

ROMANS

THE CALLOUS ON ISRAEL'S HEART IS A WARNING TO OTHER NATIONS

Romans 11:17-24

1. A PARABLE OF THE OLIVE TREE (ROM. 11:17)

- a.) Some natural branches are broken off: Jews (Mt. 21:43; Lk. 14:24; Lk. 20:16; Hosea 9:17)
- b.) Some wild olive branches are grafted in: Gentiles (Gen. 22:18; Ps. 22:27, 86:9; Isa. 9:2, 49:6; Dan. 7:14; Hos. 2:23; Acts 11:1, 13:48, 15:7, 18:6, 28:28; Eph. 3:6; Jn. 15:6)

2. WARNING 1: DO NOT BE ARROGANT (ROM. 11:18) (Rom. 12:3, 16, 2:19; Phil. 2:3-4; James 4:10; Prov. 3:7, 16:8; Isa. 5:21)

3. WARNING 2: FEAR COMPLACENCY AND UNBELIEF (ROM. 11:19-21)

- a.) Israel rejected because of unbelief
- b.) The Gentiles stand by faith - not by any merit
- c.) God is less likely to spare unnatural branches (Jn. 3:36, 8:24; Heb. 3:12, 4:11; 1 Pet. 1:17; Deut. 10:12; Isa. 8:13)

4. WARNING 3: TAKE A SHARP LOOK AT THE GOODNESS AND SEVERITY OF GOD (ROM. 11:22)

- a.) God was severe to those who fell (Amos 3:2; Lk. 12:47; Jn. 15:6; Heb. 10:29; Isa. 13:11; Jer. 21:14; Zeph. 1:12)
- b.) God is good to the steadfast (Rom. 2:4; Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Eph. 1:7; 2 Jn. 1:9)

5. WARNING 4: THE RESTORATION IS A PROBABLE EVENT (ROM. 11:23-24)

- a.) If unbelief is removed (Acts 3:19; Jer. 3:22)
- b.) "God is able. . ." (Mic. 7:18; Titus 3:4-7) (Rom. 16:25; Lk. 1:37; Eph. 1:18-20, 2:1; 2 Chron. 29:12)
- c.) The grafting of the natural branch (Jews) (Rom. 9:27, 11:5, 25-26; Deut. 30:3; Isa. 1:9; Jer. 23:3, 24:6-7; Jer. 31:7-8; Ezk. 14:22, 37:10; Mic. 2:12; Zeph. 2:9)

"Only fools kick away the ladder which raised them to the heights which they have reached."

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