

GOD'S REMNANT AND GOD'S HOPE

Romans 11:1-36

Key Verse: 11:4

1. Read verses 1-6. Did God reject his people Israel? In what respect was Paul himself a remnant? What lessons does Paul draw from Elijah? [1Ki 19:14,18] On what basis did God spare the remnant in each case?
2. Read verses 7-8. What happens when people, insisting on their own way, reject God's grace? Read verses 9-10. What does David say about those who become arrogant and self-righteous after receiving abundant grace?
3. Read verses 11-12. How did God use Israel's failure? Is Israel's fall beyond recovery? Why or why not? Read verses 13-16. How was Paul serving Israel even as an apostle to the Gentiles? What hope does Paul find in the remnant (firstfruits) offered to God?
4. Read verses 17-21. Why is connection to the holy root essential? Why were some branches broken off? Why is this a warning to Gentile believers? Read verses 22-24. How does the ingrafting of the wild olive shoots reveal God's sternness and kindness? What should we learn from this?
5. Read verses 25-32. What is God's hope for his people? Who is the deliverer from Zion? What do verses 28-29 teach about God's faithfulness? What do verses 30-32 teach about his mercy, and about his way of working?

6. Read verses 33-36. What does Paul learn about God as he reflects on God's world salvation work?