

## *A Remnant Chosen by Grace*

### *Romans 11:1-12*

*The culture may indeed be rushing down a slippery slope of damnation. But God has his remnant, nevertheless, and this remnant has not bowed its knee to the Baal of sex and possessions. There are devout people, who are living for God and trying to do the right thing, often in what are terrible circumstances. We should be encouraged to know this, seeking out such persons and encouraging them whenever we can. That is what the church is to be, after all—the company of those who are living for God and are encouraging one another to live for him even in this present evil world.*

*So let us get on with it. 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus' and so run the race set out for us (Heb. 12:1-2), whatever it may be. Moreover, let us run it, knowing that one day, like ourselves, all God's elect people will stand before him, having conquered this present wicked world." Boice*

- I. Our faith in all that God has promised to those of us who know him, is based on the integrity of his character and Word. An unbeliever will say, "God has no integrity, I don't believe him." A believer should never question God's integrity. Like Israel, we too are recipients of his covenant promises. He will fulfill his promises without question, and he will do it through those he has called to be faithful toward him. Praise Him that we are recipients of a grace that has called us to be his very own.

**2 Cor. 1:20** *For no matter how many promises God has made they are "Yes" in Christ Jesus.*

*"Throughout history, God has used various means of dividing the faith from the unfaithful, the elect from the non-elect. While theologians struggle to understand the interaction between God's sovereign choosing and humankind's self-determination, one truth remains clear: God keeps his promises despite human failing. In the end, only Jesus is 100% faithful; therefore, only those 'in Christ' will persevere." Swindoll*

- II. God called Israel out of all the nations to be his very own. The promises he made to Abraham stand to this day. We understand that presently, Israel is being disciplined because of unbelief. We also know that there is a remnant (the elect) among the Jews, whom God has called by grace to stand strong in the midst of a nation that is hostile toward anyone proclaiming the name of Jesus.

Rom. 11:1-10

Jer. 29:11-13

2 Cor. 1:20

Heb. 9:15

Heb. 10:23-25

Deut. 7:6-9

Acts 20:24

**Jeremiah 31:37** *“Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done.”*

- III. God has deferred his plan for Israel to allow for a season of grace for those whom the Jew thought undeserving of God. Their rejection of Jesus has resulted in the spread of the gospel to the Gentiles, so that the salvation of the Gentiles will lead to the salvation of Israel as a nation, which in turn would lead to greater riches for Gentile believers.

Rom. 11:11-12

**Rom. 9:25-26** *As he say in Hosea: “I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my love one’ who is not my loved one,” and, “It will happen that in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”*