

## Hebrews 3.15-19

### Part of a Mixed Multitude

The testimony of Scripture concerning the Exodus of Israel is that God brought out a mixed multitude. This means that among the millions that came forth, there were those who belonged to God in a particular manner, and those who did not. (although everything belongs to God by right of creation and just the fact of His being God) this mixed multitude was the pattern of the exodus, remained the pattern of the nation of Israel, and is even the pattern of the church of God today. There is STILL a mixed multitude! Part of the purpose of this life with all its challenges, pains, toil, and suffering as well as its hope, joy, promise and triumph is revelation OF that mixed multitude, as well as the purification of those who belong to God. The refining of the gold from the dross, the separation of the holy from the unholy... This reality of the mixed multitude is something that we need to understand because it is something that we live out every day!

## I. PRESENCE OF –

a. Contained with, alongside the true people of God

Romans 9.6-8

b. Would have confessed that they belonged to God

Matthew 7.21-23

c. Were different in substance to the people of God among whom they existed

d. Were a pollutant by their very nature TO the people of God

i. Moses was unable to enter the promised land... though he was surely one of God's people.

Deuteronomy 32.48-52

- ii. Everyone who entered the promised land was too young to have been a part of the rebellion, or the worship of the golden calf. They would not have remembered Egypt, but they still carried the same sin INTO the promised land...

## II. NATURE OF

All are exposed to God but many do not truly hear. This comes for a variety of reasons. And all of us need to be on guard against the subtle rise of the old man, the corruption that grows in secret.

a. Will not

- i. Rather serve false gods –

**Judges 2.17**

- ii. This is an issue of the heart. In our natural state, mankind is at war with God. We hate Him and will do all in our power to deny Him, to rebel against His command and to dethrone Him if we could...

b. Do all they can to walk in contrary ways

Zechariah 7.9-14

c. Could not understand Even if they did

i. Spiritually Discerned

1 Corinthians 2.14

ii. The same sun melts the wax and hardens the clay...

2 Corinthians 2.14-16

d. We are only different because of the mercy of God

### III. CAUSE OF –

a. God will always preserve a remnant

Numbers 14.26-35 - Joshua & Caleb

## 1Kings 19.18 – 7000 reserved in Israel

- b. His grace is the calling that changes us. We are changed by His grace so that we see His commands and WANT to obey them. This is the practical application of the new nature, of the faith that God imparts to us, that saving faith that is not of ourselves but is the gift of God. –

## Ephesians 2.8-10

- i. Obedience is belief
  - ii. Disobedience is unbelief.
- c. His love is the voice that draws us –

## Romans 2.4-9

the natural man refuses the love of God and rejects all of His goodness. Remember that this is all about the god of self that we have enthroned in our hearts. Since the garden we have been seeking to be like God... consider the ongoing

testimony of God to Israel in the wilderness, and their constant refusal to obey Him.

d. His glory is the motive –

i. Our motive

1 Corinthians 10.31

ii. His motive

Ephesians 3.8-12

#### **IV. CARE FOR –**

a. God is the sustainer of all life

i. by the particular act of His Sovereign will

Job 34.12-15

ii. Christ the particular person of the Trinity in whom all things consist. –

Colossians 1.17

b. God will sustain His own in particular and special ways.

i. Common grace blesses all men

### Matthew 5.44-45

1. those who will not see God only add to their condemnation and guilt by refusing the clear and obvious truth around them.
2. Those who see gain reasons and power for more obedience and praise, and love for the Father IS expressed in a life that honors Him.

### 1Samuel 15.22-23a

ii. In special power God governs all things to the particular end in sight on behalf of the children He has chosen for His own. - conformity to the person of Jesus Christ –

### Romans 8.28-30

c. God will purify his own

i. Through signs and covenants –

Exodus 31.12-17

ii. By His particular actions –

Numbers 3.11-13

iii. By His own Sovereign choice –

Jeremiah 1.5

iv. By His Word and by the truth –

John 17.17-20

v. By the person, sacrifice and blood of Jesus –

1Corinthians 1.30

vi. By faith in Jesus –



Acts 26.17-18

vii. By the Holy Spirit –

Romans 15.15-16

2Thess 2.13-15

viii. By our applied practical obedience –

2 Timothy 2.20-22

d. God will uphold His own

## V. ETERNAL DESTINY OF

a. Those who love God, the chosen remnant will be safely brought home to be with God forever. –

John 14.1-6

b. Those who do not love God will find His return a terror.

1Thessalonians 5.1-10

Revelation 6.12-17

c. The division will be swift, total and eternal –

**Matthew 25.31-46**

d. The time of opportunity is now, it is today,  
as long as it called today