

## Prayer Study 42

“PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD-speaking to *the Remnant of the Last Days*”

Matthew 3:3

“With the appearance of John the Baptist we have the burial of the Old Dispensation and the emergence of the New. We seem to see his rugged figure standing with arms outstretched, as with one hand he take the Old Testament, and with the other holds the New, and who, through his ministry, makes the transition from Law to Grace. He was the foreclosure of the old and the forerunner of the new.” Herbert Lockyer in *All the Men of the Bible*

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## Remnant of the Last Days

“In the history of Israel a remnant may be discerned, a spiritual Israel within the national Israel. In Elijah’s time 7000 had not bowed the knee to Baal(1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:18). In Isaiah’s time it was the “very small remnant” for whose sake God still forebore to destroy the nation(Isaiah 1:9). During the captivities the remnant appears in Jews like Esther, Mordecai, Ezekiel, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. At the end of the seventy years of Babylonian captivity it was the remnant that returned under Ezra and Nehemiah. At the advent of the Lord, John the Baptist, Simeon, Anna, and “those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem(Luke 2:38) were the remnant.” Scofield Reference Bible Notes

Isaiah 1:9

*Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been like Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.*

Joel 2:32

*And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.*

Micah 5:3

*Therefore will he give them up until the time that she who travaileth hath brought forth; then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.*

Romans 11:5

*Even so, then, at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.*

Revelation 12:17

*And the dragon was angry with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

Other Scriptures Especially Applicable to this Day

Joel 3:14

*Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.*

Habakkuk 1:5

*Behold among the nations and regard, and wonder marvelously; for I will work a work in your days which ye will not believe, though it be told you.*

Isaiah 60:1-3

*Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.*

## PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

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## Holiness

### 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 3:12-13

*And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love...to the end he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.*

## Humility

### 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:5

*In like manner, you younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yes, all of you, be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble.*

### John 3:30

*He must increase, but I must decrease.*

## Forgiveness

### Matthew 5:15

*...forgive and you shall be forgiven.*

### Matthew 6:15

*But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*



## Faith

### Acts 6:8

*And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.*

### Hebrews 11:6

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him....*

## Love

### 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:7-8

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone that loves is born of God and knows God. He that loves not knows not God, for God is love.*

### John 13:35

*By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.*

### Matthew 25:35-36 and 40

*I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in; naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came unto me....*

*And the King shall answer and say unto them, "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me.*

## Idols

### 1<sup>st</sup> John 5:21

*Little children, keep yourself from idols. Amen.*