

Romans 11:1-36

Lesson Fourteen

*“They came to the gates of Canaan,
But they never entered in;
They came to the very threshold,
But they perished in their sin.
Oh, brother, give heed to the warning,
And obey His voice today;
The Spirit to thee is calling,
Oh, do not grieve Him away.
Oh, come in complete surrender,
Oh, turn from thy doubt and sin;
Pass on from Kadesh to Canaan
And a crown and kingdom win.”*

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DAY ONE: Romans 11:1-36

1. Read through **Romans 11** and pull out all the verses that deal with the Jews or Israel and those referring to the Gentiles. Summarize what it is saying.

Jews or Israel	Gentiles
Summary	Summary

Challenge: Read **Romans 11** again and on a separate sheet of paper, list what you learn about God.

DAY TWO: Romans 11:1-11

1. What two questions did Paul ask and how did he answer those questions in **Romans 11**?
 - a. **Romans 11:1:**
Answer:
 - b. **Romans 11:11:**
Answer:
2. Paul speaks of the remnant in **Romans 11:1-6**. Paul's point in asking his first question was to show that he was living proof that God had not cast Israel completely away. He kept a remnant. Paul was Jewish; yet he chose to follow Christ as Messiah, proving that it is not impossible for a Jew to be saved, and his conversion is an example for other Jewish believers. He also uses Elijah as an example. Read **1 Kings 19** to see how Elijah, a great prophet, but a mere man like you and me, was also one person in a remnant in a time of great unbelief. Record your findings.
 - a. What characteristic do we see in Elijah in the beginning of this chapter?
 - b. According to **1 Kings 19:11-12** how did God reveal Himself to Elijah?
 - c. What did Elijah think according to **1 Kings 19:14**?
 - d. Like Elijah, be sure that you are not alone! Even though he was unaware, how many does **1 Kings 19:18** say that God had reserved in Israel?
 - 1) Do you ever find yourself feeling like you are "**the only one**" that is seeking God? Perhaps you have unsaved in your family or in the work place. How does this story encourage you?
 - a) What does **Isaiah 1:9** say?
3. In way of review, look up the word **grace** and write out the definition:
4. What does **James 2:18** say?

Pastor Chuck says, "*I am accepted by God either wholly by my works or wholly by His grace. I can't be accepted partly by one and partly by the other. If I am accepted by grace then works has nothing to do with my salvation. The good news is that my acceptance is wholly by His grace!*"

5. Who does **Romans 11:7** say has not obtained salvation?
 - a. Note that the point is not that we merely seek salvation, it is how and Whom we seek it from!

6. What happened and is continuing to happen to Israel, according to **Romans 11:7-10**?
 - a. **Romans 11:7**
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)

 - b. **Romans 11:9-10**

“King David spoke of this same thing when he said, ‘Let their good food and other blessings trap them into thinking all is well between themselves and God. Let these good things boomerang on them and fall back upon their heads to justly crush them. Let their eyes be dim,’ he said, ‘so that they cannot see, and let them walk bent-backed forever with a heavy load.’” (TLB)

 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)
 - 4)

7. As we have studied at length in past lessons, it was not that God did not like these certain individuals or that He is prejudiced. They were experiencing fruit of non-repentive hearts. They chose to seek salvation in their deeds rather than to humble themselves and turn to the only One to whom salvation belongs. They refused God’s grace; and therefore God gave them over to the direction in which their hearts were bent. What is your heart bent on today?

DAY THREE: Romans 11:11-24

1. Read **Romans 11:11-24**. Who was Paul speaking to in these verses?

2. What three tragic things happened to the nation of Israel, according to the following verses?
 - a. **Romans 11:11:**
 - b. **Romans 11:12:**
 - c. **Romans 11:15:**

3. Using **Romans 11:16-24** as your text, fill in the chart below.

Requirement for Grafting In	Reasons for Branches Being Broken Off

“Notice how God is both kind and severe. He is very hard on those who disobey, but very good to you if you continue to love and trust him. But if you don't, you too will be cut off.”
Romans 11:22 (TLB)

4. Read how Jesus summed up this truth in **John 15**:
 - a. How dependent should we be on Jesus for our daily living?
 - b. How do we abide in Jesus? Back up your answer with Scripture.
 - c. What happens to us if we refuse to abide in Him and bear fruit in our lives?
 - d. What happens to us if we DO bear fruit in our lives?
 - 1) How does **John 15:18** show that living a Christian life will not always be pleasant?
 - e. What can we do as Christians apart from God? Meditate on this!
 - f. What is the promise we have from **verses 7-8** if we abide in Christ?

5. Are the things of this world choking out the Word of God in your life? Do you feel like you are withering on the vine? Or perhaps you are being pruned at this time? Whatever the case may be, spend some time in prayer and ask God to reveal what it is He desires to do in your life, so that you will abide richly in Him!

*“To keep Your lovely face, Ever before my eyes
This is my prayer, Make it my strong desire
That in my secret heart, No other love competes
No rival throne survives. And I serve only You”*
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DAY FOUR: Romans 11:25-32

1. What do you think Paul is referring to when he speaks of “*the mystery*” here in **Romans 11:25-26a**?
 - a. Using your study tools, look up the word *mystery* (#3466) and record how Paul and his readers understood this word.

2. Read the following passages and comment in order to understand the context of **Romans 11:25-27**.
 - a. **Isaiah 59:1-21** (**Romans 11:26-27** is a quote from **Isaiah 59:20-21**):

Comment:

 - b. **Ezekiel 37:21-28**:

Comment:

 - c. **Zechariah 13:8-14:11**:

Comment:

3. From **Romans 11:27**, look up the word *covenant* (#1242) using your study tools.
 - a. What is the covenant promise in **Romans 11:27**?

4. Paul is speaking of the children of Israel in this context, what does he mean in **Romans 11:29**?
 - a. In way of application for our lives today, what does this mean to you?

- b. Look up the following verses and comment:
 - 1) **Numbers 23:19-20:**
 - 2) **Malachi 3:6:**
- 5. This study in Romans has been an eye opener for those who think they're a "good person." Many look at others with the attitude of "*how could they do that?*" or refer to others as "*one of them*" **Read Romans 11:30-31** and allow it to penetrate your heart. How could this Scripture keep you from spiritual pride?
 - a. Look up **1 Corinthians 10:12** and comment:
- 6. Look up the word *mercy* (#1653) using your study tools.
 - a. What does **Romans 11:30-32** say about God's mercy?
 - b. Look up **Hosea 6:6** and note what God desires from us as believers.
- 7. Read the story from **Matthew 9:9-13** and write down how this ties in to what we are studying.
 - a. When you find it difficult to show mercy to others remember, **2 Peter 1:3!** Write it here:

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

Micah 6:8

DAY FIVE: Romans 11:33-36

- 1. Read **Romans 11:33-36** in several versions if you have them.
- 2. Look up the following verses and note of how they tie in to what Paul is saying.
 - a. **Ecclesiastes 3:11:**
 - b. **Daniel 4:35:**
 - c. **Isaiah 40:28:**
 - d. **Isaiah 55:8:**

e. **Ephesians 3:19:**

3. Though God is unsearchable and His ways are past finding out, Jesus endured the cross, despising the shame for the joy that was set before Him. That joy was a relationship with you and I. Through Jesus we are able to know God in an intimate relationship. What does it mean to you to *know* God?

a. What does **1 Corinthians 2:16** say about this?

Believers have the mind of Christ. This does not mean that believers understand God and His ways perfectly, but it does mean that God reveals Himself and the truth to believers—enough of Himself and His ways to save them from sin, death, judgment, and hell.

4. What are some truths you learn from Paul's example in the *pursuit of knowing God*?

a. **Galatians 4:8-9:**

b. **Ephesians 1:16-23:**

c. **Philippians 3:7-10:**

5. Is there a warning or warnings that you should heed in your life from **Romans 11**?
6. Is there an example from your study this week that you desire to follow? If there is, record your thoughts here and take some time and seek God's grace to enable you!
7. If you were to narrow it down to one or two things, what have you gleaned from your study this far in Romans? Write it down and share with your group to bless others!

*“Deep within my soul I want to know You.
To feel Your heart and know Your mind. Looking in Your eyes
Stirs up within me cries that say,
Oh, I want to know You more.”*

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