

**Study Aids**  
Discussion Questions  
For “What’s the Message?” Lessons

Lesson 70

Comment:

As we have seen throughout this series, God had promised Israel that they would be His chosen people, and had repeatedly shown that He would keep this promise. No matter how often they would fail to keep their part of the covenant and be faithful to Him only, He would forgive them and take them back – if they would repent and turn back to Him. But with the writers of the prophetic books, they begin to hear a new view of this relationship. A view that involves responsibility on their part.

Questions:

How do you think they reacted to this new message? How would you react if you were told that you were about to receive severe punishment for what you had done?

Do you think that in Isaiah’s concept of a Purified Remnant they could develop a new hope that although a few of “the really bad guys” might have to suffer punishment, Israel as a nation would continue to stand? And that you, being one of “the good guys” would escape punishment?

Does this help you to understand that even this teaching of Law and Gospel could be misunderstood and abused? Does it become more logical that many would think that Judah had been spared the punishment the Northern Tribes received, and were now the “Purified Remnant” safe to behave however they chose?

If we see ourselves as the modern day “Purified Remnant” are we relieved of the command to be faithful and obey God only? Are we still subject to God’s Law and justice?

How do you understand the thought that you have a responsibility as one chosen by God? What does it mean to you to share in the task of The Servant?