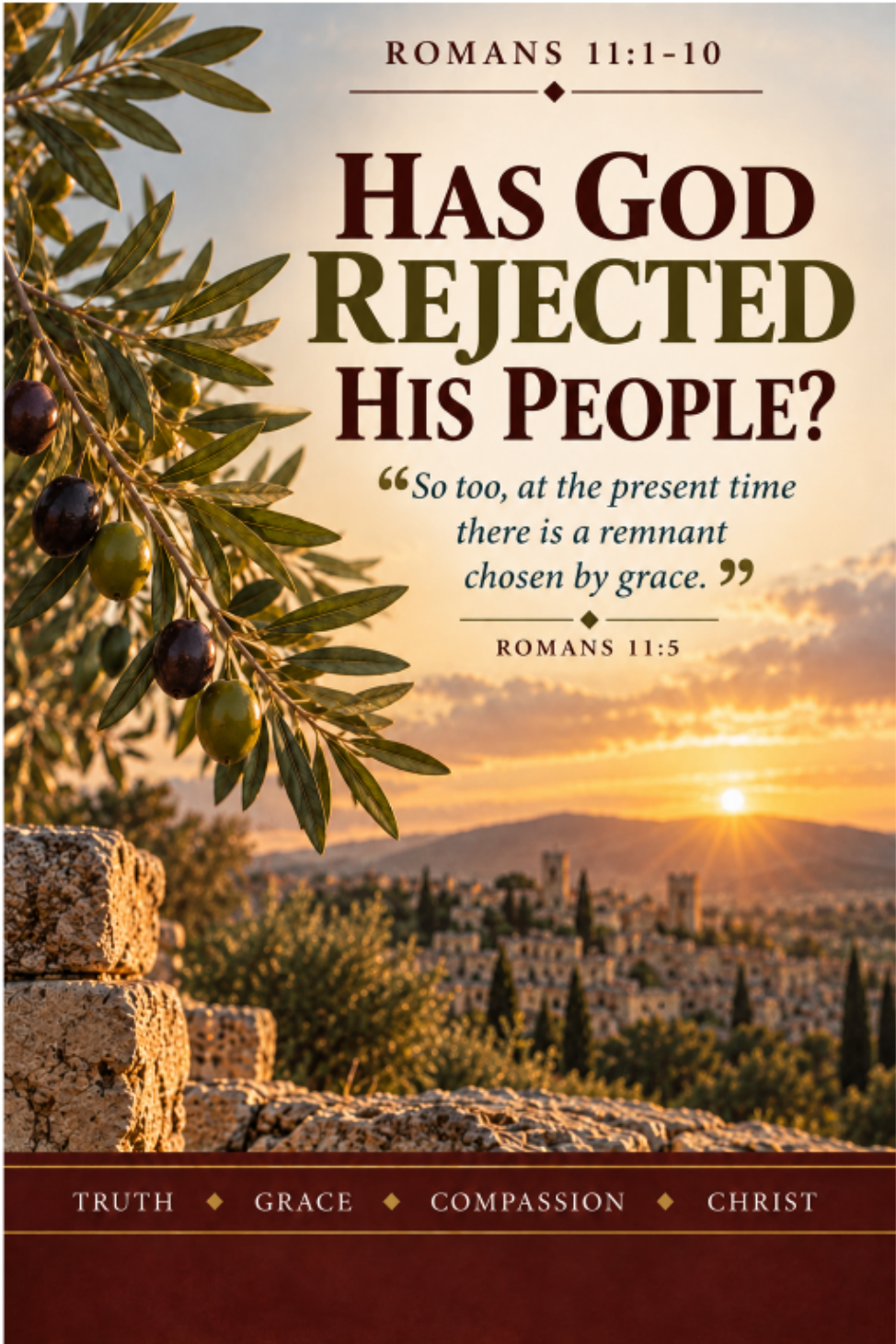




ROMANS 11:1-10

HAS GOD REJECTED HIS PEOPLE?

*“So too, at the present time
there is a remnant
chosen by grace.”*

ROMANS 11:5

TRUTH ♦ GRACE ♦ COMPASSION ♦ CHRIST

5-Day Online Devotional

Day 1 - When You Cannot See What God Is Doing

Reading: Romans 11:1-6

"God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew." - Romans 11:2

Reflection

Have you ever looked at what was happening around you and wondered, "God, what are You doing?"

An unanswered prayer. Someone walking away from faith. A situation that only seems to get harder. Sometimes what we see can make us wonder whether God is still at work.

Paul faced that question in Romans 11.

So many in Israel had rejected the gospel that Paul asks: Had God rejected His people?

His answer is immediate: "May it never be!"

Paul himself was evidence that God was still working. And as the story of Elijah will remind us, God was preserving others by grace.

What Paul could see didn't tell the whole story.

Neither does what you can see today.

Your circumstances are real, but your limited view is not the measure of God's faithfulness.

When you cannot see what God is doing, hold onto what you know about who God is.

He is faithful.

Reflection Questions

- Where am I struggling to see God at work?
- What do I know about God that this situation cannot change?
- What would trusting Him look like today?

Practice

Name one situation you don't understand and one truth about God you can hold onto.

Situation: _____

Truth: _____

Prayer

Faithful God, when I cannot see what You are doing, help me trust who You are. Keep my circumstances from becoming the measure of Your faithfulness. Amen.

Day 2 - The God Who Keeps Seven Thousand

Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-18

"Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal." - 1 Kings 19:18

Reflection

Elijah was convinced he was alone.

Israel had turned from God. His circumstances seemed to point toward one conclusion:

"I alone am left."

But Elijah didn't know everything God knew.

God told him there were seven thousand who had not bowed to Baal.

Elijah saw one.

God knew seven thousand.

Elijah wasn't wrong about the darkness around him. What he saw was real.

But it wasn't all that was real.

Sometimes we make the same mistake. We see a struggling situation, someone who has wandered, or prayers that seem unanswered - and assume we know what God is doing.

Romans 11 reminds us that we don't see everything God sees.

Our limited view does not limit God's work.

Reflection Questions

- Where have I assumed that "nothing is happening"?
- What might I not be able to see?
- How can I trust God without knowing the whole story?

Practice

Think of one situation you don't fully understand. Pray:

"God, help me trust what You see."

Prayer

God, give me humility about what I cannot see and confidence that Your work is greater than my perspective. Amen.

Day 3 - Grace That Begins With God

Reading: Romans 11:5-6; Ephesians 2:4-9

"So too, at the present time there is a remnant according to God's gracious choice." - Romans 11:5

Reflection

Why was there still a remnant?

Paul's answer is simple:

Grace.

They didn't stand because they had earned God's favor or proved themselves more deserving than everyone else.

They stood because of God's grace.

Paul makes the point even stronger in verse 6: if it is by grace, it cannot be based on works. Otherwise, grace would no longer be grace.

We sometimes struggle to live as though that's really true.

We know salvation is a gift, yet we can still measure our relationship with God by our performance. When we're doing well, we feel close to Him. When we fail, we wonder whether His grace has run out.

But grace begins with what God has done, not what we have accomplished.

You don't earn grace.

You receive it.

Reflection Questions

- Where am I still trying to earn God's favor?
- Do my failures make me question His grace?
- What would it mean to simply receive His grace today?

Practice

Name one area where you've been measuring yourself by your performance.

Then thank God that His grace is a gift, not a reward.

Prayer

Father, thank You that Your grace does not depend upon my performance. Help me stop trying to earn what You freely give and learn to depend upon Your grace. Amen.

Day 4 - Faithfulness Does Not Mean Indifference

Reading: Romans 11:7-10; Hebrews 3:12-15

"Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts." - Hebrews 3:15

Reflection

God's faithfulness does not mean our response doesn't matter.

Romans 11 speaks honestly about those who had become hardened. They had heard God's Word, yet continued to resist Him.

That should cause us to examine our own hearts.

It is possible to hear God and still say, "Not now."

We can know what He is asking and continue putting it off. Over time, repeated resistance can become a hardened heart.

God's grace is not permission to ignore His voice. His grace calls us to respond.

Hebrews puts it simply:

"Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts."

When God speaks, the faithful response is not someday.

It is today.

Reflection Questions

- Is there something God has been asking me to do?
- Have I been delaying my response?
- What would obedience look like today?

Practice

Identify one area where you have been putting off obedience.

Take one concrete step toward saying yes to God today.

Prayer

Lord, keep my heart tender toward You. Help me hear Your voice and respond to Your grace with trust and obedience. Amen.

Day 5 - Trust, Depend, Respond

Reading: Romans 15:13; Lamentations 3:22-26

"Great is Your faithfulness." - Lamentations 3:23

Reflection

What do we do when we cannot see everything God is doing?

We trust His faithfulness.

We depend upon His grace.

And we respond when He calls.

Lamentations was written in the middle of deep sorrow. Yet in that darkness comes a remarkable confession:

"Great is Your faithfulness."

That wasn't a denial of the circumstances. It was a declaration that the circumstances did not change who God is.

The same is true for us.

We won't always understand what God is doing. We won't always see where He is working. But our hope doesn't rest in our ability to see the whole story.

It rests in the God who does.

So when you cannot see - trust.

When you cannot do it yourself - depend on His grace.

And when God calls - respond.

Reflection Questions

- Which is hardest for me right now: trusting, depending, or responding?
- What is keeping me from taking that step?
- Where is God asking me to trust Him today?

Practice

Choose one word for today:

TRUST - DEPEND - RESPOND

Write it somewhere you will see it and let it guide your next step.

Prayer

God of hope, help me trust Your faithfulness, depend upon Your grace, and respond when You call. Fill me with joy and peace as I trust in You. Amen.