

St. Paul's Letter to the Romans

"How do you stand before God? Sinner, Saint, or Something in between?"

Week 14: Romans 11:1-32, "Has God completely rejected His people?"

I. Romans 11:1-10

1. What does Paul mean here by "people"?

Romans 4:16; 9:6-7

2. What might the Gentiles assume after they had read Rom 9:13?

3. How has God promised the people of Israel that he will never reject them?

Read 1 Kings 12:22; 1 Sam 12:22; Ps 94:14

4. How does Paul show in his own instance that God has not cast away the Israelites as a people?

5. How does Paul show the lack of total rejection in other times of Israel's history?

6. What is the ultimate aim for God's hardening of Israel (11:11b), and how does this inform our reading about God hardening the hearts of these Israelites?

II. Romans 11:11-24

7. What does Paul mean by "stumble" and "fall"?

8. How can verses 11 and 12 be seen in action in Acts 13:46-50?

9. What is God wanting for the Israelites? (v 12, 15)

10. How did the rejection by the Israelites bring about their reconciliation?

11. Paul here uses the imagery of grafting, a popular practice in Israel, done to bring forth more fruit than the tree by itself could produce. Who then are the “wild olive branches” grafted in?

12. Why were the natural branches broken off? (v 20)

13. What is Paul’s warning to the Gentiles?

14. What is God’s promise to everyone who does not continue in unbelief? (v 23)

III. Romans 11:25-36

15. How is verse 25 a reminder that the hardening is not permanent or damning?

16. What is “all Israel” in verse 26?

17. How does God remain faithful in spite of unbelief? (v 29)

18. How is every man disobedient? (v 32)

19. Will we understand God’s ways fully in this world?

Memory Verses for Today:

Romans 11:5-6, “So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. ⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.”

Romans 11:32, “For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.”