

Session #42: “THE OLIVE TREE AND ITS BRANCHES” - Rom. 11:13-24

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Questions: Has God cast away unbelieving Israel? Has He replaced it with the believing church?

- Does the Bible teach that the Spirit of grace and supplication will be poured out on Israel?
- Should Gentiles be proud that branches (Israel) were broken off so they could get saved?
- In verse 22, does the acceptance of His goodness mean that His severity is impossible?
- Is God’ ability to restore Israel prophetic?

THE **PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** - 1:18-8:39

CONDEMNATION - 1:18-3:20; **JUSTIFICATION** - 3:21-5:21; **SANCTIFICATION** - 6:1-7:25
SECURITY - 8:1-39

THE **PROBLEMS OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD** - 9:1-11:36

THE **REJECTION OF ISRAEL** - 9:1-33; THE **RECEPTION OF THE GENTILES** - 10:1-21

THE **RESTORATION OF ISRAEL** - 11:1-36

THE PRACTICES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - 12:1-15:33

AS TO LIVING FOR CHRIST - 12:1-8; AS TO THE LOVE OF CHRIST - 12:9-21; AS TO THE

LAW - 13:1-14; AS TO LIBERTY IN CHRIST - 14:1-23; AS TO LIKEMINDEDNESS - 15:1-33;

Conclusion - 16:1-27

- **THE PROBLEMS OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 9:1-11:36**
- **#3 - THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL - Romans 11:1-36**
 - 1A. THE **REMNANT** IS PROOF - 11:1-6 (Paul, Elijah--definition of grace in v. 6)
 - 2A. THE **REJECTION** WAS PROPHESED - 11:7-10 (Both David and Isaiah prophesied the rejection)
 - 3A. THE **RESULT** OF THEIR FALL - 11:11-12 (The salvation of the Gentile world!)
- **4A. THE RESPONSE THEY WILL HAVE 11:13-16**
- **5A. THE REACTION THE GENTILES SHOULD HAVE - 11:17-24**
- **6A. THE REVELATION OF A MYSTERY - 11:25-32**

- **4A. THE RESPONSE THEY WILL HAVE 11:13-16**

Deut. 8:8 calls Israel “*a land of oil olive*” - cf. **Jeremiah 11:1-2, 16-17** - the Lord called Israel - “*a green olive tree*” - **Hosea 14:5-6** speaks of Israel’s beauty “*as the olive tree.*” The word “*Gethsemane*” means “*olive-oil press*”

Rom 11:13 For I speak to **you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,** (Romans is a very Jewish Book, but here is a ref. to Gentiles)

1B. The **AUTHORITY of the apostle Paul is crucial to the argument** – 13 - “*an apostle to the Gentiles*” **Acts 9:15; Gal. 1:15-16; 2:2, 6-9**

Rom 11:14 *if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and **save some of them.***

2B. The **PURPOSE (Aim or Goal) of the apostle was rooted in the salvation** of His people, the Jews – 14 - cf. **Rom. 1:16; 9:1-4a; 10:1; 1 Cor. 9:19-22** “*all things to all men, that I may save some*”

Rom 11:15 For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, **what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?**

3B. The **future ACCEPTANCE of Israel by God will be an amazing miracle** – 15 - “*what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?*” **Like the miracle of the resurrection! Zech. 12:10**

Rom 11:16 For if the firstfruit (the initial ingredients in bread) is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

4B. Their CONNECTION (Attachment) to God's promises and covenant is obvious - 16

1C. Illustrated by bread - "if the firstfruit (initial ingredients) be holy (separated), the lump is also holy" - cf. Num. 15:17-21 - "the heave offering"

2C. Illustrated by the olive tree - "and if the root is holy (separated), so are the branches" - The "firstfruit" and the "root" refers to the fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and specifically to God's covenant with them (land, nation, and a Descendant who will bless the world). The "lump" and the "branches" refer to the nation of Israel. Romans 11:25-27; Gal. 3:6-9

• **5A. THE REACTION THE GENTILES SHOULD HAVE** - 11:17-24

1B. There should be NO PRIDE - 17-20

v. 18 - "do not boast against the branches"; v. 20 - "Do not haughty, but fear"

Rom 11:17 And **if some of the branches were broken off**, and you (Gentiles), being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them **became a partaker of the root** and fatness of the olive tree,

Rom 11:18 **do not boast against the branches**. But if you do boast, remember that **you do not support the root** (God), **but the root** (God) **supports you**.

1C. Do not boast against the branches!!! - Because of the Root -17-18 The Gentile world has been and is being saved by a Jewish Messiah! Our attitude should be the same as Paul's – that all Israel might be saved. We're to love them and to pray for them!!

Rom 11:19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in."

Rom 11:20 Well said. **Because of unbelief they were broken off**, and **you stand by faith**. **Do not be haughty, but fear**.

2C. Don't stop your thinking at the end of verse 19! Because of the Reason they were broken off - 19-20 (unbelief; They were not broken off so Gentiles could be saved, but because of unbelief!!) Don't we Gentiles have the same potential? Look at the general unbelief today!

2B. There should be NO PRESUMPTION - 21-24

cf. Psalm 19:13 - "Keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me" Jer. 31:31-34, John 1:29 - The New Covenant (blood-the remission of sin!) is for Israel just as it is for the Gentiles!

Rom 11:21 For **if God did not spare** the natural branches, He may **not spare you either**.

1C. The Attitude that the opportunity for salvation will always be there is a very dangerous belief – 21 If God did not spare Israel, He may not spare the Gentiles either!! Today is the day of salvation. –God's Spirit will not always strive with man! Don't presume on the grace of God.

Rom 11:22 Therefore **consider the goodness and severity of God**: on those who fell, **severity**; but toward you (Gentiles), **goodness**, if **you continue in His goodness**.

Otherwise you also will be cut off. – A solemn warning!!! 1 Cor.6:9-11; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:3-7

2C. The Acceptance of His goodness does not mean that His severity is impossible – 22

Rom 11:23 And they (Jews) also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, **for God is able to graft them in again**.

3C. The Ability of God to restore Israel is not only possible, it is prophetic – 23 - cf. Jeremiah 23:3-8 He will restore Israel! Oh, the power of the resurrection!

Rom 11:24 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?**

4C. The Accomplishment of God's purposes toward Israel would be much easier than the salvation of the Gentiles – 24 Only God's Holy Spirit can save us! Being born again is only possible by God. No other way!!! The miracle of miracles!!! Eph. 1:19-20; John 1:12-13, 29; 3:16