

Sovereign Election: Israel's Destiny
Romans 11

Getting Started

- ❖ Romans 11 ends with an incredible doxology of praise, but have you ever met people who have such a high view of God's holiness and sovereignty that they struggle with accepting His grace?
- ❖ Through the centuries anti-Semitism has been attached to Christianity and the Church. Why do you think this is the case? How does Romans 11 apply to these wrong attitudes towards the Jewish people?

Digging Deeper

- ❖ **Read the entirety of Romans 11.**
 - In verse 1 Paul says God has not rejected his ancient people, Israel. What evidence is there that God hasn't rejected them in the present (v.1), from past history (v.2-6)?
 - What has happened because of Israel's "transgression" (that is their rejection of the gospel) (v.11-12)?
 - What effect does Gentile conversion have on Israel, and how does this affect Paul's ministry (v.11-14)?
 - Paul is setting out three stages that Israel will go through with regard to the gospel of Jesus and we see them in verses 11-15, 25-27. In your own words, how would you describe and summarize those stages?
 - Paul views jealousy as a good thing in this passage (see Rom. 11:11, 14).
 - Why is jealousy a good thing in this passage? How is this different than bad jealousy? How does Ex. 20:4-5 and 34:11-16 help explain what "good jealousy" is?
 - How does this "good jealousy" apply today? How should you be more jealous, but are not?
 - In verses 17-32 Paul makes use of the olive tree imagery. The olive tree is the people of God, natural branches are Israel and wild branches are Gentiles.
 - What does it mean to be "grafted in"?
 - What is Paul wanting the Gentile Christians to do/not do in v.18-21? In v. 22?
 - In v.23-24 what should they believe?
 - How does God view Israel in v.28?
 - How should this shape our view of Jewish non-Christians? What practical difference should it make to us as a Church and as individuals?
 - In verses 33-36 we have an incredible doxology of praise.
 - What is Paul praising God for in these verses?
 - Why is it significant that this outbreak of spontaneous worship comes at the end of chapters 9-11?
 - Reread Romans 9:1-5. Putting these verses alongside 11:33-36, what effect does Paul's knowledge of God's sovereign election of his people have on him?
 - How can this shape our own reaction to the truths of Romans 9-11?

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❖ **Applying this passage to Our Lives:**

- Arrogance (11:18)
 - In what ways do you have an arrogant attitude towards people who are not saved? Why do you think that is? How does this affect your ability to love your neighbor?
 - How can you repent of this attitude? How might this repentance change the way you relate to an unbeliever that you regularly interact with?
- Israel is not out of God's reach (11:11, 15, 23-24)
 - Are there any individuals that you have treated as out of God's reach? Are there any people groups that you have regarded in this way? What about their beliefs or behavior has caused that?
 - If you were to imagine what their "full inclusion" in God's people might mean, what would that be like? How would that magnify God's glory?
 - How can you cultivate more of a "full inclusion" mindset, rather than an "out of reach" mindset?

Think About It!

As not all Israelites are Israel (9:6), so not all members of the Christian church are regenerate believers... So the election of the visible Christian church is similar to the election of Old Testament Israel. It is an election that temporarily includes some within its bounds who will never come to true faith and will never have eternal life. This parallel between the church and Israel should not be surprising, because the church and Israel are, contrary to dispensationalism, the same body. The tree of redemption is one, and God prunes it and grafts branches onto it, in accordance with his will. So the visible church participates in the election of Israel. (Dr. John Frame)

Praying Together

Spend time in prayer for one another's most pressing needs and for our upcoming Easter service. Take some guidance from the prayer and fasting guide sent out to help us for our day of prayer and fasting on Good Friday.

(Note: In this year's study of Romans, our study questions are being inspired by or derived from books, commentaries and bible studies authored by: Pastors Matt Smith, Max Lucado, John MacArthur, R.C. Sproul, Jack Hayford and Tim Keller.)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

April 5, 2020 | Palm Sunday

WORSHIP SONGS

SHOUT HOSANNA

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Brett Younker, Kristian Stanfill, and Ed Cash, 2015

To the King of glory and light, all praises; to the only Giver of life,
our Maker, the gates are opened wide; we worship You.
Come see what love has done, amazing; He bought us with His blood,
our Savior; the cross has overcome; we worship You.

*Shout Hosanna, Jesus, He saves. Shout Hosanna,
He rose from the grave; come and lift Him up, Hosanna.*

Now let the lost be found, forgiven; death could not hold Him down,
He's risen. So let the saints cry out; we worship You, we worship You.

The same power that rolled the stone away, the same power alive in
us today; King Jesus, we call upon Your Name, no other name.

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR (BLESSED ONE, BLESSED KING)

Words by Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820 / Music by Melchior Teschner, ca. 1615 | Additional Chorus by Paxson Jeancake, 2015

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou are the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name cometh, the King and Blessed One.

*Blessed One, Blessed King, riding on to redeem.
Hail him Lord, Hosanna sing; Blessed One, Blessed King.*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went.
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.
To Thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise.
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring.
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

KING OF MY HEART

Words and Music by John Mark and Sarah McMillan, 2015

Let the King of my heart be mountain where I run,
the fountain I drink from; oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,
the ransom for my life; oh, He is my song.

You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh (2x)

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,
the anchor in the waves; oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,
the echo of my days; oh, He is my song.

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down. (repeat)

CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin, Matthew Merker, and Matt Papa, 2020

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What
is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong. Who holds our
days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command? And
what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

*O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal; O sing hallelujah!
Now and forever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.*

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's
blood. Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the
stormy trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore,
the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him. There
we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be destroyed,
and we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is our forevermore.

HIS MERCY IS MORE

Words and Music by Matt Papa and Matt Boswell, 2019

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient,
all knowing, He counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without
bottom or shore, our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

*Praise the Lord, His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness,
new every morn. Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.*

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father,
so tender, is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest
the poor. Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us. His blood was the
payment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could
never afford. Our sins, they are many, His mercy is more.

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 84; Zech. 9:9-12; 1 Timothy 6:12-16; Luke 19:41-48
MONDAY | Ps. 121; Lamentations 1:1-12; 2 Cor. 1:1-7; Mark 11:12-25
TUESDAY | Ps. 34; Lam. 1:17-22; 2 Cor. 1:8-22; Mark 11:27-33
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 27; Lam. 2:1-9; 2 Cor. 1:23-2:11; Mark 12:1-11
THURSDAY | Ps. 102; Lam. 2:10-18; 1 Cor. 10:14-17; Mark 14:12-25
FRIDAY | Ps. 22; Lamentations 3:1-33; 1 Peter 1:10-20; John 19:38-42
SATURDAY | Ps. 43; Lam. 3:37-58; Hebrews 4:1-16; Romans 8:1-11

PRAYER OF RENEWAL

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who came in your name and turned the lonely way of rejection and
death into triumph. Grant us the steadfast faith to enter the gates of
righteousness, that we may receive grace to become citizens of your
holy realm. Amen.



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