



THE
GOOD BOOK
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THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Monday, February 4 | Romans 10:5-13

Salvation Is for All

5 Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' 6But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 7'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8But what does it say?

'The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart'

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); 9because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. 11The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' 12For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. 13For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Tuesday, February 5 | Romans 10:14-21

14 But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? 15And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!' 16But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed our message?' 17So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

18 But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for

'Their voice has gone out to all the earth,
and their words to the ends of the world.'

19Again I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says,

'I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation;
with a foolish nation I will make you angry.'

20Then Isaiah is so bold as to say,

'I have been found by those who did not seek me;
I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.'

21But of Israel he says, 'All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.'

Wednesday, February 6 | Romans 11:1-10

Israel's Rejection Is Not Final

11 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? ³'Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars; I alone am left, and they are seeking my life.'⁴But what is the divine reply to him? 'I have kept for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.'⁵So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. ⁶But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

⁷ What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, ⁸as it is written,

'God gave them a sluggish spirit,
eyes that would not see
and ears that would not hear,
down to this very day.'

⁹And David says,

'Let their table become a snare and a trap,
a stumbling-block and a retribution for them;
¹⁰ let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see,
and keep their backs for ever bent.'

Thursday, February 7 | Romans 11:11-16

The Salvation of the Gentiles

11 So I ask, have they stumbled so as to fall? By no means! But through their stumbling salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. ¹²Now if their stumbling means riches for the world, and if their defeat means riches for Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry ¹⁴in order to make my own people jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead! ¹⁶If the part of the dough offered as first fruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; and if the root is holy, then the branches also are holy.

Friday, February 8 | Romans 11:17-24

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree,¹⁸ do not vaunt yourselves over the branches. If you do vaunt yourselves, remember that it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. ¹⁹You will say, 'Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.' ²⁰That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand only through faith. So do not become proud, but stand in awe. ²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps he will not spare you. ²²Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity towards those who have fallen, but God's kindness towards you, provided you continue in his kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³And even those of Israel, if they do not persist in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you have been cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these natural branches be grafted back into their own olive tree.

Saturday, February 9 | Romans 11:25-36

All Israel Will Be Saved

25 So that you may not claim to be wiser than you are, brothers and sisters, I want you to understand this mystery: a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.²⁶ And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

'Out of Zion will come the Deliverer;
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.'

²⁷ 'And this is my covenant with them,
when I take away their sins.'

²⁸ As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

³³ O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴ 'For who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counsellor?'

³⁵ 'Or who has given a gift to him,
to receive a gift in return?'

³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory for ever. Amen.