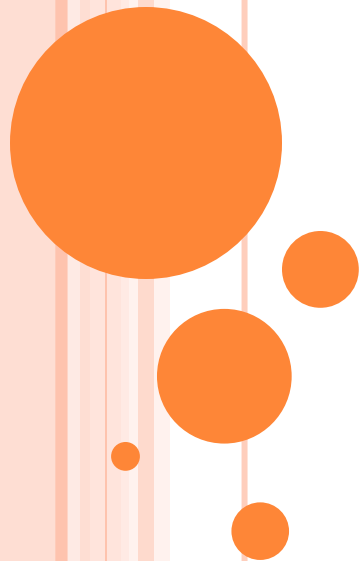


ROMANS 11:11-24

Plans for Israel and
the Gentile heart



REVIEW

- **Romans 9-11 – What about Israel?**
- **Romans 9:1-30 – God's sovereign integrity**
- **Romans 9:31-10:21 – Israel's responsibility**
- **Romans 11:1-10 – Past and present for Israel**



OUR THREE QUESTIONS

○ What does it say?

- Authorial Intent
- Intended Audience

○ What does it mean?

- Timeless theological truth

○ How does it apply?

- What do we do with this?



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¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? ¹⁶ If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree,



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¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you.

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²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness. Otherwise you too will be cut off. ²³ And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again.

²⁴ For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree.



ROAD MAPPING

- **Paul's question**
 - **God's present plan**
- **Paul's address to the Gentiles**
 - **God's future plan**
 - **A warning against pride**
 - **A warning against falling away**
 - **An exhortation as a safeguard**



ROMANS 11:11

¹¹ So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall?

They: The nation of Israel

Stumble: Failing to acquire righteousness that they sought

Fall: To be cut off from God, as a people, ultimately



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Is God purposing their destruction?

What was God's purpose in Israel's failure?



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Answer: No! That is not God's purpose

Then what was God doing?

Answer: Saving Gentiles



TWO PARABLES FROM JESUS

Matthew 21:33-43

The parable of the Tenants

Matthew 22:1-14

The parable of the wedding feast



MATTHEW 21:33-43

PARABLE OF THE TENANTS

³³ “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.



MATTHEW 21:33-43

PARABLE OF THE TENANTS

36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first.

And they did the same to them. 37 Finally he sent his

son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' 38 But

when the tenants saw the son, they said to

themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and

have his inheritance.' 39 And they took him and threw

him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When

therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will

he do to those tenants?"



MATTHEW 21:33-43

PARABLE OF THE TENANTS

41 They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” 42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?



MATTHEW 21:33-43

PARABLE OF THE TENANTS

**43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will
be taken away from you and given to a
people producing its fruits.**



MATTHEW 22:1-14

PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST

¹ And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come.



MATTHEW 22:1-14

PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST

⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business,



MATTHEW 22:1-14

PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST

⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’



MATTHEW 22:1-14

PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST

¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless.



MATTHEW 22:1-14

PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST

¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”



WATCHING IT PLAY OUT IN ACTS

- **Acts 1-7 – Israel’s response to the Gospel**
 - **Culminates with Stephen’s stoning**
- **Acts 8 – Philip goes to Samaria**
 - **The Ethiopian Eunuch is here as well**
- **Acts 9 – Saul is converted**
 - **(Apostle to the Gentiles)**
- **Acts 10 – Peter and Cornelius**



ROMANS 11:12

¹² Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

Lesser: Israel's failure – Riches

Greater: Israel's renewal – > Riches



ROMANS 11:13-15

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PAUL AND THE GENTILE HEART

- Paul hopes for Jews to be saved through his ministry to Gentiles – jealousy
- Paul wants Gentiles to share his heart
 - Riches = Reconciliation – >Riches = “life from the dead”
- Paul sees future beyond his personal timeline



ROMANS 11:16

¹⁶ If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

Why Gentiles should hope for Israel

- 1. Salvation for Israel means blessing for Gentiles**
- 2. Gentiles share (or are grafted into) Israel's heritage**



ROMANS 11:17-18

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If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you.



Not only do we hope and cheer for Israel's salvation, we do not act arrogantly or proudly towards them.






ROMANS 11:19

¹⁹ Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.”

This is the Gentile claim, based upon Paul’s earlier statement, for why they might have reason for pride.



ROMANS 11:20A

²⁰ That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith.

God's purpose does not preclude Israel's responsibility.

Gentiles are grafted in through faith ... not merit. Romans 3:27



ROMANS 11:20B-22

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ROMANS 11:23-24

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APPLICATIONS FROM PAUL

1. Israel as a cautionary tale
2. Observing God's character
3. "Otherwise"
4. Do not write people off



Israel as a cautionary tale

Romans 11:20b-21

So do not become proud, but fear. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you.

What is the right emotional response?

How did Israel go wrong?

What do we learn from this?



Observing God's Character

Romans 11:22a

²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness.

Take note of God's character.

This is the remedy and safeguard.

Get into the Word to see God.




Observing God's Character

Romans 11:22a

²² Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you continue in his kindness.

Both God's severity and kindness are necessary to grapple with, in order to come to and persist in saving faith.



“Otherwise”

Romans 11:22b

Otherwise you too will be cut off.

We do not “note” God’s character

We become proud (like Israel)

We fail to put our faith in Jesus

We too are cut off from the Lord and

His people



Do not write people off

Romans 11:23-24

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God has the ability to bring any people back. What is true for Israel is true for



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QUESTIONS

- Can you identify with Israel at all?
 - Do you find yourself taking your relationship with God for granted?
 - What is your relationship with pride?
- How do you feel about the scope of God's character?
 - Do you wrestle with God's severity?
 - Do you feel uncomfortable with God's judgments?
 - Do you feel uncomfortable with the fear of God?
 - Do you wrestle with God's kindness?
 - Do you think that God couldn't or wouldn't love you?
 - Do you think that your sin is too great for grace?
- Is there anyone that you've written off that you want to bring back to the Lord in prayer?

