

ROMANS

THE RELIABILITY OF GOD

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The mystery: God's plan for Jew & Gentile revealed!

Introduction: What's all the excitement?

Rom. 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Rom. 11:34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”

Rom. 11:35 “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

Rom. 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Two events in human history usher in Jesus' return (25-27).

Rom. 11:25 Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

Rom. 11:26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written,

“The Deliverer will come from Zion,
he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”;

Rom. 11:27 “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”

1. God finally reveals what's going to happen (25a).
2. Israel's hardening is both partial & temporary (25b).
3. Jesus personally saves and cleanses “all Israel” (26-27). Cp Isa 59:20-21; 27:9

Because of God's faithfulness things will happen this way (28-29).

Rom. 11:28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.

Rom. 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

1. Paul anchors his confidence in God promises to the patriarchs (28).
2. His confidence lies in God's never changing purposes (29).

Because of God's fairness He gives mercy to all the disobedient (30-32).

Rom. 11:30 For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, **31** so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. **32** For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

1. Through Jewish disobedience the disobedient gentiles received mercy (30).
2. Through gentile reception of mercy the Jews may also receive mercy (31).
3. Thus, all "fit" the category of disobedience so mercy can be extended to all (32).

So, do we see the reason for Paul excited worship?

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SONGS

"Stand In Your Love" – Ethan Hulse, Josh Baldwin, Mark Harris, and Rita Springer

"This Is Amazing Grace" - Josh Farro, Jeremy Riddle, and Phil Wickham

"Only Wise God" – Valley Bible Worship

"Christ Be All Around Me" – David Leonard, Jack Mooring, Leeland Mooring, Leslie Jordan

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