

20. Why does Paul end *Romans 11* with the doxology of verses 33-36?

21. Why does a proper understanding of theology lead to doxology?

Reflection Questions: Am I as burdened with the lost around me as Paul was? Have I hardened my heart toward God in any way? Have I hardened my heart toward other people in any way? Who am I praying for that I might have opportunity to share the gospel with?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Divine sovereignty is the ultimate source of comfort for the Christian believer, because it means God is in control of his destiny.

R.C. Sproul

Trying to figure out God is like trying to catch a fish in the Pacific Ocean with an inch of dental floss...

God is more interested in declaring than explaining.

Matt Chandler

God hardens those He wants to harden.

And all those whom He hardens want to be hardened

Timothy Keller

The salvation of the Gentiles is not the end of the story, as if God were finished with Israel. All Israel—that is, some future generation of Israel—will turn to Christ and be saved, because of the mercy shown to the Gentiles. Their disobedience leads to our salvation. Our salvation will lead to their salvation.

John Piper

Worship begins where theology ends. Where the legs of reason grow weary, the heart may yet soar on wings like eagles.... Where the mind cannot know God's thoughts, the heart may yet trust His character.

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Message #136: *Review of Romans #4*

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Sermon
Notes

1. **The Jews' Past Promises, Chapter 9**

2. **The Jews' Present Position, Chapter 10**

3. **The Jews' Prophetic Prospects, Chapter 11**

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. What is Paul's purpose in *Romans 9-11*? How does that purpose fit into the purpose and argument of the letter as a whole?
3. What was Paul's longing for his country men? What would he be willing to do to see this happen (*Romans 9:1-5*)?
4. Why does it matter whether or not God's promises have failed? What are the implications (*Romans 9:6*)?
5. What is Paul's answer in *Romans 9* to the question, "Why does God choose some and not others?"
6. Is God unjust in saving some and not saving others (*Romans 9:18*)? Explain.
7. What are we reminded of in *Romans 9:20-21* about God? About ourselves?
8. What caused the Jews to stumble (*Romans 9:32b-33*)?
9. In *Romans 10:9-10* is confession with the mouth a second condition for salvation besides believing in the heart? Explain.
10. What is Paul's logic regarding the necessity of evangelism in *Romans 10:14-15*?
11. Has God rejected Israel (*Romans 11:1*)? Explain.
12. Read *Romans 11:1-5*. How does Paul answer the question of *verse 1*?
13. What consequence of Israel's unbelief affects us even today (*Romans 11:11-15*)?
14. In *Romans 11:17-24*, who is the olive tree? Who are the broken branches? Who are the grafted branches?
15. Why is God's grafting in of Gentiles an offer of hope to the Jews (*Romans 11:23-24*)?
16. What is the mystery Paul refers to in *Romans 11:25-27*?
17. What does Paul mean when he says that *all Israel will be saved* (*Romans 11:26*)?
18. If someone were to ask, "Are the Jews still God's chosen people?" how would you answer them?
19. How is *Romans 11:29* an encouragement to you?