

HATH GOD CASTAWAY HIS PEOPLE?

Romans 11:1-8

INTRODUCTION:

- A. God chose the Israelites to be His peculiar people, a treasure to Him.
 - 1) This was according to His purpose
 - 2) He gave them His laws

- B. The Israelites did not do His will
 - 1) They misunderstood the law
 - 2) They rejected the Messiah

- C. How did God respond to them?
 - 1) God called a people from the races of the world, the Gentiles.
 - 2) They would serve Him through the institution of the church.
 - 3) What did God do with the Jews?

- I. God Will Never Break His Covenant *verse 1*
 - A. *"I say then, Hath God cast away his people?"*
 - 1) "I ask then"
 - 2) *"cast away"* = ἀπωθεω = "to thrust away", "drive away", "to reject", "banish"

 - B. *"God forbid", For I am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin."*
 - 1) Don't even think it!
 - 2) Paul was a Jew. He had been saved. He was a servant of God. He is proof that such has not occurred.

 - C. *"God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew..."* *verse 2a*
 - 1) *"cast away"* = ἀπωθεω = "rejected"

- 2) "foreknew" = προγινωσκω = "to know, perceive, learn or understand beforehand", "to take note of before"
- 3) *Amos 3:1-2 - "Hear this word that Jehovah hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up out of the land of Egypt, saying, you only have I known of all the families of the earth..."*
- 4) These were the people whom God chose, He would not now reject them.

II. There Will Always Be A Faithful Remnant

A. *"...Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel saying." verse 2b*

- 1) Don't you remember what the Bible says about Elijah?
- 2) "intercession" = εντυγχανω = "to meet and talk with", "apply to"

B. The way Elijah saw things *verse 3*

- 1) *"they have killed thy prophets"*
- 2) *"and digged down thine altars;"* = κατασκαπτω = "to undermine", "to dig down under"
- 3) *"and I am left alone"*
- 4) *"and thy seek my life"*

C. The way God saw things *verse 4*

- 1) God did not answer to their guilt
- 2) He knew the true facts
- 3) "reserved" = καταλειπω = "to leave behind", "to leave to one's heirs", "to leave remaining"

III. Israel And This Present Age *verse 5*

A. *"Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace" Rom. 9:11*

- 1) *"And so in our own time, too"* TENT
- 2) *"remnant"* = λειμμα = "the less of two parts", "that which remains"
- 3) *"election"* = εκλογη = "a picking out", "selection", "that which is chosen" *Romans 9:11*
- 4) Paul was a part of the *"remnant"*. The ones in Israel having faith in Christ, baptized, and in the church. They are mingled with Gentiles who are also, *"elect"*.

B. *"And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace."*

- 1) *"grace"* = χαρις = "unmerited kindness", "undeserved gifts springing from love"
- 2) *"works"* = εργον = "deed", "that which is brought into being by the expenditure of energy"
- 3) *"But if it is by His unmerited favor, it is not at all conditioned on what they have done."* *Wms.*
- 4) *"For the gift that is earned is no gift"*

C. *"But if it be of works, then is it no more grace; otherwise work is no more work."*

- 1) *"If it is by work then it is not grace"*
- 2) *"Because work is rewarded by wages"*
- 3) Gifts and wages are not similiar

D. Israel as a nation did not get what they sought after because they sought it by work.

- 1) *"what then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for;"*
 - a) *"obtained"* = επιτυγχανω = "to light upon", "attain one's aim", "acquire"
 - b) *"sought"* = αναητεω = "to seek diligently", "look again", "look back for"

2) *"but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded"*

a> *"election"* = εκλογη = "a picking out"

b> *"obtained"* = επιτυγχανω = "to attain one's goal"

c> *"blinded"* = κωρω = "to petrify", "to cause a hardening", "to blunt the feelings"

E. *"According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber..."*

1) *"given"* = δωμι = "to present" (with the notion of giving freely unforced; supplying"

2) *"slumber"* = κατανοξις = "a piercing through", "vehement pain", "grief" *Isaiah 29:9-10*

3) "God has numbed their senses" --Knox

F. *"...eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;"*

1) "with eyes they cannot see"

2) "and ears that are not to hear"

G. *"unto this day"*

1) "that has lasted down to this day"

2) *II Corinthians 3:12-16*