

The Movement of God

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Text: Romans 11

Introduction:

BIG IDEA: The movement of God is about unbelievers being transformed into _____.

Missions is
not God's
ultimate goal,
WORSHIP IS!

1. In God's movement, He has not given up on Israel -- _____ (1-10)

- _____ argument (1)
- _____ argument (2)
- _____ argument (2-4)
- _____ argument (5-6)
- How they missed Jesus explained (7-10)
- **Warning signs of developing hardness of heart**
 - Disobeying -- Pharaoh's willful disobedience led to his hardened heart (Exodus 4:21)
 - Entitlement -- Robbing from and forgetting God (Deuteronomy 8:6-14)
 - Dismissing God's rebuke and correction -- (Proverbs 29:1)
 - Refusing to listen -- (Zechariah 7:11-13)
 - Failing to respond -- (Matthew 13:11-15)

2. God _____ human failure, disobedience & rebellion (11-16)

- Because of Jewish unbelief, salvation was opened unto the Gentiles (11-12)
- God uses Gentile salvation to provoke envy in the Jews (13-14)
- God intends to someday save Israel and thus bring a rich blessing for the whole earth (15-16)

3. _____ your thinking toward the movement of God (17-27)

- Be _____ (17-21)
- Be _____ (22-24)
- Be _____ (25-32)

4. The movement of God is deserving of our WORSHIP OF HIM FOREVER (33-36)

- God's wisdom is so great that we can never discover the depth of it.
- The movement of God is to display his mercy to all.

Truth into Action

- Sin hardens the heart – **Watch for warning signs of hardness in your life.**
- God's movement is far bigger than anything that we could ever imagine – **Don't fault God for what you can't see.**
- God is the source, glue and end of ALL things – **WORSHIP HIM!**



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

Warm Up: How have you seen God move (work) in someone's life recently?

1. How did Paul answer the question in v. 1, "Has God rejected his people?"
2. God is faithful to fulfill His promises to us. How does this truth encourage you?
3. What evidence does he offer in support of this conclusion in verses 2-4?
 - a. Did Elijah know of this 7000 person remnant?
 - b. What was the spiritual climate of that day?
 - c. If during Israel's darkest spiritual time 7000 remained faithful, what does this tell us is likely about other times in their history?
4. God is still saving people from among the Jews. The number is still very small, but He is still working among them. Do you know anyone who is from a Jewish background? If so, have you taken the time to share the gospel with them in an honest and sensitive way? If you have a Jewish friend, begin to pray for them regularly. Pray for their openness to the gospel. After praying for them, look for an appropriate time where you can have a good talk with them about the claims of Christ.
5. As Gentiles, we are presently enjoying a special time of blessing during God's program for mankind. What things can you do to make the most of this time? What sorts of things should we be doing to take advantage of this special time that God has given us in His program?
6. God is all-wise and we will never be able to understand the depths of that wisdom. Yet, God wants us to grow in wisdom. Study the following passages and write a brief statement on what each teaches about our need to grow in wisdom.
 - a. Proverbs 1:20-23
 - b. Proverbs 2:1-8
 - c. Proverbs 3:13-18
 - d. How do you think a Christian can grow in wisdom?
7. God deserves all the glory for the things He has done and is doing in and through our lives. We should not be receiving any of the glory or praise. Is there any area of your life or area of ministry in which you are taking the glory instead of God? How can you direct the glory to God in this area of your life?

Closing prayer: Father thank you for being the source of all things, the glue that holds everything together and the ultimate end of all things. HELP ME TO WORSHIP YOU ALONE AS YOU DESERVE THIS WEEK.

Works consulted:

Romans for You, "Romans 11:1-6 Outline," Tim Keller

Romans – Galatians, Yarbrough

Romans, Kent