Romans Lesson 17

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INTRODUCTION

- Romans chapter 9, 10 and 11, the three chapters actually go together, and change really the line of reasoning from what we have been observing in the first eight chapters of Romans.
- Has God been unfair to the Jews to change? What is God's attitude toward Jews?
- The fact is that God is no respecter of persons.

1 Great Heaviness and Continual Sorrow for My Kinsmen

Romans 9:1–3; Acts 9

- I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh.
- He'd be willing to be lost in the place if they could be saved.
- There is a sincere concern and interest that his fellow kinsmen in the flesh might come to the same knowledge about Jesus Christ and be saved.

2 God's Chosen People: Chosen for What?

Romans 9:4–5; Exodus 29:45–46; Genesis 12:1–3

- They were not chosen that they might be saved just because they were born in the flesh, a Jew, but they were chosen to be the family out of which Jesus Christ would be born.
- Yes, they are God's chosen people, that is the nation chosen, and blessed by God. But only blessed that through them the promised seed, who is Christ, would come.
- The law of Moses was given to this chosen nation, to this chosen people, that they might know God and his testimonies, and ultimately that they might be led to Jesus Christ.
- Here was their downfall. Jesus became their stumbling stone. They did not believe in the Christ.

3 They Are Not All Israel Which Are of Israel

Romans 9:6–8; Galatians 6:16; Romans 2:28–29

- It wasn't that God was unfair to them, but it was that they first rejected God.
- For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel, neither because they are the seed of Abraham are they all children.
- But now the covenant relationship with God is not based upon fleshly birth. It'll be based upon a spiritual birth.
- To be a child of God takes conversion from the heart and service that is sincere out of a heart of faith.

4 God Has a Sovereign Right to Choose

Romans 9:9–13; Genesis 12

- God is sovereign. And God has a sovereign right to choose who is the scheme or means of salvation.
- What he does not say is that he elects specific individuals to be saved. What is God elected? God has elected Christ to be the means of salvation.
- He chose Isaac, not Ishmael. For God has the right to choose the family from which Christ would come.
- The description here is not a description of who's saved and who's lost, but rather through whom the family of Abraham would be developed, that would be the favored nation through whom Christ would come.

5 Pharaoh Hardened His Own Heart

Romans 9:14–18

- God has always condemned men or blessed men based upon their own choice.
- God kept holding out to Pharaoh, opportunity after opportunity.
- The same word of God that makes some people yield in a simple, humble obedience, makes other people turn in hardened rebellion.
- It was not that God made Pharaoh choose that way, but God used the man who made that kind of choice.

6 God Chose the Plan, Not the Man

Romans 1:16–17; Romans 2:11

- God chose the plan, not the man. What that means is that God has elected the way of salvation to be through Jesus Christ.
- He is under debt to no man. He has the right because he is sovereign to choose how to be saved.
- It is man's response to God's grace that will determine whether he's saved or not.

MY NOTES