

ROMANS

Lesson 22: Romans 11



ROMANS 11:1-4

- God has not rejected His people – compare vs 1 with vs 15
- Paul (2 Cor 11:22; Acts 22:1-3)
- Elijah & the 7,000 (1 Kings 19:9-19)
- What does it mean that God foreknew His people?



ROMANS 11:5-10

- There was a remnant in the OT, NT, and now
- How did the remnant come about?
 - God's gracious choice or a choice of grace?
- What did Israel pursue & not obtain?
- What does it mean the rest were "hardened"?



ROMANS 11:11-24

- What was the purpose of the Jews' stumbling?
 - Bring Gentiles to salvation, thus leading to the salvation of more Jews
- What does "life from the dead" mean? (vs 15)
- What does the olive tree represent?



ROMANS 11:17-24

- What can we learn from the story of the olive tree?
 - We are not to be boastful about our position as a branch
 - We can be removed from the tree if we do not continue in His kindness (John 15:1-11)
 - All is not lost for individual Jews – they can still be grafted back into the tree



ROMANS 11:25-27

- What is the mystery Paul mentions?
 - Not something that is & forever mysterious & incomprehensible
 - Intended to keep the Gentile Christians from boasting
 - Focuses on interdependence between the salvation of the Gentiles and that of the Jews



ROMANS 11:25-27

- What is the “partial hardening” of Israel?
 - Not all Jews; free will not removed
- What is the “fullness of the Gentiles”?
 - Not a number, but fullness of salvation was coming
- What is “all Israel”?
 - Either “spiritual Israel” or the “believing, remnant Jews”



ROMANS 11:28-29

- God still loves the Jews, even though they rejected Him, because of His covenant relationship with Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob
- What are the “gifts and calling”?
- What is the meaning of “irrevocable”?
 - Unregretted (2 Cor 7:10)



ROMANS 11:30-32

- God’s ultimate purpose is mercy; bring mercy to all
- The interrelationship of the Jews and Gentiles in their salvation mentioned again
- What does “shut up all in disobedience” mean?



ROMANS 11:33-36

- The depth of God's riches, wisdom, and knowledge
- His judgments are unsearchable & His ways unfathomable
- OT quotes relate back to His knowledge, wisdom, and riches



ROMANS 11:33-36

- All things are from God – He is the originator
- All things are through God – He created everything from nothing
- All things are to God – Everything is for His purposes and His glory
- We should therefore glorify God forever!


