Israel and of Judah to possess My land. Those I choose will inherit it and serve Me there.” Isaiah 65:8 – 9 NLT

The Lord has always preserved Himself a remnant. Whether the eight souls of Noah’s day or the seven thousand of Elijah’s hour – there will always be a faithful remnant! When it had been four hundred years since the prophets had spoken to Israel there remained a remnant awaiting Messiah’s coming! Zachariah and Elizabeth, Anna and Simeon, Joseph and Mary were among a faithful few. And indeed, Messiah came!

And what of the world’s situation today? Is there a faithful remnant awaiting Messiah’s Second Coming? Can there be found among us a people who are wholly dedicated to Him and to His Kingdom? What of you? Are you a good grape among the spoiled? Are you living as salt and light in the midst of this perverse and dark generation? (Philippians 2:15 – 16).

The servant of the Lord gauges his life not by the degree of spoiled grapes around him, but by the measure of God’s life within him.

Selah.

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