

Romans # 136

“The Children of the Promise”

*Romans 9:6-9 John 12:44-50*

*“Spirit of God, my Teacher be , Revealing the things of Christ to me ,Place in my hand the wonderful key That shall unclasp and set me free.”*

And the key word is: ALL

‘Romans’ teaches us that man is not neutral, he’s in reverse because man left to himself, always chooses against God.

Romans 9-11 represents a sad reality-check story about Israel, a nation that considered itself as having an in with God, as the people of God, His chosen nation; being as close to God as one can get with tremendous advantages that no other nation had.

Paul tells us that the problem lies with Israel and not faithful God who has not rejected His people who have stumbled so as to fall but not beyond recovery because God’s Word never fails.

*So, no Jew has an excuse for his negative reaction because Shekinah glory became visible to Israel with the Incarnation of TLJC.*

Israel’s present discipline and the failure of the individual Jew does not and cannot neutralize the promises or the plan of God as revealed in the Word.

The plan of God and the Word of God moves on with or without us.

*Corporate or individual failure of the Jew does not cancel the promises of God for Israel, especially for the regenerate of Israel.*

Rejection of Jesus Christ, the God of Israel, puts the Jews outside of the plan of God and the unconditional covenants to Israel.

God’s promises are valid only to the believing Jew who is the true Israel.

The real Israel is regenerate Israel and this is why Jesus emphasized to Nicodemus, ruler of the Jews, ‘You must be born again.’

You must have imputed righteousness and eternal life to be blessed of God.

*True Israel is composed of the children of God rather than the children of Abraham; Galatians 3:26.*

Isaac rather than Ishmael, and Jacob rather than Esau, is true Israel.

The election of Israel goes through the line of regeneration and salvation through faith in Christ alone which is qualification for the election of Israel.

Entrance into the plan of God is based on grace where the sovereignty of God and the free-will of man meet at the cross without any merit on man’s part.

Man is never benefited under God’s plan by his talent, his works, his thoughts or his plans; he’s blessed on the basis of who and what God is and what God has provided through grace.

*The decree of God is His eternal, holy, wise and sovereign purpose, comprehending at once all things that ever were or will be, in their causes, conditions, successions and relationships and determining their certain future.*

Under His plan, God has decreed to do some things directly Himself and some things through the agency of Israel and the Church and some through individuals.

God doesn’t limit or coerce human freedom, however there’s a difference between what God causes, like the cross and what God permits, like sin.