



When God's Plan Looks Delayed

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Romans 11

MAIN IDEA: EVEN WHEN GOD'S PURPOSES SEEM HIDDEN, HIS PROMISES HAVE NOT FAILED, HIS MERCY IS STILL WORKING, AND HIS WISDOM DESERVES OUR WORSHIP.

HAS GOD REJECTED HIS PEOPLE?

By no means. 11:1

I. GOD ALWAYS PRESERVES A REMNANT (11:1–10)

A. Israel's rejection is not total (11:1–2)

I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 11:1

B. God has always worked through a remnant (11:2–6)

I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal. 11:4. ...So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. 11:5

C. Hardening can be judicial (11:7–10)

The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened. 11:7

II. GOD CAN USE STUMBLING TO BRING MERCY 11:11–24

A. Israel's stumble opened salvation to the Gentiles (11:11–15)

Through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles. 11:11

B. Gentile believers must reject arrogance (11:16–22)

Do not be arrogant toward the branches... it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. 11:18

C. God can graft in again (11:23–24)

God has the power to graft them in again. 11:23

III. GOD'S MERCY IS BIGGER THAN WE CAN TRACE 11:25–32

A. A partial hardening is temporary (11:25)

A partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 11:25

B. God will keep His covenant promises (11:26–29)

The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 11:29

C. God has consigned all to disobedience to show mercy to all v.30–32

God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. 11:32

WORSHIP IS THE RIGHT RESPONSE (11:33–36)

A. His wisdom is unsearchable (11:33)

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! 11:33

B. His ways are beyond tracing out (11:34–35)

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 11:33

C. Everything exists for Him (11:36)

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. 11:36

APPLICATIONS

1. TRUST GOD WHEN HIS PLAN SEEMS DELAYED.
2. REFUSE SPIRITUAL PRIDE.
3. NEVER GIVE UP ON PEOPLE.
4. LET THEOLOGY LEAD TO WORSHIP.

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