



Israel's Restoration

Romans 11

Something to Start Us Off

- Have you ever felt like God might have given up on someone (or even on yourself)? What brought you hope in that situation?

Something to Notice

Let's read Romans 11 slowly and mark phrases that show God's faithfulness to Israel and His plan for both Jews and Gentiles. Here are some that might stand out to us.

- 11:1-6 *"Has God rejected his people?"* Answer: No!
- 11:7-10 Israel's partial hardening
- 11:11-15 Israel's stumbling brings salvation to the Gentiles
- 11:17-24 The olive tree: Gentiles grafted in; warning against arrogance
- 11:25-27 *"A partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And in this way all Israel will be saved."*
- 11:28-32 Enemies for your sake... beloved for the sake of their forefathers. God's gifts and calling are irrevocable.
- 11:33-36 *"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!"*

Something to Learn

Key Insights:

* God's plan is wise and mysterious. In the end, He shows mercy to all (both Jew and Gentile) in His perfect timing.

Discussion Questions:

- Why does Paul emphasize that God has not rejected His people (vv. 1–6)? What encouragement does this give us?
- What does it mean that Israel's hardening is "partial" and "until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in" (v. 25)?
- How should the truth that "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable" (v. 29) affect the way we view Israel and God's faithfulness?
- How does the closing doxology (vv. 33–36) help us respond to things in God's plan that we don't fully understand?

Something to Take Home

- Memorize and/or meditate on Romans 11:25 this week. Paul wants us to know that the unbelief which we now see in the nation of Israel is a) partial, and b) temporary.