

## **Session #36: “ROCK OF OFFENSE”— Romans 9:25-33**

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- In this passage how do the Gentiles pursue and obtain God’s righteousness?
- Why did Israel, who was given the Law, not attain to the law of righteousness?
- Who in Israel eliminated the STONE as described in verse 33?
- Who (what Book in the Bible) said the STONE will exist as a kingdom forever?

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

### **• THE PROBLEMS OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 9:1-11:36**

#### **• #1 - THE REJECTION OF ISRAEL - 9:1-33**

#2 - THE RECEPTION OF THE GENTILES - 10:1-21

#3 - THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL - 11:1-36

#### **#1 - THE REJECTION OF ISRAEL - Romans 9:1-33**

1A. SEEN IN THE SORROW OF PAUL - 9:1-5

2A. SEEN IN THE SELECTION OF THE SEED - 9:6-13

3A. SEEN IN THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD - 9:14-24

#### **• 4A. SEEN IN THE SCRIPTURES THAT PROPHESED IT - 9:25-29**

#### **• 5A. SEEN IN THE STUMBLING OF ISRAEL - 9:30-33**

#### **• 4A. SEEN IN THE SCRIPTURES THAT PROPHESED IT - ROMANS 9:25-29**

#### **1B. God’s PEOPLE - 25-26**

*Rom 9:25 As He says also in Hosea: "I WILL CALL THEM MY PEOPLE, WHO WERE NOT MY PEOPLE, AND HER BELOVED, WHO WAS NOT BELOVED." Rom 9:26 "AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS IN THE PLACE WHERE IT WAS SAID TO THEM, 'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE,' THERE THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF THE LIVING GOD."*

Hosea 1:10; 2:23 - context deals with the northern kingdom of Israel – Hosea (type of Christ) takes an adulterous wife (type of Israel) named Gomer from whom he has two children: a son named Jezreel, which speaks of God’s judgment upon Israel (1:4); and a daughter, Loruhamah which means “no mercy” - the daughter has a son who is called Loammi, meaning “no people” But, the Lord will again refer to them as “my people” and “the children of the living God.” Only He will show mercy! God’s purposes are rooted in His character, and He will never cast away His people, even though He has and will judge them for their sin and idolatry. Hosea 2:19-20 says three times “I will betroth thee” - and presents three issues:

1C. The issue of eternity – “for ever” (Hallelujah!!)

2C. The issue of God’s character - “in righteousness, judgment, lovingkindness, & mercies”

3C. The issue of God’s faithfulness - “in faithfulness” - Isa. 11:5

#### **2B. God’s PROMISE – 27 - Isaiah 10:20-22; 11:11-12 - “the remnant will be saved” - Zech. 13:8-9**

*Rom 9:27 Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: "THOUGH THE NUMBER OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL BE AS THE SAND OF THE SEA, THE REMNANT WILL BE SAVED. God’s great promise in the discussion of the rejection of Israel!*

#### **3B. God’s PLANS - 28**

Rom 9:28 FOR HE WILL FINISH THE WORK (word, the revelation) AND CUT IT SHORT IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, BECAUSE THE LORD WILL MAKE A SHORT WORK (word, the revelation) UPON THE EARTH."

The word "work" is the Greek word *logos* for "word" or God's revelation. He will finish His word - a short word indicates that it will come suddenly and rapidly. Paul is no doubt thinking of the original context of Hosea, and that God's judgment would come exactly as He had prophesied and it will come quickly. This verse is a loose translation of the end of Isaiah 10:22 & 23. It is much like Isa. 46:11 "Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it; I will also do it."

**4B. God's PROTECTION** – 29 - cf. Isaiah 1:9 - cf. Gen. 19:24-25 - **total destruction, but God spared** Lot, his wife, and two daughter-in-laws - cf. 2 Peter 2:6-9 (He knows how to deliver out of destruction) - cf. Psalms 89:30-37 Wow, notice **how God is being exalted** in the work in Romans! **God's grace!**

Rom 9:29 And as Isaiah said before: "UNLESS THE LORD OF SABAOth HAD LEFT US A SEED, WE WOULD HAVE BECOME LIKE SODOM, AND WE WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE LIKE GOMORRAH."

• **5A. SEEN IN THE STUMBLING OF ISRAEL - ROMANS 9:30-33**

"What shall we say then?" - cf. Rom. 8:31; 9:14 No definite article "the" in front of "Gentiles" - the subject was brought up in verse 24 as it relates to God's sovereignty in showing mercy.

**1B. They Stumbled Over the WAY of God's righteousness - 30-31**

Rom 9:30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, **even the righteousness of faith;**

Rom 9:31 but Israel, **pursuing** the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.

1C. The **Principle is clear** - "even the righteousness of faith" - **all** of Romans **establishes this fact** of the gospel! Not by our own efforts!!!

2C The **Pursuit of righteousness does not guarantee God's righteousness** "pursuing" - Gentiles did not pursue it at all!

3C. The **Problem with Israel's zeal** is that it **was rooted in human performance and religious tradition**, **NOT in the teaching of the Bible** and the **example of our father Abraham!**

**2B. They Stumbled Over the WORKS of the law - 32**

Rom 9:32 Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, **but as it were, by the works of the law.** For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.

1C. **Human Performance** was **the way they sought to be right** with God - "as it were by the works of the law" - cf. Gal. 3:10-14

2C. **God's Plan** became a "stumbling stone" - cf. 1 Cor. 1:22-23; Gal. 3:21-29

**3B. They Stumbled Over the WORD of salvation - 33**

Rom 9:33 As it is written: "**BEHOLD, I LAY IN ZION A STUMBLING STONE AND ROCK OF OFFENSE, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES ON HIM WILL NOT BE PUT TO SHAME.**"

cf. Isaiah 8:13-15; 28:16; Psalm 118:22; 1 Peter 2:6-8 - cf. Matthew 21:42-44; Daniel 2:34-35, 44-45

1C. The **STONE was Established** by God - "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense" - the sovereignty of God is declared once more!

2C. The **STONE was Eliminated** by the religious leaders - Psalm 118:22 - cf. 1 Peter 2:6-8 and 1 Cor. 1:23 It was all in the plan of God!

3C. The **STONE was Exalted** by God - "chief cornerstone" 1 Cor. 3:11; Phil. 1:5-11

4C. The **STONE was Explained** to be a Person - the Messiah of Israel - "whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame" He is **the Rock of my salvation!**

5C. The **STONE will Exist as a kingdom** forever - Dan. 2:44-45; Rev 11:15-17