

Series "How Great A Salvation"
"The Blessed Rejection"
Romans 11:11-24
Study-30

Our passage reveals how God steps in "The Blessed Rejection" and transforms Israel's disobedience (rejection) into Salvation For the World! (Gentiles)

Romans 9 Israel's Past Election - God's Sovereignty

Romans 10 Israel's Present Rejection - Human Responsibility

Romans 11 Israel's Future Reception - God's Intervention

Thought Of Our Passage: "Israel's Transgression Has Resulted In Temporary Rejection And The Bringing Of Salvation To The World"

1. Verses - 11-15 Purpose In Israel's Rejection:

2. Verses - 16-24 Power In Israel's Rejection:

1. Verses - 11-15 Purpose In Israel's Rejection:

Romans 11:11 I say then, Context - Paul has just said that Israel was seeking merit salvation to which they did not obtain. (Attempting to justify themselves by Law and Works) Gentiles received God on His terms through faith. **Romans 11:7-10**

they (*Israel's majority*) **did not stumble** - The majority of the Jews have stumbled - **Romans 9:32**

so as to fall, did they? Fall and not get back up! Fall beyond recovery.

Question: "*Because most of Israel has rejected the gospel, and only a few have believed, does this mean that God is through with Israel as a whole and as a nation?*"

so as to fall, this speaks of "*Israel's final irrevocable rejection, that Israel has fallen as a spiritual community's as to God's purpose. They can never recover from ruin.*" **Romans 11:1**

May it never be! God forbid.

But by their transgression - "*to cross a known boundary*"

3 Purposes In Israel's Present Rejection:

1. Israel's Present Rejection Means Salvation For Gentiles: But by their transgression salvation *has come* to the Gentiles,

Romans 1:16-17; Isaiah 56:6-7

(How gracious of God to step in and transform disobedience to salvation!)

2. Israel's Present Rejection Would Provoke Jealousy Over The Gentiles' Blessings: to make them jealous. Romans 10:19

(How gracious of God to draw Israel through His Blessings to the Gentiles!)

3. Israel's Present Rejection Will Result In Greater Riches To The World: Romans 11:12 Now if their transgression is riches for the world and their failure is riches for the Gentiles,

Fullness of Jews - **how much more will their fulfillment be!**

Fullness of the Gentiles & Jews - **Romans 11:25-26**

(How gracious of God to bless the world as a result of Israel!)

Romans 11:13 But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Rome - The believers were mostly Gentile with Jews. Note Gentile, not church

Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, (Their rejection) Acts 13:46; 18:6; Acts 28:28

I magnify my ministry, Paul loved what God had called him to do, reach the Gentiles. **Acts 18:6**

Romans 11:14-15

rejection - cast in the sea of the nations. Jonah - cast in the sea, but preserved in a whale.

is the reconciliation of the world, Temporary rejection which is a result of Israel's disobedience has led to the gospel being offered to the world.

what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? The argument is, if Israel's disobedience resulted in salvation to the world, what will Israel's obedience bring? **Isaiah 11:9**

life from the dead (Historical Sense) Israel's reconciliation will result in life so powerful that it is like the resurrection of the dead!

life from the dead (Future Sense) The new life that will result in God's final plan during the millennium will be nothing short of future glory.
Genesis 12:2-3

2. Verses – 16-24 Power In Israel's Rejection:

Verses – 16 The Analogy Of The Offering Of Dough: If the first piece (First fruits) of dough is holy, the lump is also. Leviticus 23:9-14 First fruits – wave offering of thanks. **Numbers 15:17-21**

First fruits, refers to the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, 12 tribes.

Verse – 16: The Analogy Of The Root And Branches: root is holy, the branches are too. Roots support the tree. Abraham's Covenant. Refers to the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, 12 tribes. **Jeremiah 11:16**

Verses – 17-22: A Warning Not To Presume: Romans 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, Cut off from religious privileges.

Lesson From The Olive Tree: and you, being a wild olive, (Gentiles) were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree (Jews Olive Tree), That is not how it is supposed to be. It is unnatural but God made it work! **Romans 11:24**

Romans 11:18 do not be arrogant toward the branches; *"stop boasting, or don't be in the habit of boasting"*

but if you are arrogant, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports you. (It is the root that nourishes the branches, not the branches to the root) Romans 11:29

Romans 11:19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." This is a true statement! The branches were cut off to allow light and less effort to be on all the branches. Cut off of religious privileges.

Verses – 20-21 Man's Faith: Romans 11:20 Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, Israel being proud, self-sufficient, made their own plan of salvation in order to achieve righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:5

but you stand by your faith. *"by faith you hold your place"* The means of salvation is faith. **Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5-7**

Do not be conceited, "Replacement Theology" (Replace verses Rejected)

“The wild olive tree was of no good without the good olive tree, the good olive tree was worn out and doing nothing without the wild olive tree.”

but fear; of a righteous and holy God, Not paralyzed but mobilized.

Romans 11:21-22

God’s Kindness Towards Those Who Believe: Behold then “look then!” the kindness - God's *benevolence* - Brings us to Him

Romans 2:4; Titus 3:3-4

God’s Severity Towards Those Who Won’t Believe: severity – *“sternness, harshness”* - Righteous hatred for sin Grace does not modify God's holiness & hatred for sin

God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. Responsibility of the believer to continue in God's kindness: The doctrine of perseverance of the saints. **2 Corinthians 13:5**

Verses – 23-24 Israel’s Opportunity To Be Restored: Romans 11:23 if they do not continue in their unbelief, The offer of salvation if we will place our faith in Jesus!

will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. If they can be set aside, God can bring them back when they place their faith in Him.

Romans 11:24 how much more will these who are the natural branches be grafted into their own olive tree?

The way it was meant to be!

Application:

1. Israel’s Present Rejection Means Salvation For Gentiles. How Gracious Of God To Step In And Transform Disobedience To Salvation:
2. Our Relationship With God Is Like Salt. It Should Make People Thirsty For The Living Water:
3. God’s Kindness Is Extended Towards Those Who Believe. God’s Severity Is Also Extended Towards Those Who Won’t Believe: