

Rom. 12:1 & 3 I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which* is your reasonable service. For I say through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENT

I BESEECH YOU BY THE MERCIES OF GOD

Memory Verses: Rom. 12:1 & 3
 Lesson Text: Rom. 9; 10; 11

Lesson #2
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I. Israel vs. Gentiles.

A. The Advantages The Jews Had.

1. The oracles of God was committed to them. Here this refers to the law of Moses.
2. They were adopted as His nation on earth.
3. They were the only nation among whom the glory (Divine Presence) was.
4. Being natural descendants, they were entitled to the covenants God made with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David et al.
5. They knew about and experienced the service of God. (The rituals of the law).
6. God gave them the promises. (a) The promise land (Canaan). (b) The Messiah would come through them. (c) They would live in the eternal kingdom. (The covenants and promises God made with Israel are not cancelled).

Rom. 3:1-2; 9:1-5
 Acts 7:38; Rom. 3:1-2;
 Rom. 9:4
 Ex. 4:22; Deut. 14:1
 Deut. 32:15-18
 Deut. 16;7,10; 24:16-17
 Deut. 40;34-35

Lev. 1-12

Rom. 3:3-4; 11:29

B. The Gentiles.

1. A people who are not his chosen ones.
2. A foolish nation.
3. A people that did not seek for God nor asked after (for) him.

Rom. 10:19-20; 9:25-26
 Rom. 10:19
 Rom. 10:19

II. Israel's Failure.

Rom. 9:30-33; 10:1-4

A. The Law of Righteousness.

1. Israel followed after the law of righteousness but did not obtain to it.
2. Because they sought it not by faith but as if it were by the works of the law.
3. Christ is the end of the law for righteousness.
4. They were ignorant of God's righteousness (Christ) and went about to establish their own, therefore, they did not submit themselves to God's righteousness.
5. Therefore, Christ is called a stumbling stone and a rock of offence.

Rom. 9:31
 Rom. 9:32
 Rom. 10:4
 Rom 10:3
 Isa. 8:14; Rom. 9:33

B. Receiving God's Righteousness.

1. Hear the word of God.
2. Believe the word that you hear. You will not be ashamed, embarrassed that your believing was in vain. (Read II Kings 2:11-18).
3. Call upon the name of the Lord. By praying the prayer of Romans 10:9.

Rom 10:17
 Rom. 10:11
 Rom. 10:13

C. Blindness.

1. Only the Jewish elects have obtained the righteousness of God (the Jews who were saved). The rest of the Jews have not been saved.
2. God has given them a spirit of slumber and their eyes have been darkened.

Rom. 11:7-10, 25
 Rom. 10:1
 Rom 11:8, 10

III. Why Did This Happen?

A. To Provoke Them To Jealousy.

1. The salvation and blessing of Gentiles will be the means of provoking Jews to seek and claim again their blessings.
2. Israel made God jealous and angry over their worshipping of gods which were not real. He was to do this by choosing a people who were not his chosen people.
3. Israel killed his prophets and digged down his altars.
4. Consequently, Israel stumbled and fell but their fall was not a complete ruin. Their fall is only temporary.
5. The Jews' fall was not in itself the reason for the salvation of the Gentiles. They were to be saved whether the Jews accepted or rejected the gospel.
6. The rejection of Christ by the Jews accelerated the salvation of the Gentiles.

Rom. 11:11
 Rom. 11:11
 Rom 11:14
 Rom. 11:3
 Rom. 11:11
 Gen. 12:1-3; Rom. 4;
 Gal. 6:8-10
 Acts 13:46-48; 28:28

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- IV. Warning To The Gentiles.
- A. Parable of the Olive Tree. Rom. 11:17-24
1. Root and fatness of the olive tree refers to Christ and God's blessings of the Abrahamic and New Covenant.
 2. The branches are the Israelites.
 3. The wild olive tree branches are the Gentiles. Wild branches do not bear fruit of themselves, but they do when grafted into the true olive tree. Rom. 11:17
- B. Gentiles Warned Not To Boast. Rom. 11:18-24
Rom. 3:27-28
1. The Gentiles are warned not to boast of their being accepted of God in the place of the Jews. Rom. 11:19-21
 2. They are to fear lest they also fall and not be spared. Take heed. He didn't spare the natural branches. Rom. 11:22
 3. This shows the goodness and severity of God.
- C. Spiritual Renewal. Rom. 11:23-24
I Cor. 5:1-5; Gal. 6:1
II Cor. 7:8-12
1. If Israel abides not still in unbelief, they will be grafted in: God is able.
 2. This verse expresses the abnormality of grafting unfruitful branches into a good and fruitful tree, but it is natural to graft a good branch into a good tree.
- V. Dispensation of Israel's Blindness. Rom. 11:25-32
- A. Until The Fulness of the Gentiles.
1. It will end at the second advent and the national conversion of Israel.
 2. At that time all Israel shall be saved. Zech. 12:10-13;
Zech. 14:1-21
Rom. 11:28-32
- B. Israel Is Chosen Of God.
1. They are enemies of the gospel but beloved for the Father's sake. (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc.).
 2. They have been chosen by God to fulfill his plan and they will yet do so.
 3. The gifts and callings of God to Israel still hold good but they must repent. Rom. 11:29
- VI. Paul Beseeches The Church. Rom. 12:1
- A. Consecration. Rom. 6:1-23; 8:1-13;
Eph. 4:20-24
1. Consecration is the foundation of practical Christianity.
 2. We must behold the goodness and severity of God, and present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. Rom. 12:1
 3. We must continue in his goodness; otherwise we shall be cut off. Rom. 11:22
 4. Do not be conformed to this world. Do not pattern after this age or to the times.
- B. Transformed. Rom. 12:2
Mt. 17:2; Mk. 9:2;
II Cor. 3:18
Titus 3:5; II Cor. 4:16
Col. 3:10
1. Gr. Metamorphoo – transformed or transfigured by a supernatural change.
 2. This change is by renewing of the mind.
- C. Fall From Grace. Rom. 11:11, 15, 20;
Gal. 5:1-4
Rom. 11:11
Rom. 11:15
Gal. 5:4
1. Israel stumbled and fell. We can do the same thing.
 2. God cast them away. It can happen to anyone.
 3. They were broken off. Be not high minded, it can happen to you as well.
 4. The Galatians fell from grace.

Summary. Be not high minded, but fear. (Rom. 11:20). Do not think more highly of yourself than you ought to think, but to think soberly. (Rom. 12:3).
