



Lesson 32 – Salvation to the Jews

Based on The Epistle to the Romans

After many unavoidable delays in his 3rd Missionary Journey, Paul at last reached Corinth, the scene of so much anxious labor in the past, and for a time the object of deep solicitude. He found that many of the early believers still regarded him with affection as the one who had first borne to them the light of the gospel. As he greeted these disciples and saw the evidences of their fidelity and zeal, he rejoiced that his work in Corinth had not been in vain.

During his sojourn at Corinth, Paul found time to look forward to new and wider fields of service. His contemplated journey to Rome especially occupied his thoughts. To see the Christian faith firmly established at the great center of the known world was one of his dearest hopes and most cherished plans.

1) What was Paul's burden for the Jews in Rome?

Romans 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for _____ is, that they might be saved.

2) How did he describe it?

Romans 9:1-3 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great _____ and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were _____ from Christ for my brethren, my _____ according to the flesh:

Romans 9:4-5 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the _____, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the _____, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

The Jews were God's chosen people, through whom He had purposed to bless the entire race. From among them God had raised up many prophets. These had foretold the advent of a Redeemer who was to be rejected and slain by those who should have been the first to recognize Him as the Promised One.

3) What did Paul quote from Isaiah?

Romans 10:20-21 But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was _____ of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a _____ and gainsaying people.

Even though Israel rejected His Son, God did not reject them.

4) What did Paul say about that?

Romans 11:1-3 I say then, Hath God cast away his people? _____ . For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh _____ to God against Israel, saying, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.



Romans 11:4-5 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of _____. Even so then at this present time also there is a _____ according to the election of grace.

5) Did their fall make it impossible to return to God?

Romans 11:11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall _____ is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

Romans 11:13-15 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to _____ them which are my _____, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the _____ of them be, but life from the dead?

It was God's purpose that His grace should be revealed among the Gentiles as well as among the Israelites. This had been plainly outlined in Old Testament prophecies.

6) What analogy did Paul make?

Romans 9:21 Hath not the potter _____ over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Romans 9:23-26 And that he might make known the riches of his _____ on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, Even _____, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As he saith also in Osee (Hosea), I will call them my people, which were _____ people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the _____ God.

Notwithstanding Israel's failure as a nation, there remained among them a goodly remnant of such as should be saved. At the time of the Saviour's advent there were faithful men and women who had received with gladness the message of John the Baptist and had thus been led to study anew the prophecies concerning the Messiah. When the early Christian church was founded, it was composed of these faithful Jews who recognized Jesus of Nazareth as the one for whose advent they had been longing.

7) How did Paul refer to this remnant?

Romans 11:16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the _____ be holy, so are the branches.

8) How does Paul here refer to the Gentiles?

Romans 11:17-18 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert _____ in among them, and with them partakest of the _____ and fatness of the olive tree; Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee.

Paul likens the remnant in Israel to a noble olive tree, some of whose branches have been broken off. He compares the Gentiles to branches from a wild olive tree, grafted into the parent stock.



9) What did he add to that?

Romans 11:19-21 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of _____ they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but _____: For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not _____.

Romans 11:22 Behold therefore the _____ and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou _____ in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

Through unbelief and the rejection of Heaven's purpose for her, Israel as a nation had lost her connection with God. But the branches that had been separated from the parent stock God was able to reunite with the true stock of Israel, the remnant who had remained true to the God of their fathers.

10) ...and finally?

Romans 11:23-25 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graff them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is _____ by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a _____ olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, that ye should be _____ of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the _____ be come in.

11) What did he say to the honest seeking Jewish believers?

Romans 11:26-28 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the _____, and shall turn away _____ from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the _____, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

Romans 11:29-32 For the _____ and _____ of God are without repentance. 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. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have _____ upon all.

Romans 11:33-36 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how _____ are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and _____ him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

Thus, Paul shows that God is abundantly able to transform the hearts of Jew and Gentile alike, and to grant to every believer in Christ the blessings promised to Israel.

12) Paul quoted Isaiah, what did he say?

Romans 9:27-29 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a _____ shall be saved: For he will finish the work, and cut it _____ in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth. And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as _____, and been made like unto Gomorrha.



At the time when Jerusalem was destroyed and the temple laid in ruins, many thousands of the Jews were sold to serve as bondmen in heathen lands. Like wrecks on a desert shore, they were scattered among the nations.

Some have learned to see in the lowly Nazarene whom their forefathers rejected and crucified, the true Messiah of Israel. As their minds have grasped the significance of the familiar prophecies so long obscured by tradition and misinterpretation, their hearts have been filled with gratitude to God for the unspeakable gift He bestows upon every human being who chooses to accept Christ as a personal Saviour.

From Paul's day to the present time, God by His Holy Spirit has been calling after the Jew as well as the Gentile. ***"There is no respect of persons with God,"*** declared Paul. The apostle regarded himself as ***"debtor both to the Greeks, and to the barbarians,"*** as well as to the Jews; but he never lost sight of the decided advantages possessed by the Jews over others, ***"chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God."***

13) What is the Good News for us?

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the _____ of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by _____.

14) What is the great news for everyone?

John 1:12-13 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the _____ of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of _____.

Can you see the God is patient and wants everyone to be saved?

Would you like to be a blessing?

When is the time to heed the Spirit's call?