

9-13-15 Scripture Reading
God's Unfailing Plan For The World

Rom 10:17-11:36

¹⁷ So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

¹⁸ But I say, surely they have never heard, have they? Indeed they have;

"THEIR VOICE HAS GONE OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH ,
AND THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD. "

¹⁹ But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? At the first Moses says,

"I WILL MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION ,
BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU. "

²⁰ And Isaiah is very bold and says,

"I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO SOUGHT ME NOT ,
I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME. "

²¹ But as for Israel He says, "ALL THE DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE. "

Romans 11:1-36

¹ say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

² God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in *the passage about Elijah*, how he pleads with God against Israel?

³ "Lord, THEY HAVE KILLED THY PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN THINE ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE. "

⁴ But what is the divine response to him? "I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL. "

⁵ In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to *God's* gracious choice.

⁶ But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

⁷ What then? That which Israel is seeking for, it has not obtained, but those who were chosen obtained it, and the rest were hardened;

⁸ just as it is written,

"GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR ,
EYES TO SEE NOT AND EARS TO HEAR NOT ,
DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY. "

⁹ And David says,

"LET THEIR TABLE BECOME A SNARE AND A TRAP ,
AND A STUMBLING BLOCK AND A RETRIBUTION TO THEM.

¹⁰ "LET THEIR EYES BE DARKENED TO SEE NOT ,
AND BEND THEIR BACKS FOREVER. "

¹¹ I say then, they did not stumble so as to fall, did they? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation *has come* to the Gentiles, to make them jealous.

¹² Now if their transgression be riches for the world and their failure be riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their fulfillment be!

¹³ But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,

¹⁴ if somehow I might move to jealousy my fellow countrymen and save some of them.

¹⁵ For if their rejection be the reconciliation of the world, what will *their* acceptance be but life from the dead?

¹⁶ And if the first piece *of dough* be holy, the lump is also; and if the root be holy, the branches are too.

¹⁷ But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree,

¹⁸ do not be arrogant toward the branches; but if you are arrogant, *remember that* it is not you who supports the root, but the root *supports* you.

¹⁹ You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in."

²⁰ Quite right, they were broken off for their unbelief, but you stand by your faith. Do not be conceited, but fear;

²¹ for if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will He spare you.

²² Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God's kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

²³ And they also, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in; for God is able to graft them in again.

²⁴ For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more shall these who are the natural *branches* be grafted into their own olive tree?

²⁵ For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in;

²⁶ and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written,

"THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION ,

HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB. "

²⁷ "AND THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM ,
WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS. "

²⁸ From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of *God's* choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers;

²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

³⁰ For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience,

³¹ so these also now have been disobedient, in order that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy.

³² For God has shut up all in disobedience that He might show mercy to all.

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

³⁴ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR ?

³⁵ Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN ?

³⁶ For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him *be* the glory forever. Amen.

Ex 12:33-36

³³ And the Egyptians urged the people, to send them out of the land in haste, for they said, "We shall all be dead." ³⁴ So the people took their dough before it was leavened, *with* their kneading bowls bound up in the clothes on their shoulders. ³⁵ Now the sons of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, for they had requested from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; ³⁶ and the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have their request. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

Ex 19:4-5

⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and *how* I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. ⁵ 'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine;

Rom 8:29-30

²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; ³

Jer 31:33-34

³³ "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD , "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴ "And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD ,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD , "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

1 Cor 15:6

⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

Acts 2:41

¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Acts 4:4

⁴ But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

Acts 6:7

⁷ And the word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Rom 8:1

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Rom 1:8

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.

Rev 5:9-10

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

¹⁰ "And Thou hast made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Matt 24:14

¹⁴ "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.

1 Thess 4:13-17

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Thess 5:23-24

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

1 Cor 15:51-55

⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. ⁵⁵ "O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING ?"

Rev 1:7

⁷ BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. Even so. Amen.

Rev 20:5-6

⁵ The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. ⁶ Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Rev 20:11-15

¹¹ And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was

opened, which is *the book* of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds. ¹⁴ And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

2 Tim 2:21

²¹ Therefore, if a man cleanses himself from these *things*, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

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