

BLOWN AWAY

Standing in Awe of God

Part 3: God Never Gives Up

Four attitude checks:

1. No reason to feel _____ (v. 1-10).

"I ask, then, has God rejected his people, the Israelites? Of course not!"

Rom. 11:1 NLT

"No, God has not rejected his people, the Israelites, whom he chose from the very beginning." Do you remember what the Scriptures say about this?"

Rom. 11:2 NLT

"They are saved by God's kindness, not by their good works. For in that case, God's grace would not be what is really is-- free and undeserved."

Rom. 11:6 NLT

2. No reason to feel _____ (v. 11-16).

"Did God's people stumble and fall beyond recovery? Of course not!" Rom.

11:11 NLT

3. No reason to feel _____ (v. 17-25).

"Some of the branches from Abraham's olive tree have been broken off. And you Gentiles, who were branches from a wild olive tree, were grafted in. So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children... But you must be careful not to brag about being grafted in... remember, you're just a branch, not the root." Rom. 11:17-18 NLT

"I want you to understand this mystery, dear brothers and sisters, so that you won't feel proud and start bragging." Rom. 11:25 NLT

4. No reason to feel _____ (v. 26-32).

"And so all Israel will be saved. Do you remember what the prophets said about this? ...For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn." Rom.

11:26, 29 NLT

God always _____!

"God has imprisoned all people in their own disobedience so he could have mercy on everyone." Rom. 11:32 NLT

The point: God never _____

Simply be _____ (v. 33-36).

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 'Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?' Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen." Rom. 11:33-36 NIV

Daily Meditations

Here's a chance to "take it home": Spend a few minutes every day reading Scripture, praying, and answering thought provoking questions about this weekend's topic!

This week's memory verse:

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!" Romans 11:33

Monday

Look back over your message notes. Which points made the most impact on you?

Which of these attitudes do you struggle with? How so?

How do the following verses relate to the theme of Romans 11: Deuteronomy 31:6,8; Lamentations 3:22,23; Matt. 28:20; John 10:28; Romans 8:38-39

Thank God today for His wonderful mercies to you-- that He never gives up on you! Pray specifically for people you know who need to know of God's gospel of grace and mercy.

Tuesday

Read Romans 11:1-10. How did Paul answer those who believed God had rejected the Jews?

Paul describes salvation by grace in verse 6. In your observation, are church people today relying more on works or grace? How so?

How is it possible to seek God intently by doing good deeds, yet miss Him?

Paul uses the example of Elijah in verses 3 and 4. Have you ever felt like the only one left who seems to care about God? When?

How is God's answer to Elijah a comfort to you?

When did you encounter a "remnant" of believers in your life?

Thank God for His salvation by grace. Ask Him to help you locate the "remnant" of believers in your own neighborhood, school, or workplace. Pray for those believers-- that they may stand strong in God's grace and be, along with you, a great witness of God to your community.

Wednesday

Read Romans 11:11-25. What words or phrases indicate what the Gentile believers were thinking?

What attitude should they have about their acceptance by God?

Why do you think pride was a danger for the Roman Christians?

How have you seen the arrogance of some Christians about their saved status hurt the cause of Christ?

Ask God to give you both confidence in His grace and also humility about your salvation. Ask Him to root out any ungodly pride in your life about being saved. Ask Him to help you truly love and care for the lost, and not to be arrogant or look down on them. Thank Him for His grace to you!

Thursday

Read Romans 11:25-32. What promise has God made to Israel?

What does Paul say about God's promises and calling? (verse 29)

In verses 30-32, Paul talks about God's mercy when we're disobedient. When has God shown you mercy despite your disobedience?

Thank God specifically for His mercy on you today! Praise Him for His irrevocable calling and gifts!

Friday

Read Romans 11:33-36. When you were a child, what was your idea of God?

How has this changed as you've grown?

Is it tough for you to live with the fact that God's "paths are beyond tracing out"-- in other words, that His purposes and reasons can never be fully understood here on earth?

What words does Paul use to describe God's mind? (verses 33,34)

What does God owe you? (verse 36)

Why do you think Paul concludes Romans 9-11 with this paragraph of pure awe and worship?

How is this different from the way theology is often approached?

Today spend some time in awe and wonder of God, who doesn't fit tidily in our boxes! Thank Him specifically for the fact that "his paths are beyond tracing out".

Saturday

Finish up any devotions you may have missed this week, and memorize that verse on the top of the previous page! *Please pray for the weekend services! Thanks!*

Some questions this week were adapted from NavPress Lessonmaker and Serendipity Bible.