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Romans 1:1-36 | “God’s Sovereign Plan for Israel & the Church”

Scripture Reading

Romans 11:1–36
Romans 9:27–29
Deuteronomy 7:7–9
Genesis 12:1–3
Psalm 103:8–14
John 1:10–13
Ephesians 2:11–22

Study Questions

1. Why have God’s people down throughout the ages consisted of a mere “remnant” (11:2–6)? What is the reason that more individuals are not a part of God’s family (11:7–10)? When you feel alone and discouraged, how can you find comfort in God’s remnant?
2. Is there anything about your life that would attract a Jewish person to Christ (11:11–15)? Would anyone observing you be compelled to know more about Christ? Read 2 Corinthians 2:14–16 and Ephesians 5:1–2. How can you display Christ’s life to those who do not know Him?
3. How have you become overly familiar with God’s grace (11:16–24)? In what ways have you sensed pride in the spiritual privileges you enjoy? How can you guard yourself against this kind of presumption and complacency? How can you help other believers avoid this sinful mindset?
4. How can a national, regional, or local church lose its influence (11:20–22)? What specific consequences can result? In what areas has CBC become casual about obedience to God? What needs to change?
5. How do you see Jewish people as part of God’s plan? How could the Church in her past ever have been anti-Semitic? What should your attitude toward the Jewish people be in light of your own inclusion into God’s family? What are some practical ways you can express appreciation to Jewish people? How has God displayed His “mercy” to Jews and Gentiles despite their disobedience (11:28–32)? How can you grow in your appreciation for God’s character and nature (11:33–36)?

Recommended Reading

David L. Larsen, *Jews Gentiles and the Church: A New Perspective on History and Prophecy* (Discovery House, 1995)
H. Wayne House ed., *Israel: The Land and the People* (Kregel, 1998)
Arnold G. Fruchtenbaum, *Israelology: The Missing Link in Systematic Theology* (Ariel Ministries, 1994)
Walter C. Kaiser Jr., *Mission in the Old Testament*, 2nd ed. (Baker Academic, 2012)
Darrell L. Bock & Mitch Glaser, *To the Jew First: The Case for Jewish Evangelism in Scripture and History* (Kregel, 2008)
Moishe and Cecil Rosen, *Witnessing to Jews: Practical Ways to Relate the Love of Jesus* (Purple Pomegranate, 1998)