Romans Lesson 20

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INTRODUCTION

- The letter to the church at Rome was a letter that really deals with the grace of God.
- God chose the Jews in order that he might bless everybody.
- Their failure to accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God led to their rejection of God. But what we're going to see in chapter 11 is that God still loves them.

1 Hath God Cast Away His People? God Forbid

Romans 11:1–4; 1 Kings 19:10; Galatians 3:26–29

- I say then, hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.
- I have reserved to myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.
- If God could save a man like Paul, not only was he an Israelite in the flesh, but one who had once opposed Christ, who could say that God did not love the Jews.
- The real people of God were those who obeyed God, not just those who happened to have a fleshly birth as an Israelite.

2 A Remnant According to the Election of Grace

Romans 11:5; Romans 9:27; Isaiah 10:22

- Now, a remnant means simply a part of. Not everybody who is a Jew in the flesh is in the family of God today.
- Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant shall be saved.
- Here in our passage, Romans 11 and 5, and also in Romans 9 and verse 27, he says, only a remnant shall be saved. Not everybody who is an Israelite.

3 If by Grace, Then It Is No More Works

Romans 11:6; Titus 2:11–12; Romans 6:17–18

- The book of Romans is not setting up grace versus obedience, but rather a system of salvation by grace, revealed in the gospel, that itself demands obedience.
- Faith that saves is a faith that obeys. But that system of grace is in contrast to the system of works.
- If the system of works was the law of Moses, the system of grace is the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- When a man obeys what God has commanded, he is not annulling salvation by grace.
- God elected the plan, not the man, but he responds according to our faith. By grace through faith are you saved.

4 Israel Fell Because of Their Hardened Hearts

Romans 11:7–10; Matthew 13:13–15; Matthew 23:37–38

- Israel had not obtained that which he seeketh for, but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded.
- Israel fell because of their hardened hearts.
- They fell because they rejected faith in Jesus Christ.
- God does not force faith on anyone. And in fact, the same sun that melts butter, hardens clay.
- We must always keep an open Bible and an open mind. With the attitude, the willingness, as we see truth, to accept it and to obey it.

5 Have They Stumbled That They Should Fall? God Forbid

Romans 11:11–15; Acts 2:23; Acts 10:34–35

- I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid. But rather through their fall, salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.
- The fact that they have refused Christ up to this point doesn't mean that there's no hope for them. They could turn in belief.
- By the crucifixion of Christ, salvation's been made possible to all the world.
- Don't boast of your position. Don't say you're better than the Jews.
- Maybe some Jews would emulate the Gentiles. That's the point. Not all of them.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you believe Christ to be the Son of God and will be baptized into his death for the remission of sins, you'll be the child of God by faith and of the seed of Abraham.**

MY NOTES