**The Deliverer will come out of Zion**

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**Romans 11:21-27**

**Wednesday Evening**

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21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. 22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

23 And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob; 27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."

**21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either.**

Saints, the only way we can access God’s grace is through faith, not personal status or effort.

God will not bless those who try to stand on their heritage or personal morality. He blesses those who by faith alone access His grace.

If God would cut off apostate Israel because of her unbelief, He would not hesitate to cut off an apostate church due to unbelief. God does not deal in double standards.

Today there are many apostate churches that do not believe the Bible or its supernatural claims.

Just because someone is religious does not mean he is not a heretic. Judgment will come on those who destroyed so many souls by religion.

God will not spare the apostate church (Much of the professing church in the end time of the dispensation of grace will be apostate. There is no hope for an apostate church because of her unbelief.

**22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.**

Saints, God sovereignly decided to put Israel aside for a time and offer salvation through faith to all the world. This was a severe act, but it was done in judgment to those who disobeyed.

Jesus has been kind to the Gentiles, but Gentile believers must continue to trust in his kindness. This refers to steadfast perseverance in faith—continual and patient dependence on Christ.

Steadfastness is a proof of the reality of faith. If Gentile believers do not continue in their perseverance in faith, they will be cut off, just as the natural branches were cut off because of their unbelief.

This does not mean individual believers can lose their salvation and be cut off from God; rather, Paul is speaking from a generalized standpoint, picturing Gentiles as a group turning away from God as the nation of Israel had.

God’s sternness was demonstrated in that faith was not automatic for the chosen people; and his kindness was demonstrated in providing Gentiles with the opportunity for faith.

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

Saints, returning to Israel, Paul says if they will turn from their unbelief, God will graft them back into the tree again. If, contrary to nature, wild olive shoots can be grafted into a cultivated olive tree, certainly the natural branches can be grafted back into root stock of the cultivated tree.

**Hebrews 2:17-18**

17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

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

Saints, we become part of God’s “tree” by faith; we forfeit any potential relationship with God by unbelief. Gentiles are orphans graciously adopted into God’s family. A wayward Jew who discovers the faith of Abraham is coming home.

**Romans 9:14-16**

14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! 15 For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion." 16 So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

**25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.**

Saints, the temporary stumbling of Israel is part of what Paul calls a mystery—the word here means a truth that has been unrevealed up to this point but is now being made known.

The mystery reveals, for example, that Israel’s stumbling has always been part of God’s plan.

God put Israel aside for a time in order to offer salvation to the Gentiles.

Paul reviews this mystery so the Gentiles will not feel proud and start bragging. Conceit would be a sign that they were ignorant of God’s master plan that included everyone.

Some of the Jews have hard hearts, but this is only temporary, because it will only be experienced until the complete number of Gentiles comes to Christ—that is, when all the elect of the Gentiles have come to salvation.

**Acts 15:14-17**

14 Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. 15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: 16'After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up;

17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.'

God knows the size of that number of Gentiles who will be grafted into God’s tree of faith. We only know that the number will be complete. As many will have come in as are going to come in.

**26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;**

Saints, this statement, all Israel will be saved, has provoked a variety of interpretations. The most widely held are as follows:

**1. The majority of Jews in the final generation before Christ’s return will turn to Christ for salvation.**

**2. Paul is using the term Israel for the “spiritual” nation of Israel made up of everyone—Jew and Gentile—who has received salvation through faith in Christ.**

Saints, all Israel (or all believers, the church) will receive God’s promised gift of salvation.

**3. Israel as a whole will have a role in Christ’s Kingdom. Their identity as a people won’t be discarded. God chose the nation of Israel, and he has never rejected it.**

Saints, He also chose the church, through Jesus Christ, and he will never reject it either. This does not mean, of course, that all Jews or all church members will be saved.

It is possible to belong to a nation or to an organization without ever responding in faith.

But just because some people have rejected Christ does not mean that God stops working with either Israel or the church. He continues to offer salvation freely to all.

**4. And so means “in this way” or “this is how,” referring to the necessity of faith in Christ.**

Saints, these explanations do not exclude one another, and they all serve to underscore Paul’s clear intention: to demonstrate that God had not rejected Israel.

Indeed, Paul believed the nation of Israel would be restored to God.

Both Jews and Gentiles will make up the flourishing tree that stands for the Kingdom, as well the brush pile of broken branches prepared for burning that represents those who have rejected God’s gracious offer of forgiveness.

**27 For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."**

Saints, to confirm his statement, Paul quotes from Isaiah:

**Isaiah 59:20-21**

20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD. 21 "As for Me," says the LORD, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this time and forevermore."

Saints, Jesus Christ is the Deliverer who will come from Jerusalem. For the first and only time in this letter, Paul speaks of the second coming of Christ. At that time, Christ will turn Israel from all ungodliness.

**Psalm 14:7**

Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

**Psalm 53:6**

Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad

In Closing:

Saints, God also promises to take away their sins.

**Jeremiah 31:33-34**

33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

Soon and Very soon, Jesus is about to appear, we are almost out of here!

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep 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 will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will 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. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**1 Corinthians 15:50-54**

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 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 incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

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**Acts 2:38-39**

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

**Let’s Pray!**

**Benediction**

**"May The LORD bless you and keep you, May The LORD make His face shine upon you, May The LORD be gracious to you, May The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you His (Shalom) peace.”**