

ISRAEL'S HOPE
ROMANS 11:1-36
8/24/25

I. TWO QUESTIONS CONCERNING ISRAEL (v.1-16)

A. Has God rejected Israel? NO (v.1-10)

1. Paul is evidence that God has not forsaken Jews (v.1)
2. God always preserves a remnant of Israel (v.2-4)
 - a. The remnant of Israel is chosen by God through grace (v.5-6)
 - b. The remainder are hardened by God (v.7-10)

B. Has Israel fallen so they can never get back up? NO (v.11-16)

1. God is working through Israel's disobedience (v.11)
 - a. This disobedience led to Gentile inclusion & Jewish jealousy
2. Great things will come from God including the Jews again (v.15)

II. ILLUSTRATION (v.17-24)

A. Jews = natural branches, Gentiles = wild olive shoots

1. Warning not to be arrogant to the natural branches (v.18)
 - a. Instead, humbly remember you were grafted into this (v.19)
 - b. Arrogance spawned unbelief in the Jews (v.20)
2. Warning that God did not spare natural branches (v.21)

B. God can bring the Jews back into the tree (v.23)

1. It is natural for God to do this (v.24)

III. WHAT IS THE HOPE FOR ISRAEL? (v.25-32)

A. "All Israel will be saved" (v.26)

1. All = corporate Israel...not every person
2. Israel = future Israel

B. They are elect but enemies

C. God does not change

1. In His promises and calling (v.29)
2. In His operation with disobedient people (v.30-31)

D. God can use disobedience to display His mercy (v.32)

IV. RESULT = PRAISE GOD (v.33-36)

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing from the message this week that stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. God used the stumbling of the Jews to bring salvation to the Gentiles. What does this reveal about God? How might God use your failures or struggles to bless others?
3. The Olive tree illustration warns against arrogance in believers. What are some ways that arrogance can creep into believers today? Into the church?
4. In Romans 11:29, God's promises, and calling are "irrevocable". How does this truth about God give you confidence in God's promises for your life? What are some of God's promises to us?
5. How does God's dealing with Israel in Romans 11 encourage you with how He will deal with us?
6. How does a passage like this encourage us to pray for unbelieving Israel?
7. What is one thing from the message or the group this week that you want to live out? How can the group assist you in doing that?