

Session #44: “GOD’S UNSEARCHABLE WAYS”— Romans 11:28-36

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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 verse 28, who is being referred to as “the election”?
- As a Gentile, why should we be most pleased that God has not given up on Israel?
- Is God’s mercy now accessible to all Gentiles because of the unbelief of Israel? (v. 30)
- Will God’s mercy now be accepted by the Jews through the mercy of the Gentiles? (v. 31)
- Is God’s mercy available to all in spite of their unbelief? (v. 32)

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

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

1A. THE REMNANT IS PROOF - 11:1-6 (Paul & Elijah)

2A. THE REJECTION WAS PROPHESED - 11:7-10

3A. THE RESULT OF THEIR FALL - 11:11-12 (The salvation of the Gentiles)

4A. THE RESPONSE THEY WILL HAVE 11:13-16 (Provoked to jealousy)

5A. THE REACTION THE GENTILES SHOULD HAVE - 11:17-24 (Gentiles, don’t be arrogant, proud)

- **6A. THE REVELATION OF A MYSTERY - 11:25-32**

1B. The CONCERN of Paul about spiritual and prophetic ignorance - 25A

2B. The CHARACTER of a mystery - 25b

3B. The CONDITION of Israel - 25c - blindness

4B. The COMING of salvation – 26 – so all Israel shall be saved

5B. The COVENANT of God – 27 – an unconditional Covenant – He takes away their sins.

6B. The CHOICE of God – 28

*Rom 11:28 Concerning the gospel they (Israel) are enemies **for your sake**, but **concerning the election** (choice) they are beloved **for the sake of the fathers**.*

1C. They are the Enemies of the gospel - 28a - “for your sake” – blinded, hardened

2C. They are the Election of God - 29b - “for the sake of the fathers” - God’s promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - cf. *Rom. 9:5 – In you will come the salvation of the world! Aren’t you glad that God is not giving up on Israel? Upon us?*

7B. The CALLING of God - 29

*Rom 11:29 For **the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable**.*

1C. It is God’s Decision and God’s decision alone - “the gifts and calling of God” - cf. *Rom. 1:7; 8:28, 30; 10:13; 1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Tim. 1:9* It refers to God and not to man!

2C. It is God’s Determination to keep His Word - “are irrevocable”- not the word of *Rom. 2:5* - “*impenitent*”; Greek: *ametanoeton* - but, rather the Greek word, *ametameleta* - the root word refers to being sorry afterwards - God is not this way!

8B. The CONCLUSION to which we come - 30-32

*Rom 11:30 For as you (Gentiles) were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained **mercy** through their disobedience,*

1C. God’s mercy is Accessible to Gentiles through the unbelief of Israel - 30

Rom 11:31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that **through the mercy shown you (Gentiles) they (Israel) also may obtain mercy.**

2C. God's **mercy will now be Accepted by the Jews through the mercy** of the Gentiles themselves

Rom 11:32 For God has committed them all to disobedience, that **He might have mercy on all.**

3C. God's **mercy is Available to all in spite of their unbelief** – 32 There is no difference!

- **7A. THE REALIZATION OF GOD'S PLAN - 11:33-36**

1B. **Our COMPREHENSION of it** - 33-35 - Five things said about God:

Rom 11:33 Oh, the **depth of the riches** both of the **wisdom and knowledge** of God!
How unsearchable are His judgments (His Word) and His ways past finding out!

1C. **His riches are Unfathomable!** = cf. **Eph. 2:7; Phil. 4:19** - “wisdom and knowledge” - **Col. 2:3**
Greek: *O bathos* - cf. **Rom. 8:39** - “depth”; **2 Cor. 8:2** - “deep poverty”

2C. **His judgments are Unsearchable!** - A double compound in Greek – **means it is totally impossible for us** to discover! **Prov. 3:5-6**

3C. **His ways are Unknowable!** - The words “*past finding out*” are from the Greek word, *anexichniastoi*, meaning “*to trace out by tracks*” - again, a double compound. **It is totally impossible for us to discover! No, No, you can't trace the tracks!** - **Eph. 3:8** - “*the unsearchable riches of Christ*”

Rom 11:34 **"FOR WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD? OR WHO HAS BECOME HIS COUNSELOR?"**

4C. His **understanding is Unobtainable** – 34 - “*For who has known the mind of the Lord? or who has become His counselor?*” - quoted from **Isaiah 40:12-14**

Rom 11:35 **"OR WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM AND IT SHALL BE REPAID TO HIM?"**

5C. **His needs are Unmeetable!** - “*Or who has first given to Him, and it shall be repaid to Him?*” - cf. **Job 41:11; 1Thess. 3:9; Rom. 12:19** He doesn't need us, but He wants our fellowship!

2B. His **CONTROL of it** - 36

Rom 11:36 For **of Him** and **through Him** and **to Him** are all things, **to whom be glory forever.** Amen.

1C. The **Origin** - “*of Him*” (Greek: *ek*)

2C. The **Operation** - “*through Him*” (Greek: *dia*)

3C. The **Object** - “*to Him*” (Greek: *eis*)

4C. The **Objective** - “*to Whom be glory for ever*” - AMEN!!!

What is the purpose and objective of God? To receive honor and glory forever and ever!!!!

To Him be all the glory and all the praise forever!!!

Romans 11:32-36