

Romans # 146

“Israel under Divine Discipline”

Romans 11 Introduction vs 1-2 Leviticus 26:14-39

The inevitable deliverance or preservation of a client nation to God is a spiritual factor.

In spite of Satanic conspiracy, the Jew continues to live on the earth and some Jews believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the God of Israel and others don't believe and yet, they continue to live on the earth as well.

The failure of some Jews to believe in Christ does not cancel the grace of God, just as the failure of some believers to accept God's Word does not hinder the plan of God.

The plan of God moves on with or without the Jews and with or without us as believers.

In loving omniscient discipline, God brought the Jews out of Canaan and into slavery in Egypt where they were isolated and protected from negative pagan influences.

The Egyptians hated the Jews, so they quarantined them to their own separate area.

At end of Genesis, Israel's population was 75 and in 275 years, it grew to 2.5 million!

In suffering for discipline, the issue is sin and in suffering for blessing, the issue is spiritual momentum and capacity blessings.

In suffering for discipline, the status is worldly, carnal, rebellious and in suffering for blessing, the status is spiritual, inside the plan of God.

In suffering for discipline, the category is unbearable and in suffering for blessing, the category is bearable, 1Corinthians 10:13.

In suffering for discipline, the viewpoint is arrogant subjectivity and in suffering for blessing, the viewpoint is humble objectivity.

In suffering for discipline, the solution is recovery, 1John 1:9 and in suffering for blessing, the solution is faith-rest, hope 2, 3 and virtue love.

In suffering for discipline, the result of the solution applied turns cursing into blessing, resulting in:
a. suffering removed b. suffering continues but is reduced or c. suffering continues at the same level but now it's for blessing and in suffering for blessing, the result is acceleration of spiritual growth.

Just as David rebelled against God in all these evil sins; he paid by being rebelled against as the king, removed from his throne, enduring terrible suffering along the way.

When a believer like David lives in the cosmic system, recovery delivers him from the sin unto death but he went so far that he must still face continued discipline in installments.

Although divine discipline is designed so we cannot handle it (in order to motivate us to recover), installment discipline is an exception.

Installment discipline allows breathing room for spiritual growth, so the believer can receive blessing from the discipline.

Failure to recover or open the door of warning discipline results in intensified discipline and that means we use our own free-will to create our problems and instead of solving the problems through recovery, we dig in deeper by adding more wrong decisions caused by wrong thinking and wrong motivation, which results in wrong actions.

God provides many wonderful grace blessings we may not regard as blessings, such as divine discipline.

Israel's five priest-client nations to God:

1. Theocratic Kingdom from Exodus to Saul 1445-1043 BC.

2. United Kingdom/monarchy from Saul to Rehoboam, 1043-931 BC.
3. Northern Kingdom from Jeroboam to Hoshea, 931-722 BC
4. Southern Kingdom from Rehoboam to Zedekiah, 931-586 BC.
5. The restored nation of Judea from Zerubbabel, 536 BC- AD 70.

The cycles of discipline are based on the principle that Jesus Christ controls history directly through the function of His own divine essence; indirectly through the function of the laws of divine establishment and permissively through permitting nations to use their own volition to destroy themselves.

No nation is ever destroyed by an outside power before it is first destroyed from within by its own individual and collective bad decisions.

Jesus Christ permits the policy of the angelic dispute (the function of free will) to continue and conclude in human history; therefore, Satan's policy of human good and evil must exist in every generation because there must be a challenge to our attitude toward the Word of God.

The people of the nation will have a chance to respond to God in repentance after the first cycle has been administered.