

# TRUTH UNASHAMED

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ROMANS

## Part 4: The Sovereign Lord

Week 8

**This weeks focus scripture:** Romans 11:17-36

**This weeks extra reading:**

- All of Romans 11
- Genesis 12:1-3, Deuteronomy 11, John 1:1-14

**This weeks memory challenge:** *Romans 11:36*

Study and Reflection

**Day 1:** Read Genesis 12:1-3. With an eye to history, and up to today, how has God fulfilled his Promise to Abraham?

If Jesus (the Gospel) is the ultimate expression of God's promise to Abraham, how is the world 'blessed' through the Gospel, right now, in this life?

**Day 2:** Read Romans 11:17-24. With reference to Pastor Ethan's message, summarize in your own words the overall meaning – the main points- of this passage. What are ways this passage could be misinterpreted?

**Day 3:** Read verses 17-24 again. Why is Paul so concerned with the issue of humility for believers- as those who have been brought from *death to life*? In what ways does the church today need to hear Paul's message of humility as followers of Christ?

In this passage Paul directs us (with strong language) to a spirit of awe- even trembling- when considering the *kindness and sternness of God*. Why is this important? Why does this possibly make us uncomfortable? In what ways do we take the kindness of God for granted, and what is the result of such an attitude?

**Day 4:** Read Romans 11:28-32. This is a difficult passage to understand, but at it's core is the absolute necessity and centrality of God's gift of mercy. Take time to consider the reality of God's mercy in your life. In what ways do you need to see, and accept, the power of God's mercy in your life right now? Put another way, how is God working to teach you about His mercy?

**Day 5:** Read Romans 11:33-36. How does this closing passage serve as an anchor for everything we've seen in chapters 9 through 11? Prayerfully re-write this passage as your own prayer to God. What is the power of this passage if it is received as what we truly believe?

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❧ *Notes from Sermon Outline* ❧

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† Israel and a brief history of time

- Abrahamic covenant (unconditional): Through Israel, the entire world will be BLESSED.  
*Genesis 12:1-3*
- Mosaic (old/conditional) covenant: “Keep the law, and you will be blessed.” Law intended to bring Israel to faith, but instead it led them to seek righteousness by their own works instead of by faith.  
*Deuteronomy 11, Romans 9:30-33*
- Abrahamic covenant leads to CHRIST. Israel rejected Christ as messiah.  
*John 1:10-11*
- Through Paul, God sent the Gospel to the GENTILES. *Romans 11:11-14*
- Through witness of the Gentiles, Israel will become ‘jealous’ for the Gospel, ultimately leading to Israel’s turn back to Christ. This will usher in a great spiritual renewal, described as *Life from the Dead*.  
*Romans 11:15*

† Israel and the example of the Olive Tree

*Romans 11:17-21*

† Consider... God

*Romans 11:22-24*

† Big Picture, Big Mystery

*Romans 11:25-32*

† Who is this God?

*Romans 11:32-36*