

Romans Chapter 11 Second Continued

We have been studying how God is merciful, more than any of us deserve. Many do not believe or understand that God still loves Israel, even after they rejected Jesus. What God does with the physical house is really none of our business. The world and everyone in it belong to Him, and He can do as He wishes without our permission. Our only concern is that we must believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord, if we intend to be saved. We must not try to figure out why this is true, just accept this as fact and go on.

Romans 11:28 "As concerning the gospel, [they are] enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, [they are] beloved for the fathers' sakes."

We had verse 28 in our last lesson, but we needed it here to complete this statement in verse 29. All who have been called of God to do a job, can see from this Scripture above that God does not take back a call. I know a lady who is the most gifted pianist that I have ever heard. She had a little problem in the church, and many thought her usefulness to God was over. If that is true, then we must remove verse 29 above from the Bible, because it says the call or gift is without repentance. If you have been called of God to do anything, sing, play, heal, preach or anything else, God needs you now for the battle that the Christians are in.

Numbers 23:19 "God [is] not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do [it]? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" People the war has begun. The enemy (devil) has large numbers of troops. Put on your armor and fight for God.

Ephesians 6:10 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."
Ephesians 6:11 "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Ephesians 6:12 "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high [places]." Ephesians 6:13 "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6:14 "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;" Ephesians 6:15 "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;" Ephesians 6:16 "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Ephesians 6:17 "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:" Ephesians 6:18 "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" Ephesians 6:19 "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel," We are not to quit, just because the battle is thick. God calls us without repentance, and we are to fight till the end with everything within us. Matthew 24:13 "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved."

This is Israel's temporary situation during her time of spiritual hardening.

“Touching the election”: From the perspective of God’s eternal choice, Israel will always be His covenant people.

“The father’s sakes”: The patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who are the recipients of the Abrahamic Covenant.

Romans 11:29 "For the gifts and calling of God [are] without repentance."

"The gifts ... without repentance": God’s sovereign election of Israel, like that of individual believers, is unconditional and unchangeable because it is rooted in His immutable nature and expressed in the unilateral, eternal Abrahamic Covenant (see note on 9:4).

Romans 11:30-31 "For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:" "Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy."

The next few verses tell of the sin of mankind. A person involved in this type sin and has not been washed in the blood of the Lamb is in serious trouble. Praise God that He is merciful and willing to forgive us. I Corinthians 6:9 "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind," I Corinthians 6:10 "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." I Corinthians 6:11 "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." When we receive our forgiveness, we must walk in that forgiveness, not desiring in our heart to sin again.

God will extend His grace to unbelieving Israel, just as He did to unbelieving Gentiles. Salvation, whether of Jews or Gentiles, flows from God’s mercy.

Romans 11:32 "For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all."

Though not the author of sin, God allowed man to pursue his sinful inclinations so that He could receive glory by demonstrating His grace and mercy to disobedient sinners.

1 Timothy 2:3-6 "For this [is] good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior;" "Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." "For [there is] one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;" "Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

You see, not only were we heathen not keeping the law of God, but the Hebrews, who God had given the law to, were not keeping it either. In fact, the law was given as a schoolmaster to make us realize our need for a Savior.

Galatians 3:22 "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe."

In verses 33-36, The majesty, grandeur and wisdom of God's plan revealed (in verses 1-32), caused Paul to burst out in praise. This doxology is a fitting response not only to God's future plans for Israel (chapters 9-11), but to Paul's entire discussion of justification by faith (chapters 1-11).

Romans 11:33 "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable [are] his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"

Colossians 2:3: "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

The minute we start speaking of someone who had no beginning and had no end, you get beyond our comprehension. In Proverbs, it lists so many things that God has done that we could never understand. Just the fact that God placed a planet in open space and it has stayed there is really unbelievable. Nature itself, tells us that there is an intelligence so far superior to us.

Have you made any worlds lately? Neither have I. The human body is so complicated that doctors still do not know everything about it. Just look around you, and it will not be hard to realize that God is a mystery that our brain could never figure out. The best thing to do is just let God be God and realize that He has everything figured out for us. Accept Him on simple faith and then do it His way.

Romans 11:34 "For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?"

(Quoted from Isaiah 40:13) "Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or [being] his counsellor hath taught him?"

God is all in all. We need Him, He does not need us. He loves us and wants us, but He does not need us.

Revelation 4:11 "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

You see, the reason we were created in the first place was for God's pleasure. We are His, we are not our own.

Romans 11:35 "Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again?"

1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who maketh thee to differ [from another]? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive [it], why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received [it]?" We did not give to God, He gave even our life to us. We are what we are by the grace of God. We had absolutely nothing to do with what family we were born in, or what race we are, or what color our hair is, or how tall we are, or how intelligent we are: God chose.

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Job 35:7 " If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or what receiveth he of thine hand?"

This verse in Job said it all.

Romans 11:36 "For of him, and through him, and to him, [are] all things: to whom [be] glory for ever. Amen."

Colossians 1:16 "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:"

God is the source, the sustainer and the rightful end of everything that exists.

It is God's world and everything and everyone in it belong to Him too. In view of all this, how could we neglect so great a salvation nor fail to give God the glory?

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1. Who should be concerned with the outcome of the physical house of Israel?
2. What should be our only concern?
3. The gifts and calling of God are without _____.
4. God is not a ___ that He should lie.
5. What are we advised to do in Ephesians 6:11?
6. We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against what?
7. He that shall _____ unto the end, the same shall be saved.
8. Know ye not that the _____ shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
9. Name some of the sins mentioned that could keep a person out of heaven, if they practice them.
10. And such were some of you, but ye are _____ the _____.
11. When we receive our forgiveness, what must we continue to do?
12. God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that He might do what?

13. Who is the Mediator between God and man?
14. The promise by faith of Jesus Christ is given to whom?
15. Colossians 2:3 tells us that, what is hidden in God?
16. Revelation 4:1 says the Lord is worthy to receive what?
17. What important questions are asked in 1 Corinthians 4:7?
18. Quote Romans 11:36.
19. Colossians 1:16, says that He created what?
20. In view of all this, how could we neglect so great a _____?