

Romans: The Gospel

The Word of Promise

Romans 9:1-13

<p>Next up: Romans 9, 10 & 11 Israel's relationship with God and the gospel</p> <p>Israel - THE hot topic (again) Antisemitism is nothing new</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Egypt - slavery • Ancient Rome • Martin Luther! • Russian Empire • German Empire • Modern Western & Arab world <p><i>Driven by the media? Japan loves Trump</i></p>	<p>Same spirit at work! against any part of God's doing</p> <p>Ramping up in the last days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peace deal ahead with Israel & Arab nations • Brokered by a new Western power • False peace, broken in 3 ½ years when broker claims his own deity in temple
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Genesis 12:1-3 - Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great **nation**; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I **will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**" (The Messiah will be from Abraham's family line and will bless all families)

Zechariah 2:8 - For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for **he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.**

<p>The Third Reich Fell Consumed with exterminating people, especially Jews - scapegoat for all evils</p> <p>We do well to have <u>caution in our attitudes and positions</u> <i>There are many great political commentators</i> <u>Please, please, do not get your theology from them.</u></p> <p>Your theology should inform your politics -- Not the other way around</p>	<p>Is Modern Israel Biblical Israel?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same geography outlined in the Bible Gen 15:18 - Nile to Euphrates (Biblical boundaries larger) Genesis 17:8ab - "Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; • Same ethnic group - Jewish/Hebrew • Same name - Israel
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<p>Isaiah 66:8 - Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.</p> <p>May 14, 1948</p>	<p>Israel hadn't been a nation since 70 A.D.</p> <p>destruction of the temple (which Jesus prophesied)</p> <p><i>This kicks off the last days - not the Great Tribulation, but the stage is being set</i></p>
<p>It is possible to support and love</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jews as a religious group • Israeli's as a nationality • Israel's right to exist as a nation <p><u>Why? God said so.</u></p> <p>God determined the borders. God forced the people out of the land to give it to Israel</p> <p><i>with a sword in the OT and a pen in our day</i></p>	<p>And at the same time, not</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condone political actions or positions • Affirm their salvation by any other means than the gospel <p>I support Israel and it's people I love the Jewish people</p> <p>but that doesn't mean I carte blanche approve of whatever they say or want to do</p>
<p>God loves the Arab peoples too - remember Hagar and Ishmael Genesis 21 for homework</p> <p>Many Muslims are turning to Christ!</p>	<p>But only <u>one</u> is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's ethnic people group • Historical nation of import <i>on pause until the tribulation</i>
<p>There is a difference between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's people - ethnic Hebrews • God's nation - geographic Israel • Jesus' Bride - the church <p>One can be all of the above Ethnically Hebrew, passport Israeli, and born-again Christian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jews for Jesus • Messianic Jews <p>One can be some or none of the above</p>	<p>What a special joy it must be to be ethnically a Jew, nationally an Israelite, and spiritually a Bride!</p> <p>ethnicity and nationality have no role in salvation or make one a better or worse Christian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One does not need to be Jewish to be a Christian. • A Christian does not need to seek to be Jewish.

Colossians 3:11 - where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

The Christian is the complete Jew - one whose faith is in the Jewish Messiah

Romans 2:28-29 - For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

Remember, Jesus is Jewish

**Not blonde hair, blue eyes
Born in Bethlehem, Judea**

**His whole ministry was within
The borders of Israel**

The very savior they rejected has become the savior of the World

The Jews were meant to bless the world with their witness

But they rejected their own Messiah (maybe because He and His mission were bigger than just them, in their day, in their time)

Now the world blesses Israel by provoking them to jealousy over their savior

Romans 11:13-14 - For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them.

[Pray] 9:1-5

A note: your conscience works in conjunction with the Holy Spirit.

A physical tool in His spiritual toolbox

Your conscience can be tuned to the wrong things, however

He'll use it to get your attention

Don't ignore those middle-of-the-night wake ups, either

What is Paul's conscience concerned about?

The Jews! His fellow people

Sorrow - pain, grief, mourning
Consuming grief,

He's a Jew who's come to know the Messiah - and they're missing it
And accursed in their blindness

And it breaks his heart

an unredeemed Paul (Saul) wouldn't care

And yet God sent Paul to the Gentiles*Need is not the call.*

Yet Paul prayed and likely wrote Hebrews

Is there someone, something, somewhere you are brokenhearted over?**Can't get off your conscience?**

Not for yourself, but for their sake?

- They don't understand the gospel?
- Have been hurt?
- Forsaken?

- Family
- Friends
- Coworkers

Remember - Paul was brokenhearted over his enemies

- A denomination
- Cult members
- A people group
- A nation

Pray for them! Maybe God will send you! And if not, your conscience can rest.

Lesser things did not trouble him because he was troubled by a great thing — the souls of men. "Get love for the souls of men — then you will not be whining about a dead dog, or a sick cat, or about the crotchets of a family, and the little disturbances that John and Mary may make by their idle talk. You will be delivered from petty worries (I need not further describe them) if you are concerned about the souls of men... Get your soul full of a great grief, and your little griefs will be driven out." (Spurgeon)

Paul says something big here And he's genuine about it**He wishes he could be accursed for them**
His sorrow is so great, he'd rather go to hell than all of them**Is it no wonder he did all he did?****#1 Paul knew he was a sinner in need**

1 Timothy 1:15-16 - This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life.

#2 Paul knew how much Jesus did

Ephesians 3:16-19 - that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; **that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

And that drove him to share the gospel with everyone and want everyone to know it

Acts 20:26-27 - "Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. "For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

<p>That's what needs to drive us</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not fear • Not motivation for our own salvation (cults) • But knowing how Good Jesus is • Knowing how lost we'd be without Him • And the fate that awaits those apart from Him 	<p>Paul is upset that the Jews were so close And yet so very far</p> <p>Missing out on everything God had for them</p> <p><u>Everything in Him</u> Not in their efforts</p>
<p>All these things revealed to the Jewish people of the nation of Israel...to be delivered to them and the world</p> <p>Adoption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of the family of God • Inheritance/heirs • Loved as children! <p>Glory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowing God! • Seeing Him work! • Digging into the mysteries <p>True meaning of covenants and laws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not to be slaves to them • Revealing God's faithfulness • A tutor to bring them to the Messiah <p>Serving God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priestly work • Linen - meant to be light, not laborious • The joy in true purpose in life <p>His promises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promises given and kept all by Him • A God who promises is in control of the future 	<p>As in Matthew - the genealogy of Jesus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Totally Jewish. • Totally a son of Abraham • And of David • Heir to the throne • Great High Priest • Someone to rule the nation and be the fulfillment of everything God had given <p>Laws, promises, covenants, salvation, kings, priests, nationality</p>

:6-13**Israel's rejection is not God's fault****Good parents or bad parents**

At the end of the day, every child has a choice

*The Garden,
Despite a perfect father
And perfect living conditions
Adam and Eve chose sin*

The truth is, Israel's rejection revealed their spiritual condition**Israel = governed by God**

- Physically of the lineage
- Nationally of the nation
- Spiritually no relation

There rejection doesn't mean God's promises failed - if God broke promises to Israel the church has no hope.

Galatians 4:22-24, 28-29, 31 - For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar-- ... Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. ... So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

They weren't born yet...

Matthew 3:7-10 - But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **"Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, "and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees.** Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Abraham & Sarah**Promised a son** - Gen 12-15

*It didn't happen in their timing
They turned to the flesh to fulfill God's promise
And that didn't work - Ishmael
Yet the son of the promise still came*

But God knew who they'd be. And He'd use that. It wasn't their automatic physical position (firstborn) but their spiritual calling
We'll examine the choice next time

Spurgeon - it's not that God hated Esau that doesn't make sense, it's that he loved Jacob

Many twist this to say that God hates people and creates certain people to be hated

- Some created for heaven, some hell

If that were the full story, we'd all be doomed and God wouldn't be who he says he is - love

<p>The truth is - God knows who will receive His word, His promises and His son</p> <p>And who will reject</p> <p>Yet in love, his promises are available to all And all can choose what they want</p>	<p>The ultimate Word of Promise - from all the way back in the garden</p> <p>The Messiah Himself - living Word of God One Promised</p> <p><u>Is for you</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● If you'll receive Him ● But you can reject Him <p><u>Receive or reject</u> <u>The Word of Promise still stands</u></p>
<p>Adoption Glory Covenants and laws Service to God His promises</p> <p>To be His people His nation His friend His Bride</p> <p>God wants to take care of you Completely but you have to let Him</p> <p>Israel stopped short But the words of promise still go forth</p> <p>Every word is for you, if you'll believe it</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 1:20 - For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.</p> <p>Jeremiah 29:11-14 - For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.</p> <p>Revelation 3:20 - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.</p>