Romans Lesson 21

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INTRODUCTION

- Has God cast away his people? That's in verse 1, and the answer was, God forbid, or certainly not.
- But as a nation, the Israelite nation fell, he explained, because of their unbelief.
- Even at this present time. There's a remnant. That is, some of the Jews are saved by the election of grace.

1 Boast Not Against the Branches

Romans 11:16–21; Mark 16:15–16; Galatians 3:29

- Don't look down your nose at the Jews and think as though you deserve to be God's children and they don't deserve.
- The reason the Jews were cast off was only because of their unbelief. And they can be grafted back in.
- God rewards according to man's response of faith. He cut off the Jews when they did not believe. He grafted in the Gentiles when they did believe.
- Salvation is by grace, but God hasn't elected a specific individual to be saved. God has chosen the plan by which all men could be saved.
- Abraham had the kind of faith that saves because he obeyed what God asked of him.

2 Behold the Goodness and Severity of God

Romans 11:22–24; Hebrews 3:12–14

- Behold the goodness and severity of God, on them which fail, severity. But toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness. Otherwise thou also shall be cut off.
- Many today want to behold the goodness of God, but they don't want to talk about the severity of God.
- Does God still love the Jews? Absolutely. Does God still want Jews to be saved? Certainly. But it's conditioned on their response of faith.
- Just as the Jews were cut off by unbelief, and the Gentiles were grafted in because of belief, roles can be reversed.
- We must continue believing, or else we can fall from grace.
- You can't depart from a relationship with God if you've not been in a relationship with God.

3 So All Israel Shall Be Saved

Romans 11:25–32; Romans 2:11; Romans 3:23

- And so all Israel shall be saved, as it is written, there shall come out of Zion the deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob.
- The book of Romans throughout has been saying God is no respecter of persons.
- The gospel's God's power to save to everyone that believeth.

- The word so is an adverb. And it really means in the same manner. They've seen Gentiles saved. How were Gentiles saved? By faith.
- The Jews are grafted in by faith, just like Gentiles were grafted in by faith.
- God hath concluded them all in unbelief that he might have mercy upon all. God wants all to be saved.

4 The Depth of the Riches of God

Romans 11:33–36; Isaiah 55:8–9; 1 Corinthians 2:12

- Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God. How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out.
- God is sovereign. Of him, through him, to him are all things. Who is man, therefore, to challenge God's plan?
- By grace through faith now are we saved. Who is man to challenge that God shouldn't have done it that way?
- My thoughts are not your thoughts. Neither are your ways, my ways, said the Lord.
- The only way you can know the thoughts of God are coming to the inspired word of God.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Man needs to keep an open Bible and an open mind. Man needs to say, Lord, thy will be done and not mine.**

MY NOTES