



God Is Faithful to His Promises

Outline of Romans 9-11

- Rom. 9:6-10:21 Israel's past + present
- Rom. 11:1-10 Transition/Reiteration
- Rom. 11:11-32 Israel's glorious future

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Thesis: God Has Not Rejected Israel

Romans 11:1-2a I say then God has not rejected His people, has He? **May it never be!** For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew.

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God Always Keeps a Remnant

Romans 11:2b-4 Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? 3 “Lord, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE.” 4 But what is the divine response to him? “I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL.”

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A Remnant Persists by Grace Alone

Romans 11:5-6 **In the same way then,** there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God’s gracious choice. 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

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God Hardened the Rest

Romans 11:7-8 What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened; 8 just as it is written, “GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF **STUPOR**, EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT, DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY.”

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The Squandered Blessing

Romans 11:9-10 And David says, "LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP, AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM. 10 LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT, AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER."

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Applications

1. We should learn from this passage that greater knowledge of God leads to greater culpability for people.
2. We must understand that God always keeps a remnant of Israel who believe.

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Israel's Unique Blessings

Romans 3:1-2 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? 2 Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

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Greater Light Leads to Greater Guilt

Matthew 11:21-22 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! **For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.** 22 Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.

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God Keeps a Remnant

1 Kings 19:18 Yet **I will leave 7,000 in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal** and every mouth that has not kissed him.

2 Kings 19:31 For out of Jerusalem will go forth a remnant, and out of Mount Zion survivors. **The zeal of the LORD will perform this.**

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