The Book of Romans Chapter 11

God Is Still at Work Among His People

- Romans 11:1-6. God has not rejected Israel. Paul points to his own faith and to the faithful remnant in Elijah's day as evidence of God's continuing work.
- Romans 11:6, 11. The remnant is chosen by grace, not works. Israel has not stumbled beyond recovery.

Gentiles Have Been Brought into God's Family

- Romans 11:11. Salvation has come to the Gentiles, and God intends to use their inclusion to stir Israel to desire what He is doing.
- Romans 11:25-26. Israel's hardening is partial. Paul describes a mystery involving the fullness of the Gentiles and Israel's salvation. We can trust God without knowing every detail.

Grace Leaves No Room for Arrogance

- Romans 11:17-21. Gentile believers are like wild olive branches grafted into an existing tree. "You do not support the root, but the root supports you."
- Romans 11:20. "You stand by faith." We must not consider ourselves superior to Jewish people. Our place in God's family is a gift, not an achievement.

Questions About Israel and Salvation

- How are Jewish people saved? Through Jesus Christ alone. There is no separate pathway of salvation. Can they be saved now? Yes. Romans 10:13 says everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.
- Has the church replaced Israel? This sermon understands Romans 11:29 as affirming God's continuing promises to Israel. Christians differ on this question and should discuss it with charity. Our denomination has no stated position on the matter.
- Must Christians support every action of the State of Israel? No. Our allegiance belongs to Jesus. Every nation's actions should be evaluated by God's Word. Criticizing government policy is not the same as hatred of Jewish people. Antisemitism is wrong.