

THE ROMAN REVEALING
Theme: The Reign of Righteousness
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SUBJECT: GOD'S PLAN FOR THE JEW AND YOU
SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 11:

Introduction

These verses are an explanation of what God is doing in the arena of salvation in this present time. God has a plan that will be fulfilled completely. *This plan involves four major attributes of God.*

- I. THE GRACE OF GOD (1-10).**
- II. THE GRAFTING OF GOD (11-24).**
- III. THE GUARANTEE OF GOD (25-32).**
- IV. THE GLORY OF GOD (33-36).**

I. THE GRACE OF GOD (1-10).

A. God's Saving Grace (1).

1. **The Issue (1a).** **Hath God cast away his people?** - The question might be asked, "*Has God completely written off the Jew? Has He condemned them all to Hell? Is it impossible for them to be saved* " Paul says that such a thing is not even a possibility!

2. **The Illustration (1b).** **For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.**- Paul calls attention to himself. He is a Jew and he is saved! Paul is living proof that Jews can be born again! The bottom line is that salvation is available to

any individual who will call upon the name of the Lord, **Rom. 10:13. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

B. God's Selecting Grace (2-10).

1. God's Past Selection (2-4). God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elijah? How he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life. - Paul draws from the life of Elijah to demonstrate the fact that God always has a remnant. Elijah thought he was all alone in his devotion to the Lord, but God reminded Elijah **4 I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.**

2. God's Present Selection (5-10). Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 7 Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded. - Paul shows that now, just as in the past, God has His remnant. Those who are saved are not saved because of their birth, or their nationality, but they are saved because of pure grace. They are redeemed because they have been chosen by God in Christ Jesus.

Illustrate: Paul's point in these verses is that those who want to be saved can be saved, while those who do not are abandoned to their choice by God. Friends, if we are saved, it is because of the grace of God! It is not our deeds, our birth or our works. Salvation is by grace alone, **Eph. 2:8-9. For by grace are ye saved through**

faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

II. IT INVOLVES THE GRAFTING OF GOD (11-24).

A. The Reason (11-15).

1. Israel refused to come to Christ for salvation (11). Through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. The Lord turned to the Gentiles and opened the door of salvation for them. The Bible indicates that Jesus came to the nation of Israel and presented Himself to them as their Messiah, they refused to receive Him and the way was opened for the Gentile nations to come to Jesus, John 1:11-12. The Lord set them aside that He might reach out to us!

B. The Results (16-17).

1. God Allows us a personal relationship with him(16-17).
If the first fruit be holy, the lump is also holy, so are the branches. If some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree. - As a result of the natural branch (Israel) being broken off, the wild branch (The Gentile nations) have been grafted in.

Illustration. In the Tabernacle and Temple period, only the Jew had access to the things of God. The Gentiles, on the other hand, were all left outside of these things. They had no access to God. Now, in Jesus the Gentiles are no longer cast out, we are allowed to enter into the holiest place of all: His perfect presence! Why?

Because God in His grace has turned the fall of Israel into the blessing of the Gentile nations.

C. The Reminder (18-24).

1. The Gentiles should not boast about their new position in Jesus.(18). **Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root the.** The same God Who grafted them in, is the same God Who can break them off if they become lifted up in their pride. Not broken off in the sense of their salvation, but in the sense of their effectiveness and usefulness to the Lord. Israel had become unfruitful is why Gentiles were grafted in their place. However, if the Gentiles become arrogant and prideful, they too will become unfruitful and will be broken off. When Israel returns to the Lord (and she will) she will be grafted back in again!

Understand that it is God, not the individual who is in control of these matters. **Verse 18, "The branches do not support the root, it is the root that supports the branches!"**

Illustration. We need to remember that we are saved because of the pure grace of God! We have nothing to brag about. We have no reason to pat ourselves on the back and talk of all we have done for God. The fact is, we all deserve to go to Hell! Salvation is all the work of God and His grace!

III. THE GUARANTEE OF GOD (25-32).

A. His Promises (25-27).

1. Israel's blindness is a temporary condition (25-27). **For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this**

mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. For all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. One day her eyes will be open to the Person of Jesus and she will be saved! God hasn't forgotten her, but He is filling His house with those who will come to Him during this age of grace. In the end, God will keep every promise He has made to Israel! Not one of them shall fail.

B. His Purposes(28-32).

1. In this age the Jew's deny that Jesus is their Messiah (28,32). As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. ... 32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all. Yet, God has not forgotten them, or about His plans for them. For as they were called by the Lord, that calling will be fulfilled and Israel will come to salvation through Jesus Christ.

Illustration. Israel has paid a high price for their rejection of Jesus as Messiah. They have suffered as no other group of people has suffered in this world. Attempts have been made to exterminate them. Yet, God has kept them and brought them through every trial and continues to preserve them. Their darkest day has not yet dawned. During the Tribulation period, **verse 26-27** will be literally fulfilled **For all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.** When Jesus returns in glory and power, the Jews will fall before Him and receive Him as their

King, their Messiah and their Savior. This is one of the great prophecies of the Bible, Zech. 13:6.

2. When Jesus comes, He will redeem them and receive them unto Himself. (Isa. 25:8-9; 43:25; 51:3; 55:12). It will be a great day for the Jew when the Lord Jesus fulfills His plans on their behalf. Are they forgotten? No! They are merely on hold for the time being. Their day will come! God will always keep His promises. He can be trusted! He will do just what He promises to do, (Rom. 4:21; 2 Cor. 1:20).

IV. THE GLORY OF GOD (33-36).

A. His Greatness (33-34).

1. No man can know the mind of God (33-34). O the depth of the riches both of wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? God's mind transcends our ability. He is God and we can never fully understand Him or His ways, (Isa. 55:8-9). We are not His counselor! He does as He pleases and we are left to praise Him for what He does!

Illustration. We need to stop trying to figure out the why of everything and start simply learning to trust God by faith! He knows what He is doing, we do not! He sees the future and knows what is best for now, we do not! Therefore, let us bow before Him and His glory and exalt His worthy Name.

B. His Grace (35).

1. God owes no man anything (35). Or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again. He reaches out to men through His grace and man are debtors to Him!

Illustration. We owe Him everything! Every dollar in our pockets is His gift. Every lung full of air is His blessing. Every heartbeat is His grace manifested. Your home, your car, you family, your job, your health, your intellect, you talents, your possessions are all His gifts to you. And what does God want in return? Nothing more than your love, which manifests itself in obedience to Him, (John 14:15).

C. His Glory (36).

1. Everything in this world exists because there is a God in Heaven Who willed it to be here! (36). For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever.

Amen - That is Who He is and that is the power He possesses. **In Col. 1:16**, Paul said it this way, "**For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:**" The world does not revolve around you or me. It revolves around God! Therefore, let every believer in this room come to the place where we are more than willing to seek His glory first in everything we are and do, **1 Cor. 10:31**.

Conclusion: Our God is a promise keeping God. We should always seek to honor the Lord in all we do and in all we are. Are you in Jesus Christ? Are you saved by the grace of God? Have your sins been washed away by the blood of the Lamb?

