

TRUTH UNASHAMED

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Part 4: The Sovereign Lord

Week 7

This weeks focus scripture: Romans 11:7-16

This weeks extra reading:

- Once again, read all of Romans chapters 9 and 10.
- Psalm 69, with reference to verses 22-23

This weeks memory challenge: *Romans 11:15*

Study and Reflection

Day 1: Read Romans 11:7-10. As described in the message, this is a picture of the spiritual blindness that results when we try to make life work (be righteous) based on our own works and wisdom rather than through Faith in Christ and God's Grace. With this in mind:

- How do you see evidence of spiritual blindness in the world today? What are historical examples?

- In our own lives, what happens when we set aside our faith and dependence upon Christ and try to make life work on our own?

Day 2: Verse 10 describes the back breaking labor of trying to attain rightness with God, and in live, out of our own efforts. How do we see evidence of this in the world, and at times in our own lives?

Day 3: Read verses 11-15. Here Paul describes God's plan to bring Israel to salvation through their 'envy' of seeing the riches of salvation present in the lives of the gentiles. Given this big picture concept...

- What are the 'riches for the world' Paul describes in verse 12?
- Why is the witness of the church (gentile church) to Israel so important?
- For us, in what ways would a non-believers observance of our lives as followers of Christ make them 'envious' of the riches we possess as believers? Put another way, how is God at work in our lives that would draw other people to the Gospel?

This is a challenging passage of scripture. What are any big questions you may have here? How does this passage speak hope and encouragement into your life?

Notes from Sermon Outline

† The problem of blindness
Romans 11:7-10

† Sibling Rivalry
Romans 11:11-12

† Why Israel Matters
Romans 11:13-14

† Life from the Dead!
Romans 11:15-16