

Romans – Study 11
Sermon on 17 May 2020

Chapter 11:1 - 36.

Chapter 11 is the conclusion of Paul's discussion of the fate of the Jewish nation. He asks two questions: "Did God reject his people?" and "Did they stumble or fall beyond recovery?"

Read Romans 11:1 – 12:

1. What is Paul's first proof that God has not rejected his chosen people? His second argument is from Jewish history. The story is found in 1 Kings 19:10, 14, 18. How did Elijah view the situation? What was God's reply to him? What is Paul's conclusion (v5, 6)?
2. How do people enter the kingdom of God – by race, birth, inheritance, personal faith? As nations or as individuals? The United States is considered a Christian nation by other countries. How would you respond to such a statement?
3. In verse 7, the word translated 'hardened' means 'calloused'. How does a callus develop? How sensitive to heat or pain is the skin that is calloused? What spiritual attitude does this illustrate?
4. Verses 9 & 10 draw a picture for us of men sitting at a banquet table, feasting, unaware of danger. How does this illustrate the Jewish attitude to reality and truth?

5. How will God's grace to the Gentiles affect Israel?

Read Romans 11:13 – 24:

6. How does Paul describe the effect of his own ministry to the Gentiles? What is the hope? What two metaphors does Paul use to show that the Jews are not excluded from salvation?

7. In v17 – 24, Paul further develops the analogy of the olive tree begun in v16b. Who is represented by the wild olive shoot? How is it nourished? What are the warning and encouragements contained in this passage?

Read Romans 11:25 – 36:

8. What is Israel's future hope (v26)? Through whom will this be accomplished? Describe in your own words Israel's present position, according to v28.

9. The thought of God's mercy launches Paul into a song of praise. What truths about God can you discover in this doxology?