

Lesson 21 - The Book of Romans

As mentioned last time – Chapters 9, 10 and 11 deal with the Nation of Israel. 9 – Israel's past, 10 their present and 11, their future.

There is little to no teaching in the church today about these 3 chapters. It is mainly because in most folks' minds, when Israel rejected the Lord Jesus as their Messiah, God was through with them as a people.

The church is taught that the only thing of importance being done by God today is to gather a bride for His Son Jesus we call the Church.

In no way do I diminish this quest, but as noted last week, Israel has been set aside for a while, while the Church is being built.

As we will learn next time, when the last believer has entered into his/her relationship with Jesus Christ, God the Father will tell Jesus to call the church to Himself where we will experience 7 years of passing out rewards, the marriage of the Lamb (Jesus) and then return to this earth to set up the 1,000-year millennium reign on the earth.

Keep in mind that there are two things happening at one time. There is the scene in heaven as mentioned above, and there is the "tribulation" happening on the earth. Remember that the tribulation on earth is the direct result of Israel rejecting the Lordship of Jesus, and the entire earth will be involved.

When we speak of the 1,000 year millennium reign of the Lord Jesus on the earth (after the rapture of the Church, and the Church returning to the earth) there will be a scene concerning the peoples of the earth and how they are treating the Jews – **today**.

Now concerning Israel today, if you read **Matthew 25** closely starting in verse **31** we read: *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all of the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on His throne of glory, **verse 32**, and all of the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from his goats, and He will separate the sheep on His right hand, and the goats on the left, **verse 34** He will say to those on His right hand, come you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world, for **verse 35** "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you took me in, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you visited Me."*

Then the righteous will answer Him saying; Lord, when did you see me hungry, and you gave Me food, thirsty and you gave Me drink, stranger and you took Me in, or naked and cloth you, or when did we see you sick or in prison and come to you?"

Verse 40 *"And the King will answer and say to them, Assuredly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of **My Brethren (Israel)**, you did it unto Me."*

Well beloved, when do you suppose this is taking place? Correct – **Today**

If interested in what happens to the goat nations, start reading about them in verses **41 through 46**.

Beloved, this is why we fully support Israel. Not because they are such a “just nation” or even because they are always right in their decisions. We support them because they are His brethren and America wants to remain a “sheep Nation”.

O.K. as we look now at **Romans 10**, we notice some interesting things. **Romans 10:1** Paul states that he wishes above all that the nation of Jews would come to Christ. “That they would be saved” he says.

In verse **2** Paul explains that the Jews have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. What does he mean?

Their zeal for God is real, their approach is wrong. Instead of receiving the righteousness of God by faith as the gentiles have, they set about to establish their own righteousness through their “works”

Remember, when the temple was destroyed in AD70, the Jews had no way of cleansing themselves of their sin. The sacrifice program ended so they set about like all other religions on earth – to earn and keep their relationship with God by what they **do**. Their works. They began, as so many folks do today, to set about works for their own righteousness.

Thus verse **3** of chapter **10**.

Then Paul sums it up with verse **4** when he says: “for Christ is the end of the law (works) for righteousness for everyone who BELIEVES.

Remember that this chapter is dealing with Israel – **Today**.

In verse **4 of Romans 10** when Paul states that “for Christ is the end of the law for righteousness for all who believe, what he is saying is; Christ is the designed end or goal, the object to which the law pointed.

That is what Paul is saying in **Galatians 3:24** – “therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith”

Beloved, this is the description as outlined in **Galatians 3; 17-29** - the law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ.

A schoolmaster was a guide to young boys in supervising their life and morals of the child before arriving to the place of manhood. These were usually slaves that were assigned this task. Another word used for this person would be a chaperone. This was usually in a wealthy family.

Note then that verse **25** states “but after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.”

The law could not produce righteousness. It was given to the righteous *not to make them righteous*, but to establish their behavior as righteous. Do we get it? The law pointed to Jesus who kept the law completely and provided righteousness that keeping the law could not provide.

Oh that the Church of today could only grasp the importance of this understanding. We would immediately stop striving at anything, especially with regard to our standing with God.

Christ is the end of the law – period.

Paul then goes on to write starting in verse **5** that Moses actually taught that salvation was by faith.

In **Romans 10 – 6-8** these quotes were from **Deuteronomy 30** and were the charges he made to the children of Israel that were about to enter into Canaan. It was the conclusion of Moses prophetic description of God dealing with Israel. Blessings were promised for faith and obedience and chastisement was promised for rejection and disobedience.

Moses told the children of Israel that if they forsook God, they would be dispersed worldwide and would be afflicted. When the people finally do return to God, He will restore them with blessings, prosperity and prominence among the nations.

Moses gave them God's direction, so they would not need to ask that it be brought down from heaven, or that someone cross the sea to get it. (**Deut: 30 11-13**) . Paul indicated that the same truth applied to his generation, with the added fact that Christ had come in the flesh and had been resurrected, thus verse **7 of Romans 10**.

Now listen up. **Verse 9** – The confession with the mouth that Jesus is Lord is mentioned first to confirm to the order quoted in **Deuteronomy 30:14**. The confession is an acknowledgement that God has been incarnate in Jesus and that **Jesus is God**.

So many “Christian cults” deny the deity of Jesus Christ. They say “He is not God”

Of course, then verse **9** – heart faith that God raised Him from the dead.

Again, the issue is belief. Do you believe God? Do you believe what He says about His Son Jesus?

Believers' beloved, believe. Thus, all believers, will be saved and shall not be put to shame.

Side note here beloved. Remember that the Jews were looking for a king. they were not looking for a sacrifice to be offered, but a king to relieve them from the suffering they were experiencing under Roman rule. That is the main reason why they rejected Jesus. He was not acting as a king, but rather a sacrifice. This was their stumbling block.

Another interesting point to note here is that the destruction of the temple in AD70 is not mentioned in the Epistles or the Gospels. Proving that the word was written before the destruction of the temple. No mention of it being destroyed.

Now you can almost feel the Apostle Paul and his desire for his brethren to come to the knowledge of the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Now **verse 14** – How then they call on Him in whom they have not heard, and how can they believe without a preacher (paraphrased)

Another side note here beloved. God has appointed within His church – apostles, prophets, evangelists' pastor/teachers as it suits Him.

I know I am trading on familiar ground here beloved, but let me remind you of part of my testimony. In early 1958 (because my wife was such a good Baptist) knew I needed to get "saved". We set about to remedy this situation by going to a small Baptist Church in North Las Vegas. There, the preacher (with obvious anointing as an evangelist) preached me straight into hell, then gave me the remedy of coming down the isle and giving myself to the Lord Jesus. I ran down and gave myself to the Lord.

Next Sunday, he preached another message to the lost, and again realizing I must have a problem, ran down the isle after his sermon and again gave myself to the Lord Jesus. In addition, I was baptized with water.

The third Sunday, I experienced a similar situation. Problem was, I was not going to go down to the front again, I was too embarrassed. So I just prayed the sinners prayer in the pew.

The pastor put me in charge of the basketball program working with the kids. That was ok with me because I didn't know any better.

The problem was that the pastor had the anointing as an **Evangelist**. That was his calling. He had no idea what to do with me once I was saved. It would have been time for the teacher to come forth but none came forth. Many churches are like this. The pastor is there to send in the building material (new believers). The **prophet** is there to tell the church when it goes astray from the original plan. I.e. You are spending too much time on salvations, praying and outreach, but no one is available to teach these folks. The prophet is like the architect who understands the overall building and what it should look like.

The **apostle** (also the architect) the anointed one to foresee the work to begin with. He is also responsible for setting up the plans for the building. It now becomes the responsibility for the **pastor** to come to the front and work with the folks on their personal boo boo's. He also is responsible to the overseeing of the building being built. Normally, he/she is also the teacher who works with the building schedule, workshops, children's church etc. The **teacher** is horribly lacking in most cases.

Our major problems are that these necessary ministries are not available in most churches, and the pastor remains responsible to carry out all of the functions. It is a wise pastor who recognizes what anointing is upon whom, and encourage them to get out of the stands, on to the field and start building this church.

Every congregation has all the gift ministries in the congregation, but there is no one to recognize who has what and request that each ministry come forth. For further information on this important subject, go to my teachings at tommorrisongodcast.com

Verse **17** says “faith comes by hearing, and hearing comes by the Word of God. Faith doesn’t come from hearing social problems. It doesn’t come from community service. It comes from “hearing” the Word of God. **Galatians 3:2** Paul asks: did you receive the Spirit by the “works of the law” or the hearing of faith.”

Important point here beloved. Churches that stray from the gospel of Jesus Christ, get involved in political issues of the day, or moral issues of the day, need to return to the actual gospel – which is Jesus Christ – crucified and rose from the dead on the third day according to the scriptures.

It is our tendency to get involved in the political issues of the day and no one is more prone to that than me.

The only answer for this sick deplorable and unacceptable world is the Lord Jesus Christ and that must remain our primary focus.

Just a few more comments concerning the nation of Israel since its inception in 1948. (we will consider this of the chapter 10 Israel in its **present day**)

It is my personal conviction that Hitler was the instrument God used to unseat the Jews who were in positions of power throughout the entire world and cause them to return to their homeland – Israel. You may not agree and that is fine with me.

The world felt sorry for the Jews during the holocaust and the result was their agreement to allow Israel to become a nation.

Here are some facts concerning Israel since its inception in **1948**. Declaration of independence of the Nation – **1948** – 5 Nations came against this new nation Israel in their war of independence. Israel won this war.

During the period in 1956 – November 5th actually was the Sinai Campaign. Israel captures Sinai from Egypt, U.S. and Soviet forces pressure Israel to withdraw from Sinai and president Eisenhower guarantees protection of Israel shipping (Articles were later lost to prove his position).

6 day war June 5-10th of 1967. Israel defeats the combined forces of Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, captures the Sinai Gaza, Judea and Samaria. Jerusalem is reunited, Jewish settlements begin in eastern Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria. Moshe Dayan gives the administration of the temple mount to the high counsel of Jordan.

Resolution by the U.N.242, and 348 rallied international sentiment against Israel's decision to keep the captured territory, the West Bank and East Jerusalem, Gaza strip, Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights

1973 the Yom Kippur war – October 5-24- despite heavy casualties, Israel army advances toward Cairo and Damascus, Arabs ask for a cease fire after 3 weeks of fighting, Israel negotiates disengagement with Egypt and Syria, setting cease fire lines in the Sinai and Golan Heights

1978&79 First wave of Jewish Emigration from the Soviet Union and as a result the Soviet-American détente reaches peak, and 200,000 Soviet Jews arrive in Israel.

1991- Gulf War drives Saddam from Kuwait, Israel is attacked with scud missiles, but is kept from intervening by the U.S. Madrid Peace Conference. Israel is branded as the main source against peace in the region and is pressured to negotiate with the PLO

1996 Benjamin Netanyahu wins the first national election for Prime Minister.

2000 Yasser Arafat rejects unprecedented offer from Israel in exchange for peace. Israel offers 97% of the West Bank, part of East Jerusalem, the Gaza strip, and the unification of thousands of Palestinian family members, followed by Palestinian Intifada groups attacking Israeli outposts

2004 Arafat dies- Thank God.

2006 Israel war with Lebanon on July 12th U.N. brokered a cease fire on August 14th but actually ended when Israel lifted its naval blockade of Lebanon.

Before 1990 there were 175 resolutions passed by the United Nations Security Council of which 57% or 57 were directed toward Israel.

The general assembly passed 690 resolutions before 1990 and 429 were against Israel. 62%

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