

CHAPTER 11

Do You Know You Are the Remnant?

Foundational Review

READ Revelation 12:17. This is the group of people who were described in the last session who appeared after 1260 days are ended, at the end of the 2300 days which starts the Time of the End. (Daniel 12:7; Revelation 10:5-6) These people have done the following:

- have gone through the Great Disappointment, yet must prophesy again (Revelation 10:8-11)
- keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus (Revelation 12:17)
- are being sealed with the Holy Spirit (Revelation 7:3-4; Ephesians 1:13)
- have been given the special task to call the people of the world at the Time of the End (Daniel 12:3)
- are teaching and living in the Three Angels' Messages, as part of the Covenant Grace-Faith Relationship (Revelation 14:6-12)

These people are the Time of the End Remnant, the People of God at the end time.

■ What Do You Think?

Are these the people in the Seventh-day Adventist Church? Be prepared to defend your answer.

The Remnant

QUESTION #1:

READ 2 Kings 19:30-31; Isaiah 10:20-22. What's the Bible definition of a Remnant?

You Are:

- A Saint (Ephesians 1:1)
- and Beloved (Ephesians 1:6; John 16:27)
- A Christian/the 5 C's (Acts 11:26)
- In a Covenant Grace/Faith Relationship with God (Gal. 2:8)
- Accepting/Received From/ Faith/Son (1 John 4:7)
- Abiding/Growing In/Hope/Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:12-16)
- Acting/Becoming Like/Love/ Father (2 Peter 1:4)
- Required to choose (Rom. 12:1)
- Each choice is made by Faith (Romans 4:21)
- Faith works by Love (Galatians 5:6)
- Gifts of Holy Spirit-internal/external change (Romans 12:2)
- Keep the Commandments because of Love (John 15:8-10)
- Function: Priests and Stewards by Faith (Hebrews 11:6)

This is basic Christianity.



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Multiple remnants are described and represented by various characters in the Bible: Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Joshua, Jeremiah, Zechariah, John the Baptist, Paul, John the Beloved.

In the general description of a remnant at the beginning of Chapter 11 of the book:

QUESTION #2:

READ Ezekiel 36:26-27. What's the first descriptor of the remnant?

NOTE: As a result, the Remnant has chosen to live in Covenant Relationship with God, the Covenant Relationship of R-G-B (ref. Romans 4:21; Hebrews 11:6). They believe that God is and that God knows what He is doing.

QUESTION #3:

READ Jeremiah 23:2-6; Zechariah 1:3. What's the second descriptor of the remnant?

NOTE: The message is always the same message: Return to the Grace-Faith Relationship.

QUESTION #4:

READ Hebrews 11:7; 2 Peter 2:5. What's the third descriptor of the remnant from Chapter 11?

NOTE: The crisis does not change them into the Remnant. The crisis reveals them to be the Remnant.

QUESTION #5:

READ Genesis 45:5-7. What's the fourth descriptor of the remnant?

QUESTION #6:

READ Zechariah 4:6. What's the fifth descriptor of the remnant?

NOTE: Their connection with the Holy Spirit will have to have been established prior to the time when they must work by His power (Matthew 25:1-4).

QUESTION #7:

Now attempt to answer the following question. Arrange the experiences of the Remnant in the order of occurrence. Choose which one to label as #1, #2, etc.

- a. # ____ Assigned a task to provide for survival of others in the crisis
- b. # ____ Functions in the power of the Holy Spirit
- c. # ____ Endures and explains how to endure the crisis to others
- d. # ____ Chooses to live in the Covenant Grace-Faith Relationship
- e. # ____ Delivers a message to the world about the choices and the coming crisis

■ Think It Through

Why is it hard to arrange these events? Where did you place (b) above?

These are the characteristics of every remnant including the Remnant of Revelation 12:17 – the Remnant at the Time of the End.



■ Think It Through

READ Revelation 3:17. What prevents the Seventh-day Adventist Church from becoming the Remnant?

Story and Example

QUESTION #1:

Who are the two bible characters that we usually identify as having the same task as the Seventh-day Adventist Church?

1 Kings 17:1 _____
 Matthew 3:1 _____

QUESTION #2:

How are Elijah and John the Baptist alike in their mission, ministry, message, and power. (For the Mission, ref. Malachi 3:7 and 4:6) Ministry to whom?

READ their messages. Elijah: READ 1 Kings 18:21
 John the Baptist: READ Matthew 3:2-3

NOTE: They each had the same message but with a different area of emphasis.

QUESTION #3:

READ Zechariah 4:6. Both were powered by Whom?

QUESTION #5:

For the dejected Elijah and John the Baptist (and the Remnant) by whose Righteousness, by whose Power, by whose Love do they carry out the assignment given them?

READ Jer. 23:6 – Righteousness

READ Zech. 4:6 – Power

READ 1 John 4:19 – Love

QUESTION #6:

READ 1 Kings 19:11-13. How was Elijah reminded that God is in control?

QUESTION #4:

What was their very human reaction to what happened to them?

Elijah

1 Kings 19:2 What did he hear from Jezebel?

Verse 8 – Where did he run to?

Verse 4 – What did he want to do?

John the Baptist

Matt 14:3 – Who imprisoned him?

Verse 4 – Why?

Luke 7:20 – What did John ask of Jesus?



Think It Through

Why did they have this reaction? What would have been your reaction? Why?

QUESTION #7:

READ Luke 7:19-23. How was John the Baptist reminded that God is in control?

NOTE: This is the core lesson for the remnant! When you are painfully human, you need God to be in control of your life in order to carry out your job. He will remind you through Scripture.

■ Think It Through

Who needs to know this? Which Remnant are we concerned about?

Being Painfully Human: A Parable



QUESTION #1:

What does it mean to be painfully human?

QUESTION #2:

LOOK AT Matthew 13:3. What is this parable about?

QUESTION #3:

READ Matthew 13:22. How does Jesus describe the third kind of soil? What are the two problems with the soil?

We humans understand the “thorns” of worry and loss of hope of Elijah and John the Baptist.

QUESTION #4:

READ Revelation 3:17. What is the deceitfulness of riches?

But what are riches?

READ Deut. 7:7. What “riches” are described here?

READ Deut. 8:17. What “riches” are described here?

READ Deut. 9:4-6. What “riches” are described here?

NOTE: All of these are “riches.”

QUESTION #5:

Compare Matthew 13:22 and Revelation 3:17. In the Parable of the Sower and in Jesus’ explanation, which kind of “thorns” do you think is most dangerous to the spiritual life of the Remnant: Lose of Hope or Spiritual Arrogance? Why do you think so?

QUESTION #6:

Consider the three different remedies for this condition which Jesus gave to wake up apathetic, arrogant Laodicea.

- READ Revelation 3:15-18. Laodicea must see the truth of the situation and the promises to apply the corrective measures.
- READ Matthew 24:15-22. There must be a world-wide crisis with tribulation to wake up Laodicea.
- READ Genesis 32:24. The experience of Jacob at the brook Jabok must be the experience of Laodicea – facing a situation which Laodicea cannot conquer, riches (popularity, economics, spiritual superiority) are gone (shaking time in Hebrews 12:26, 27), and they become exhausted and realize their helplessness.

Which remedy will work, do you think?

QUESTION #7:

What is the greatest weakness of the Remnant, in every age? (See the weaknesses of Elijah and John the Baptist)

Think It Through

What is the only way to address that weakness? What do you think they need to hear from the Scriptures? (You come up with your favorite Scriptures. If you need suggestions, look at the outline of the first seven sessions. What Scriptures are your favorites there?)

Take Home

Thought Questions

What is Hope?

From Jesus (2 Corinthians 1:20)

From the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13)

From the Father (2 Peter 1:4)



*But I will hope continually,
and will yet praise thee
more and more.*

Psalm 71:14

Hope