

ROMANS 26

THE ABSOLUTE TRUSTWORTHINESS OF GOD

ROMANS 11:1-32

IF WE DON'T DEAL WITH OUR LYING HEART WE'LL LIVE IN A WORLD OF LIARS. AND IN A WORLD OF LIARS YOU HAVE TO ASK, "WHO CAN I _____?"

NOBODY TRUSTS ANYBODY. WHY? BECAUSE WE FEEL AS IF THEY'VE BEEN _____ TO US.

IS GOD _____?

THAT'S THE CORE QUESTION OF ROMANS 11 BUT IT CENTERS ON GOD'S PROMISES TO THE JEWS.

In Romans 9:1 he essentially says, "I'm heartbroken for my brethren the Jews..."

Then in chapter 10 he repeats what he said in 9:1.

Romans 10:1 My hearts desire is for their salvation.

AGAIN HE CONCLUDES CHAPTER 10 WITH THE SAME CONCLUSION AS CHAPTER 9

Romans 10:21 I have stretched out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.

HAS GOD GONE BACK ON HIS _____?

Romans 11:1 I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be!

I. WE LEARN THAT HIS PLANS ARE _____
FROM OUR _____

Romans 11:1 ... For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

THEY MISTAKENLY THOUGHT THAT BECAUSE OF THEIR BIRTHRIGHT EVERY JEW WAS IN A PRIVILEGED POSITION WITH GOD.

A REAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD ISN'T _____ . IT IS
_____ BY FAITH.

WHAT ABOUT THE PROMISE?

IT'S STILL THERE. BUT THE _____ INHERITS IT.

Romans 11:2 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?

Romans 11:3 "Lord, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE."

Romans 11:4 But what is the divine response to him? "I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL."

Romans 11:5 In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time A REMNANT according to God's gracious choice.

THE POINT WAS THIS THING ISN'T GOING TO WORK OUT THE WAY THEY EXPECTED.

Romans 11:6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

GOD'S PLAN NEVER CHANGED. IT WAS JUST DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THEY EXPECTED.

GOD WON'T ALWAYS DO THINGS THE WAY YOU _____ !

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN HE'S _____ OR UNFAITHFUL.

II. WE LEARN THAT OUR _____ WON'T RUIN GOD'S PLAN

Romans 11:7 What then? What Israel is seeking, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened;

THEY WERE CHOSEN BY VIRTUE OF _____.

WE BECOME CHOSEN WHEN WE CHOOSE TO _____ GOD'S GIFT
OF GRACE THROUGH FAITH.

WHEN WE _____ CHRIST BE BECOME _____.

*Romans 11:8 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: 9 And David says,
"LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP,
AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM.
Romans 11:10 "LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT,
AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER."*

HARDENED HEARTS ARE THE NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF JUDGMENT.

Romans 1:21 Knew god but didn't honor him as God ...

Romans 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts ...

RAY STEDMAN:

"When you hear truth, it is always very important that you do something about it. If you know something is true, then you had better act on it. If you don't, you lose your capacity to recognize truth. Gradually the dry rot that is described here, that is so visibly evident among many in Israel today, will set in. Paul calls it a blindness. Their eyes are blinded, so that even when the truth is there they cannot see it. Their ears are deaf. Even when loving appeals and warnings are set before them, they don't hear them."

Romans 11:11 I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous.

GOD USED THEIR _____ TO BRING THE GOSPEL TO THE
GENTILES.

Genesis 12:2-3

2 And I will make you a great nation,

And I will bless you,

And make your name great;

And so you shall be a blessing;

3 And I will bless those who bless you,

And the one who curses you I will curse.

AND IN YOU ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED.”

THAT’S THE PART THAT THEY NEVER SEEMED TO HEAR.

YOUR FAILURE DOESN’T _____ GOD’S PLAN.

III. WE LEARN THAT WITH GOD, FAILURE IS NEVER

Romans 11:12 Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!

Romans 11:17 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,

Romans 11:21 if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will He spare you...

NOW THE MOST AMAZING THING.

Romans 11:23 And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again.

Even after all they did to Jesus? Even after all they did to the church. God still wants to graft them back into his tree!

Romans 11:24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?

Romans 11:25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;

Romans 11:26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

*“THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION,
HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.”*

*Romans 11:27 “THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM,
WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.”*

Romans 11:28 From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God’s choice THEY ARE BELOVED FOR THE SAKE OF THE FATHERS;

FAILURE IS NEVER FINAL.

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

Romans 11:30 For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience,

Romans 11:31 so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy.

Romans 11:32 For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all.