

The Callous on Israel's Heart Is Not Final – There Is to Be a Restoration

Romans 11: 11–16

1. **Proof 1:**

God has counteracted

Israel's stumbling over Christ

- a. God opened salvation to the Gentiles
- b. God stirs the Jews to be restored
- c. God assures
the glorious restoration of Israel
and assures
a rich blessing for the whole earth

2. **Proof 2:**

Paul tried to stir the Jews to be saved

- a. By magnifying his ministry
to the Gentiles
- b. Paul's purpose
 - 1) To stir some to be saved
 - 2) To bring about the restoration,
the great climax of history

3. **Proof 3:**

The forefathers,

that is, the patriarchs,

passed down a heritage of holiness

11 Again I ask:

Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery?

Not at all!

Rather,

because of their transgression,
salvation has come to the Gentiles
to make Israel envious.

12 But if their transgression

means riches for the world,

and their loss means riches for the Gentiles,

how much greater riches will their fullness bring!

13 I am talking to you Gentiles.

Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles,

I make much of my ministry,

14 In the hope that I may somehow arouse

my own people to envy

and save some of them.

15 For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world,

what will their acceptance be

but life from the dead?

16 If the part of the dough

offered as first fruits is holy,

then the whole batch is holy;

if the root is holy,

so are the branches.

The Restoration of Israel and Its Surety

Romans 11: 25–36

1. *Surety 1:*

God's great revelation about the Jews

- a. Was a mystery
- b. Israel's blindness is only partial
- c. Israel's blindness is only temporary
 - 1) Until the fullness of the Gentiles is come
 - 2) All Israel will be saved

2. *Surety 2: The promise of Scripture —* ***God's Deliverer, Jesus Christ,*** ***will turn Israel*** ***and take away their sins***

3. *Surety 3:*

God's pleasure with Israel's forefathers

- a. God loves Israel because of the great faith of their forefathers
- b. God is unchangeable:
He will fulfill His will for Israel

4. *Surety 4:*

The believer's mercy

5. *Surety 5:*

God's holiness and mercy

6. *Surety 6:*

God's glorious plan for the world

- a. His plan includes His wisdom and knowledge, His judgments and ways
- b. No person can grasp God's plan
- c. No person can earn God's gift
- d. God alone is the source, the channel and the end of all things

25 I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited:

Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

"The deliverer will come from Zion;
he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

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

28 As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs,

29 For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

30 Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience,

31 So they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you.

32 For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counsellor?"

35 "Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay him?"

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