

ROMANS 11:25-36

GOD IS WORTHY OF IT ALL

Big Idea: God's redemptive plan, though mysterious to us, is perfectly sovereign, radically merciful, and ultimately designed to display His incredible glory.

GOD IS SOVEREIGN AND WORTHY OF OUR TRUST (Romans 11:25-27)

- What is the "mystery" Paul is referring to (e.g. Romans 16:25-27) and how does a passage like Isaiah 59:20-21 strengthen your confidence that God always fulfills His promises even when the timing is unclear?
- Why has Israel been partially hardened, and how does "the fullness of the Gentiles" (Acts 9:15-16; Romans 15:15-16) reveal God's global mission?
- Romans 9:6 reminds us that "not all Israel is Israel" and we know that not every single Jewish person will be saved. Discuss this quote from Tony Merida on this, "...when the Gospel has penetrated to the ends of the earth, the Gentile world, and the fullness of the Gentiles has come into the family of God through faith in Christ, then in God's mysterious saving grace He will lift the veil on His ancient people, and multitudes of them will trust Jesus as their Savior, sometime around the return of Christ."

GOD IS MERCIFUL AND WORTHY OF OUR OBEDIENCE (Romans 11:28-32)

- What does it mean, "they (Israel) are enemies for your (Gentiles) sake (refer back to 11:11-24?)"
- Paul says the gifts and callings of God are irrevocable (e.g. Number 23:19; 2 Timothy 2:13). How do passages like Romans 3:21-26 and Titus 3:4-7 show that salvation is entirely God's work, yet still calls for a real response of faith?
- Considering vv. 30-32, discuss this quote from Joni Eareckson Tada, "Sometimes God allows what He hates to accomplish what He loves."

GOD IS GLORIOUS AND WORTHY OF OUR PRAISE (Romans 11:33-36)

- Paul echoes Isaiah 40:13-14 when he says no one knows the mind of the Lord. How should that shape your response when you don't understand what God is doing (e.g. Job 42:1-6)?
- "The deepest theology always leads to the highest praise." How does understanding who God is rightfully shape how we worship Him (e.g. Psalm 95:1-6)?
- What does it look like in your daily life, your decisions, priorities, and perspective, to truly live as if everything is from Him, through Him, and to Him (Colossians 1:9-14)?

From Him - Source (Sovereignty)

Through Him - Sustainer (Providence)

To Him - Sum (Glory)

Closing thought: "Your life didn't start with you, it's not sustained by you, and it doesn't end with you...it is all about Jesus."