

For My Servants

Isaiah 65:1-16

1. From an _____ people (v. 1-7)
 - a. God came to His _____ people
 - b. God came to His _____ people
 - i. Who walk in a no _____ way
 - ii. Who continuously _____ Him
 - iii. Who profanely practice _____
 - iv. Who arrogantly claim to be _____
 - v. Who will receive _____ for their sins
2. From His _____ people (v. 8-12)
 - a. Like the new _____ found in the cluster
 - b. As the true _____ of Jacob
 - i. Recipients of _____ blessing
 - ii. Those who _____ the LORD
 - c. Distinguished from the _____
 - i. Who trade _____ of God for gods
 - ii. Who refused to _____ to the LORD
 - iii. Who chose what did not _____ the LORD
3. From the _____ of God (v. 13-16)
 - a. Bringing _____ rather than curses
 - i. In daily _____
 - ii. In _____ responses
 - b. Bringing a new _____ rather than shame
 - c. Bringing assurance in the God of _____

“For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.”

2 Corinthians 1:20

“And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: ‘Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay.’”

Romans 9:27-28

J. Alec Motyer on Isaiah 65:8

“*Juice* is not unfermented wine but (cf. Ho. 4:11) ‘wine made from the first drippings of the juice before the press was trodden.’ ‘Finding’ this juice may mean that the grapes were already oozing as they were being picked and thrown in to the press and that this spontaneous juice was collected as specially valued. In relation to 63:3, this would be a lovely image of the assurance of salvation: the winepress of wrath discriminates. Was ‘*Don’t destroy...*’ a vintage song? (Cf. the vintage shout in 16:10; Je. 25:30. Pss. 57-59, 75 have titles referring to a tune ‘Destroy not’.) *There is yet some good in it!* ‘for a blessing is in it’, i.e. it is prized for itself. We may dare to say that the Lord’s people are a blessing to him, and he will carefully guard them from destruction. This remnant is first, according to grace, as the words *I will not destroy them all!* ‘the whole’ show. All merit the winepress but some are saved from it. Secondly, it is taken from among the professing people, *from Jacob, and from Judah* (9); and thirdly, it is destined for inheritance (9c).”

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Perhaps lost in this passage is Isaiah’s repeating focus upon the importance of a relationship with God. Those among His people who continued in rebellion had religion and even called themselves quite holy (v. 5). They offered sacrifices and prepared feasts but they did not choose what God delighted in (v. 12) or call upon His name.

When God goes into a distinguishing feature of blessings and curses between “you” and “my servants,” notice the relationship. “My” is not just a small possessive suffix added to the noun “servants” but is the key to the whole remnant idea. God is the one who calls them to be servants, who makes them a part of His family and who will save them.

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