

Someone You Can Trust! Romans 11

Introduction

The Problem: If Israel, who had a covenant, promises, and more, has been rejected, then how can anyone say that the Christian is secure? [How can we trust the word of God? What good are promises if they are not kept?]

The Answer: Romans 9-11. God has been, is, and will be faithful to His covenant with Israel.

9:1-29, Israel's failings do not annul the promises of God because His promises are sovereignly granted.

9:1-5, Although Israel received great promises from God, she did not always respond to them with trust or faith.

9:6-18, God's promises to Israel were passed on not as much through physical descent as through a spiritual response of faith.

9:19-29, The decision of who would receive God's promises (especially election or being chosen by God) was God's sovereign choice, not His response to what people did or did not do.

9:30-10:21, Israel's failings do not annul the promises of God because the righteousness of God is by faith, not works.

11:1-36, Israel's failings do not annul the promises of God because God will remain faithful to His people by restoring Israel.

- A. God has always been faithful to his people Israel by preserving a remnant — by grace. 11:1-10
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 - a. Question and denial. 11:1a
 - b. Present: example of Paul. 11:1b
 - c. Past: example of Elijah and the remnant. 11:2-4
 - d. Always: a remnant chosen by grace, not works. 11:5-6
 2. Those of Israel who were elect (chosen) have been saved, and those who sought righteousness by the works of the law have been hardened. 11:7-10

- B. God has been faithful to Israel by permitting a partial hardening of Israel, which will bring the benefit of grace to both Israel and the Gentile. 11:11-24
1. Israel's stumbling was temporary, not permanent and benefits the Gentiles so that Israel will become jealous and once again have God's blessings. 11:11-12
 2. Paul desires Israel to come to salvation, and anticipates even greater blessings when this occurs. 11:13-15
 3. The Gentiles should not be arrogant in their salvation lest they be cut off, as was Israel, for their salvation is dependent upon Israel. 11:16-21
 4. The Gentiles should be careful to continue in the faith realizing that God is kind to those who believe and severe towards those who do not. 11:22-24
- C. God is faithful to His promises. Israel will be restored. 11:25-32
- D. Praise: worship is the right response to the work of God. 11:33-36

Conclusion

God is sovereign, and His election is by faith and not good works. Therefore, nothing can separate us from the His love for us, which includes His purposes and His promises.

Whatever God decides to do will be done.

All of His promises will be kept.