

**“Israel by Faith”**  
**Romans 9**  
**April 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Romans 9: 1-5 NIV**

I speak the truth in Christ-I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit-I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs is the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen

**Romans 9: 14-18 NIV**

What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For He says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy. For Scripture says to Pharaoh: “I raised you up for this purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” Therefore God has mercy on whom He wants to have mercy and He hardens whom He wants to harden.

**Romans 9:25-26 NIV**

As He says in Hosea: “I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my loved one’ who I not my loved one, “ and, “In the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called children of the living God.” “

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**Matthew 15: 22-28 NKJV**

And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter I severely demon-possessed.” But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

**Acts 10: 11-17 NIV**

He saw heaven opened and something like a large sheet being let down to earth by its four corners. It contained all kinds of four-footed animals, a well as reptiles and birds. Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.” “Surely not, Lord!” Peter replied. “I have never eaten anything impure or unclean.” The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.” This happened three times, and immediately the sheet was taken back to heaven. While Peter was wondering about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon’s house was and stopped at the gate.

**Acts 10:19-20 NIV**

While Peter was still thinking about the vision , the Spirit said to him, “Simon, three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.

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What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness by faith, but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. As it is written: “See I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

**Isaiah 8:14 NIV**

He will be a holy place; for both Israel and Judah He will be a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for people of Jerusalem He will be a trap and a snare.

**Isaiah 28:16 NIV**

So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who relies on it will never be stricken with panic (or put to shame).

**Matthew 21:42-43 NKJV**

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.