

Week 22 – From Theology to Praise

- 1) GOD Has A People, Chosen By Grace
 - 2) GOD Will Continue Working Out His Saving Purposes In The Future
 - 3) GOD Deserves The Glory Forever
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Scripture: [Romans 11](#)

Israel's Rejection Not Total

¹¹ I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel, saying, ³ "LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"? ⁴ But what does the divine response say to him? "I have reserved for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." ⁵ Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of grace. ⁶ And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. ⁷ But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

⁷ What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. ⁸ Just as it is written:

"God has given them a spirit of stupor,
Eyes that they should not see
And ears that they should not hear,
To this very day."

⁹ And David says:

"Let their table become a snare and a trap,
A stumbling block and a recompense to them.

¹⁰ Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see,
And bow down their back always."

Israel's Rejection Not Final

¹¹ I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their ¹² fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation *has come* to the Gentiles. ¹² Now if their ¹³ fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

¹³ For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, ¹⁴ if by any means I may provoke to jealousy *those who are* my flesh and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their being cast away *is* the reconciling of the world, what *will* their acceptance *be* but life from the dead?

¹⁶ For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also *holy*; and if the root is holy, so *are* the branches. ¹⁷ And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and ¹⁸ *fatness* of the olive tree, do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, *remember that* you do not support the root, but the root *supports* you.

¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." ²⁰ Well *said*. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. ²¹ For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. ²² Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, ²³ *goodness*, if you continue in *His* goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. ²⁴ And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁵ For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who *are* natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

²⁶ For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own ²⁷ *opinion*, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁸ And so all Israel will be ²⁹ *saved*, as it is written:

"The Deliverer will come out of Zion,
And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;

³⁰ For this is My covenant with them,
When I take away their sins."

³¹ Concerning the gospel *they are* enemies for your sake, but concerning the election *they are* beloved for the sake of the fathers. ³² For the gifts and the calling of God *are* irrevocable. ³³ For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, ³⁴ even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. ³⁵ For God has ³⁶ *committed* them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.

³⁷ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!

³⁸ "For who has known the mind of the LORD?
Or who has become His counselor?"

³⁹ "Or who has first given to Him
And it shall be repaid to him?"

⁴⁰ For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever. Amen.