

SERMON: THE PINK REMNANT

Jeremiah 31:7

For thus saith the Lord; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Lord, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

Introduction

The term remnant is an important concept in the Bible. The term for remnant in the Old Testament is derived from six roots or stems and occurs five hundred forty times. There are three terms used for remnant in the New Testament. Collectively they occur six times. Scripture sometimes describe a remnant without actually using the term. As everyone knows, it simply means leftovers or remainders. When referred to people, it can denote survivors or refugees. It implies those who have survived a major disaster or escaped from imminent danger. As we celebrate those who have survived breast cancer, I call them the members of the “Pink Remnant.” That’s right- the Pink Remnant! This is a good place to say, “Amen.” Not only are they surviving, they are also thriving in the amazing grace of our Almighty God. Now, can I get another “Amen?”

Now allow me to delve quickly into systematic theology. The term remnant Biblically applies to three different groups of people. The first group, as I have said earlier, is simply a historical remnant made up of survivors of a catastrophe. The second group consists of the “faithful remnant,” distinguished from the former group by their genuine spirituality and true relationship with God. Some Biblical individuals were both members of these first two groups. The third group refers to the Jews who will accept Jesus as the true Messiah. Paul mentions this group in the eleventh chapter of Romans. (Just a note: depending on whether you adhere to premillennialism, postmillennialism, or amillennialism, remnant theology can get real sticky real quick.)

Our text is very positive. Jeremiah prophesizes that a remnant will survive the Babylonia Exile and will return joyfully to their home land. It was a remnant because ten of the tribes did not return. The two returning tribes were the remnant.

Now let’s take the Biblical definition of remnant and see how beautiful the members of the Pink Remnant really are.

Exposition

They are....

1. Rescued and Redeemed.

2. Resilient and Remarkable.

3. Reverent and Rejoicing.

Closing Thoughts

As I close this sermon, two related thoughts come to mind. When I was a child, we had a bunch of beautiful quilts. I was told that my maternal grandmother, Mamma Nancy, whom I never met because God called her home before I was born, made them from remnants. She was a seamstress. Then I think about my later mother-in-law, Delphia Clark, who also made beautiful- I mean beautiful, quilts from remnants from other sewing projects. Then I thought, God can take the remnants of our experiences and gives us a beautiful life from the leftovers. In the hands of a great seamstress, remnants become useful works of art. In the hands of a great God, we become a new creation. Give God the remnants of your life; you will be amazed at what He can create. Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory!

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