

Saturday: Romans 11: 1-25

(Vs 1-6) Has God “cast away” Israel? No! Do you remember how Elijah was persecuted and thought he was the only one, but God has a remnant! (Vs 4-6) No matter how bad things get, God’s grace will always, always, always call out a remnant for His glory. Never assume the times are “too hard.” God’s grace is greater than sin, our job is to preach the gospel and God’s grace will save some!

(Vs 7-12) Some Jews (a small remnant) had received salvation. The rest were blinded. God gave them a chance and they rejected it, but through their “fall” salvation has come to the Gentiles (Vs 11) However, God is not finished with the Jews (Vs 12)

(Vs 13-25) Up to this point he is talking to Gentiles (Romans) about the Jews. Here we see his purpose.

1. He is too the Gentiles, hoping to provoke some Jews to Salvation (Vs 13-14)
2. Warning the Gentiles to not take lightly their election (Vs 15-21)
3. To not be “high minded” because God will deal again with the Jews (Vs 22-25)

Sunday: Romans 11:26-36

(Vs 26-31) All Israel will be saved because God has purposed this, and covenanted this (Vs 27) and His calling is without repentance (Vs 29). Just as we have found mercy, so will they (Vs 30-31) Through their unbelief we have found mercy and through our belief they will also find mercy.

(Vs 33-36) God’s eternal sovereign ways are past finding out. He is Lord of all. All is by Him and through Him and unto Him.

One thing is certain: **He Will have glory!** (Vs 36) This is what salvation is all about! If one man rejects Him, He will save another for His Glory!

Daily Devotions

Romans Week 4

Monday: Romans 9:1-13

It is important to understand with this chapter that throughout history God has seen two distinctions. 1. Jew. 2. Gentile. Probably everybody reading this is a Gentile. In God’s sovereignty He for many years mainly worked among the Jews. He did this for His purposes. Now; Salvation was not limited to the Jews because we see His working among the Gentiles (Ie. Nineveh, Ruth). This chapter deals with this and Paul’s burden for Israel.

(Vs 1-5) Paul was burdened for his nation (See Chapt 10:1) We need to ask the Lord to give us a burden for the lost. We cannot be shaped into His image without this burden.

(Vs 6-13) The promise to Israel was not an inherited promise (*meaning you got it by being born a Jew*) but rather it was a Faith promise. You received it by Faith!

This promise was salvation. It was seen as given to a nation, but in reality it was given to those who walk in Faith. (Galatians 3:6-9).

Tuesday: Romans 9:14-24

In this self-absorbed generation we have a hard time accepting real “grace” Grace is undeserved favor. Perhaps the thought of God working with the Jews and not the Gentiles, or the setting aside the Jews for the Gentiles rubs modern man the wrong way. These verses answer haughty modern man.

(Vs 14-16) Is God unequal or contradictory when He sets aside Israel or works with the Gentiles as He is today? (Vs 17-18) God is not “unrighteousness” because He does not owe any man salvation. He gives it to whom He wills. This is grace. Israel was chosen as a nation and Israel was set-aside as a nation. This is according to God’s purpose and plan (His glory). (Vs 17)

(Vs 19-24) We can then accuse God of being unjust and unfair to the Amalakites in Moses day or the Jews now, but look @ Vs 20-21. These things are in the mind of God and they are His alone. We are called to trust Him.

Do you go through life trying to put God in a box, trying to make Him agree with your rational? He is bigger and more complex than any box you and I can build. He doesn't answer to us. We will someday see His perfect way, but until then we trust Him and thank Him for His grace. If you are saved today... you are privileged!!!!!!

Wednesday: Romans 9:25-33

Here we come to the end of the chapter. We see that God in His plan intended to extend grace to Gentiles

(Vs 25-29) God through the prophets (Hosea, Isaiah) prophesied the "heathen" (Gentiles) would be saved.

(Vs 30) We Gentiles who never sought righteousness have found it by faith in Christ.

(Vs 31) Israel tried to get righteousness through the law (works) and fell short. *As any work based salvation does!*

(Vs 32-33) Israel has not found righteousness (as a nation as God intended) because they stumbled at Christ.

He was too simple, too contrary to their religion. They rejected Him, nailed Him on the cross (in the plan of God) Sealing their rejection as a nation and as a result the gospel went to the Gentile world.

While this was their decision it was in the plan of God to accomplish His purpose and redeem man unto Himself so He could have glory from sinful, yet redeemed man!

Israel will be saved someday, but for now God is actively pursuing Gentiles! God has put everything on hold so more people can be saved! Will we put anything on hold to join Him?????????

Thursday: Romans 10:1-15

(Vs 1-8) Paul had such a burden for Israel! Their problem was they were ignorant of God's righteousness so they went about trying to establish their own righteousness. Today, anybody who is trying to be "good enough" to get to heaven is "ignorant of God's righteousness" *I.e – They are clueless to the holiness of God and their own wretchedness.* If they saw God's holiness they would know they could never be righteousness on their own.

(Vs 9-15) Salvation is a matter of the heart (Vs 9-10) We need to be careful that we do not make a prayer the saving work. Verse 13 is often misunderstood. It is correctly understood by putting it together with Verse 14. They cannot call upon the Lord until they have believed. Paul was pointing out that Israel had called upon the Lord for many things but they had not believed.... This was his heartache.

(Vs 14) This is a great verse. How can man call upon Christ if he has not believed on Christ and how can he believe if he has not heard and how can he hear without a preacher (herald)!

Will you be a "herald" today? Will you warn your co-workers, friends and family? How shall they hear without a preacher?

Friday: Romans 10:16-21

(Vs 16-17) Not everybody will obey the gospel, but if they have a hope of obeying it (Faith) it will be through hearing the word of God.

(Vs 18-21) Hasn't Israel heard? Yes! God has given the gospel around the world (Vs 18) Still man refuses! God has in a sense set aside Israel for the Gentiles to "provoke her to jealousy" (Vs 19) Isaiah prophesied this (Vs 20)

(Vs 21) God's sad declaration of Israel!

This is a shorter devotion than usual, but I want us to take extra time and search our hearts for how we are responding to God. It is sad to read of Israel's rejection, but do we do the same things?

