

Romans # 133

“God’s Commitment to Israel”

*Romans 9:3-4 Genesis 12:1-3*

**To pray effectively, we must understand the Word so not to waste our time on impossible requests.**

As an unbeliever, Saul of Tarsus tried to keep the Jews away from Jesus Christ but now as a believer, Paul is burdened for the Jews, that they will come to Christ!

*These two extremes demonstrate Paul’s great love for the Jews before he was saved and after and biblical truth only intensified his love for Israel.*

The obstacle in fulfilling Paul’s wish or prayer is his eternally secure salvation which cannot be canceled even by his own intense wish; his own burden for the salvation of the Jews.

**The more Paul was separated from Israel through his learning, believing and applying biblical truth leading to his spiritual advance, the more sensitive he became to the tragedy of Israel.**

We cannot advance spiritually without becoming sensitive to the tragedy of life and the people who live it.

*To have such a fantastic spiritual heritage as the Jews had and yet miss salvation was almost more than Paul could bear.*

The formation of the Jewish race and the origin of the Jewish nation of Israel emphasized Jesus Christ as God of Israel; therefore to be a Jew and not to believe in Christ, the God of Israel, is overwhelming to Paul who sees the Jews as being so close and yet so far away.

**Israel was the first priest-client nation to God because every believer in the nation and every citizen was regarded as a priest to God.**

A client nation is a national entity responsible for custodianship of biblical truth as it exists in any period of history.

*The first client nation had the Torah; the five books of Moses, which is the spiritual heritage of the first client nation.*

A client nation has both temporal laws of divine establishment and on the spiritual side; it has freedom to provide true evangelism, the opportunity for spiritual growth and missionary activity.

**God started Israel as a priest-client nation and He’s going to finish Israel as a client nation forever.**

The promises of God are all related to eternity, therefore in order to be qualified for the heritage, they had to be adopted which is the other side of election.

*Therefore, by believing in TLJC, the God of Israel, they are adopted and being elected, they are participants in the heritage of Israel forever.*

No nation ever had a greater heritage than the personal presence of TLJC between the cherubs over the mercy seat — the Shekinah glory.

Glory is the personal presence of God the Son, TLJC.

**To see Jews who have the physical heritage; the genes of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and yet, not elected or adopted and not to be foreknown is the burden that Paul carried in the only mind that could carry it.**