


Romans 11

Has God Forgotten His People?

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But as for Israel, He says, 'I HAVE SPREAD OUT MY HANDS ALL DAY LONG TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE.'

—Romans 10:21(NASB2020)

*I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? Far from it! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says **in the passage about Elijah**, how he pleads with God against Israel? 'Lord, **THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE.**' But what is the divine response to him? "I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE*

KNEE TO BAAL. In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice.

—Romans 11:1-5

*But if **it is** by grace, **it is** no longer on the basis of works, since **otherwise** grace is no longer grace.*

What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened; just as it is written:

'GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR,

EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT,

DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY.'

—Romans 11:6-8

*I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? Far from it! But by their wrongdoing salvation **has come** to the Gentiles, to make them jealous. Now if their wrongdoing **proves to be** riches for the world, and their failure, riches for the Gentiles, how much more **will** their fulfillment **be!** But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Therefore insofar as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry if somehow I may move my own people to jealousy and save some of them. For if their rejection **proves to be** the reconciliation of the world, what **will their** acceptance **be** but life from the dead.*

—Romans 11:11-15

*But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, **remember that** it is not you who supports the root, but the root **supports** you. You will say then, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.' Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear; for*

if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either.

—Romans 11:17-21

*Oh, the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM, THAT IT WOULD BE PAID BACK TO HIM? For from Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things. To Him **be** the glory forever. Amen.*

—Romans 11:33-36

For He says to Moses, 'I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOMEVER I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL SHOW COMPASSION TO WHOMEVER I SHOW COMPASSION.'

—Romans 9:15

*So then, **it does not depend** on the **person** who wants **it** nor the one who runs, but on God who has mercy.*

—Romans 9:16

*What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with great patience objects of wrath prepared for destruction? And **He did so** to make known the riches of His glory upon objects of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,*

—Romans 9:22-23

*For the Scripture says, 'WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same **Lord** is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for 'EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'*

—Romans 10:11-13