

***“I Will Call Them My People”***  
***Romans 9:25-29***

**Introduction:**

1. On September 11, 2001:
  - When 19 Terrorists:
    - Hijacked 4 Planes & Used Them As Weapons:
      - They Killed Nearly 3,000 People!
  - And Then - The People Of America:
    - United Together - To Defeat Those Enemies:
      - And Swore To:
        - ***Never Forget!***
  - Well - That Was:
    - Almost 20 Years Ago! And Will Be This Year!
      - And - What Has Happened:
        - To That Unity?
      - What Has Happened:
        - To That Resolve?
  - Have We Forgotten?
    - And So Soon?
2. On December 7, 1941:
  - When The Empire Of Japan:
    - Launched A Surprise Attack On The US Navy Base:
      - At Pearl Harbor, Hawaii:
        - They Killed More Than 2,000 Sailors!
  - And Then - The People Of America:
    - United Together - To Defeat That Enemy:
      - And Swore They Would:
        - ***Never Forget!***
  - Well - That Was:
    - Almost 80 Years Ago! And Will Be This Year!
      - But - Again - What Happened:
        - To That Unity?
      - What Happened:
        - To That Resolve?
  - Did It Only Take 80 Years:
    - For So Many To Forget:
      - That History?
3. I'm Sure Many More Dates In History:
  - Can Be Added To These!
    - Not Just For Our Country:
      - But In Every Country:
        - Throughout The World!
  - A Tragic Event That:
    - Causes People To Unify & Resolve:
      - To ***“Never Forget!”***
        - But How Much Time Does It Take:
          - For Those Things To Become All But ***Forgotten?***
4. Well - As We Turn Back In Our Bibles:
  - To Romans 9 - I'm Sure That:
    - That Was One Of The Questions:
      - The Apostle Paul Was Dealing With As Well!
        - But - Instead Of ***Man:***
          - Who Can Forget Things:
            - So Quickly & So Easily!
  - The Concern Was:
    - About ***God!***
      - Because - As We Saw From:

- 9:3 - So Many People Of Israel:
  - Were - As Paul Described Them:
    - “Accursed From Christ!”
- What Does That Say:
  - About God? About Their God?
    - So - All Throughout This Chapter:
      - Paul Deals With Some Hard Questions:
        - About The Character & Nature Of God!
- 5. Now - Some Of These Questions:
  - May Have Come From:
    - Honest Hearts! - But Others Likely Came From:
      - Hard Hearts!
        - Because - Instead Of Questions:
          - They Turned Into Accusations!
- 6. And So - The First Question:
  - We Come To - In 9:6-13 - Is This:
    - Is God Faithful?
  - Since So Many Of God’s Chosen People:
    - The People Of Israel:
      - Did Not Believe In Christ, And Therefore, Are “Accursed From Christ”:
      - Is God Still Faithful?
        - To His People & To His Promises?
  - The Answer To This Question Is:
    - Yes! God Is Forever Faithful!
      - Because - His Promises To Save:
        - Were Never Based Upon:
          - His People’s Relationships:
            - With Man, But With Him!
      - His Promises To Save Were Not Made:
        - To A National Or A Natural Israel:
          - But Were Made To:
            - A Spiritual Israel!
      - And So - According To 9:6:
        - God’s Word **Has** Taken Effect!
          - But For A *Spiritual* Israel!
            - Because - “They Are Not All Israel, Which Are Of Israel!”
      - Well - This Answer Led Paul To:
  - 7. A Second Question:
    - Which We Come To - In 9:14-18:
      - Is God Fair?
    - Is It Fair For God:
      - To Chose Some Sinners To Save:
        - And At The Same Time:
          - Pass Over Others?
    - And - The Answer To *This* Question Is:
      - Yes! God Is Fair Because God Is Just!
        - And His Justice Would Be Served:
          - If He Didn’t Save Anyone!
      - But - God Is Also Merciful!
        - As We See In 9:18 - “Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth!”
          - Well - This Answer Led Paul To:
    - 8. A Third Question:
      - Which We Find - In 9:19-24 - Which We Looked At Last Week:
        - Is God At Fault?
      - If God Chooses To Save:
        - Whomsoever He Will:
          - Then - How Can He Find Fault:

- With My Will?
  - And - The Answer To *This* Question Is:
    - No! God Is Not At Fault!
      - God Is Not The One To Be Blamed:
        - For Your Sin & Your Rebellion:
          - And Your Ultimate Punishment From Him!
    - Because - Even Though:
      - God Is Sovereign - Even In Salvation:
        - You Are Still Responsible:
          - For Your Attitude & Actions Against Him!
    - As We Saw From 9:21:
      - He Is Still The Potter & You Are Still The Clay!
        - So - The Apostle Paul Puts A Stop To This Kind Of Questioning In 9:20:
          - “Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God?”
    - Well - I Think This Question Led Paul Further To:
9. A Fourth Question:
  - Which - Though It Is Not Specifically Mentioned:
    - Is Dealt With In The Verses We Come To This Morning:
      - 9:25-29 - And That Question Is;
        - Has God Forgotten?
          - He Himself Said He Would:
            - ***Never Forget!***
              - But Has He?
    - Has God Forgotten:
      - About His People - And:
        - About His Plans For Them?
          - Has He Forgotten:
            - All Of The Prophecies He Made:
              - About Them?
    - And - This Is A Special Concern:
      - Because Of What Paul Wrote In 9:24:
        - About The People Of God Including:
          - Both Jews & Gentiles!
            - “Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?”
    - Well - The Answer To *This* Question Is:
      - No! God Has Not Forgotten!
        - Because - He Cannot Forget!
          - Instead - He Has ***Fulfilled:***
            - His Plans ***And*** His Prophecies:
              - For ***All*** Of His People!
10. And - Paul Uses Several Prophetic Statements:
  - From The Old Testament:
    - To Prove That God Has ***Not*** Forgotten:
      - His Plans For His People!
  - And So - Starting With Some Prophecies From Hosea:
    - 9:25-29 - “As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. / 26 And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God. / 27 Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: / 28 For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth. / 29 And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha!”
11. So - Starting With A Couple Of Prophecies From Hosea:
  - Paul Wants Us To See That:
    - God Has Not Forgotten:
1. ***His True People!***
  - In The Old Testament Book Of Hosea:

- There Are Prophecies About:
  - Who Is Included:
    - As The People Of God!
- They Are Both Jews & Gentiles:
  - And Are Chosen By Him:
    - To Be Vessels Of His Mercy - And:
      - Trophies Of His Grace!
- Those - "Whom He Hath Called" - From 9:24:
  - Is Not Exclusive:
    - To One Particular Group / Nationality!
- Instead - The True People Of God:
  - No Matter What Their Pedigree & Past:
    - Are Those Who:
- Belong To Him!
  - As Paul Quotes From Hosea 2:23:
    - In 9:25a - "I Will Call Them My People, Which Were Not My People!"
  - When God Called Hosea:
    - To Be His Prophet:
      - He Asked Him To Love:
        - A Very Unfaithful Woman!
  - And Through That Relationship - And:
    - Through His Family:
      - God Would Speak To His People!
  - So - Several Children Were Born:
    - To Hosea & His Wife!
      - And The Name Given To One Son Was:
        - Loammi - Which Meant:
          - "Not My People!" (1:9)
  - So - Through Isaiah:
    - God Was Telling The Northern Kingdom Of Israel:
      - That They Were **No Longer**:
        - His People - Because They Had Broken His Covenant, Time After Time After Time!
  - So - In A Sense - At This Time - They Became To God:
    - As Gentile Nations! But Then - Through Hosea:
      - He Promises To, Once Again, Show Great Mercy! How?
        - By Calling "Them My People, Which Were Not My People!"
  - And Paul Applies This:
    - To People From Any Nation & Background!
      - You Can Be Part Of:
        - The True People Of God!
          - And Then - You Will Also Be:
- Beloved By Him!
  - As Paul Continues To Quote From Hosea 2:23:
    - In 9:25b - "And her beloved, which was not beloved!"
  - Another One Of Hosea's Children:
    - His Daughter - Was Given The Name:
      - Loruhamah - Which Meant:
        - "No More Mercy!" (1:6)
  - But Then - Through Hosea:
    - God Promises To, Once Again, Show His Great Love! How?
      - By Calling Them "Beloved, Which Was Not Beloved!"
  - And This Too Is Applied:
    - Not Just To The People Of Israel:
      - But To Everyone He Adopts:
        - Into His Family!
  - And - **What Love Is This!**
    - **IE**: Just Like In Adoption:

- Its Not Just A Special *Affection*:
  - It Is A Special *Selection*!
- Because - When A Family Adopts A Baby:
  - They Know Little To Nothing:
    - About That Child!
- But - Think About All That God **Does** Know:
  - About Those He Adopts Into His Family!
    - He Knows All That You **Are**, All That You'd Do, And All That You'd Be!
- And Still - He Chose You:
  - If You Are His Child Today!
    - But - What's More - The True People Of God Are:
- Begotten By Him!
  - As Paul Then Quotes From Hosea 1:10:
    - In 9:26 - "And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God!"
  - Not Just Where Hosea Prophesied Against:
    - The Nation Of Israel - But:
      - In Every Nation Where:
        - They Were "Not God's People!"
    - What Happens To Them?
      - "There Shall They Be Called The Children Of The Living God!"
- What An Amazing Truth:
  - That The Apostle Paul Is Bringing Out:
    - From These Verses In Hosea!
  - God Has Never Forgotten:
    - His True People!
      - And - He Never Will!
  - And So - What Matters:
    - Is **Not** Your Earthly Heritage - Or:
      - Your National Home!
    - What Matters Is:
      - Your Heavenly Heritage - And:
        - Your Heavenly Home!
  - Do You Belong To The Lord?
    - Are You One Of His Beloved?
      - Have You Been Begotten Into His Family?
        - How Can You Know?
    - In John 1:12 - As John Tells Us Of Jesus:
      - He Says - "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name!"
  - When You Believe In Jesus Christ As Your Savior From Sin:
    - You Become Part Of His Family!
      - You Are One Of His "True People!"
        - And The Prophecies In Hosea Were Prophecies About You!
    - And - God Has Never Forgotten:
      - His Plan & Purpose For You!

\* But Then - Paul Also Wants Us To See That - God Has Not Forgotten:

## 2. ***His True Promise!***

- His True Promise To His True People!
  - And So - Paul Looks Back To:
    - The Prophet Isaiah:
      - And In 9:27-28 - Refers To & Quotes From Isaiah 10:22-23!
    - "Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved: / For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth!"
      - Some English Versions Do Not Have The Whole Quote - But The Meaning Remains The Same!
      - God Has Not Forgotten:

- The Promise Of A Remnant!
  - There's An Interesting Connection:
    - Between This Quote From Isaiah & The Previous Quote From Hosea!
      - Back In Hosea 1:10 - It Also Describes The Children Of Israel As Being "As The Sand Of The Sea!"
    - Perhaps - As Paul Was Thinking About The Verse In Hosea - God Brought The Verse In Isaiah To His Mind:
      - "Though The Number Of The Children Of Israel Be As The Sand Of The Sea!"
  - But - The Point Paul Is Making Here:
    - Is That - God's Earthly Blessing:
      - Is **Not** The Same Thing As:
        - His Heavenly Blessing!
  - Because - There's:
    - The Sand - Which Refers To:
      - The Nation Of Israel!
    - And Then There's:
      - The Saved - The Remnant!
    - Which Of These Two:
      - Matter Most?
        - The Remnant! To Be Saved!
  - So - Not All Of The "Sand Of The Sea" - According To The Lord's Word Given Through Isaiah:
    - Will Be Saved - But Only:
      - A Select Handful - Picked Up By The Hand Of God!
    - **IE:** Just Like When You May Go To The Beach - Lot's Of Sand - The Destructive Waves Keep Crashing Against It - But - You Or Your Children - Pick A Section Of The Beach To Build Your Sand-Castle! This Is What God Does!
      - He Promises That - From All The Sand Along The Sea - There Will Be A Remnant That He Saves!
        - And That Remnant Are Those Who Believe In & Belong To Jesus Christ!
  - God Has Not Forgotten:
    - His Promise Of A Remnant!
      - This Truth Encouraged Elijah:
        - As We Will See Later In Romans!
    - But - At A Time When He Felt All Alone:
      - God Said To Him - 1 Kings 19:18 - "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him!"
  - But - God Also Has Not Forgotten:
- The Promise Of His Righteousness!
  - Because Of His Holy & Righteous Nature:
    - God Must Still Judge The Sins Of The Sand!
      - So - Even Though A "Remnant Shall Be Saved" - Yet:
  - 9:28 - "He Will" - And He Must - "Finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth!"
    - The "Work" Here Is God's "Word" Of Judgment For Sin! His Sentence Upon Sinners:
      - As The "Judge Of All The Earth!"
  - And Here - God Says:
    - That His Judgment:
      - Will Be Both Sure & Swift!
      - He Will Complete It - And:
        - He Will Do So By Cutting It Short!
  - It Doesn't Take God Long:
    - To Bring His Judgment:
      - Upon The Earth!
        - Just Look At The Book Of Revelation! Seal After Seal! Trumpet After Trumpet! Bowl After Bowl Of God's Wrath!
  - And This Too Is One Of God's Promises!
- And So - God Has Never Forgotten:
  - His True Promises!

- The Promise Of His Righteousness:
  - Is The Basis Of His Judgment! But:
- The Promise Of A Remnant:
  - Is A Promise To - Even:
    - “In Wrath, Remember Mercy!” (Habakkuk 3:2)
- And - His Mercy:
  - Is Found In The Lord Jesus Christ!

\* But Then - Paul Further Wants Us To Know That - God Has Not Forgotten:

### 3. ***His True Provision!***

- His True Provision Of A Seed!
  - So - Paul Looks Back To Another Prophecy:
    - Given To Isaiah:
      - In Isaiah 1:9 - Which Paul Refers To:
        - In 9:29 - “And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha!”
  - The Verb Translated “Had Left” In This Verse:
    - Is Related To The Word Translated:
      - “Remnant” In 9:27 - So - The Seed Of God Is The Remnant He Saves!
  - So - He’s Not Talking About:
    - The Seed Of:
      - Abraham & Isaac & Jacob:
        - In This Verse!
    - He’s Talking About:
      - A Spiritual Seed!
        - And His Own Provision:
          - Of This Seed!
  - God Is Able To Provide & Leave A Seed:
- Because Of His Great Power!
  - He Is - “The Lord Of Sabaoth!”
    - The “Lord Of Hosts!”
      - As The Omnipotent & Sovereign God:
        - He Is Able To Do:
          - What Seems To Be Impossible!
  - He Is Able To “Leave Us A Seed!”
    - Which Is Necessary:
- Because Of Our Great Poverty!
  - The Truth Is:
    - Without God’s Intervention:
      - Noone Could Be Saved - And:
        - No Seed Would Have Been Left!
  - Isaiah Points Out That:
    - If God Didn’t Provide:
      - A Seed & A Remnant:
        - “We Had Been As Sodom, And Been Made Like Unto Gomorrha!”
  - This May Mean That:
    - Apart From God’s Intervention:
      - We Would All:
        - Have Been As Wicked:
          - As The Citizens Of Sodom!
      - Who Were Known For:
        - Their Unspeakable Sins & Crimes Against God!
      - Isaiah Even Describes Our Sinful Condition In Isaiah 1:6:
        - “From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores!”
        - And Then:
    - Apart From God’s Intervention:
      - We Would All:

- Have Been Destroyed:
  - As The City Of Gomorrha!
- When - In Genesis 19:24:
  - “The LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven!”
- And Yet - What Did God Choose To Do:
  - Even Back Then? He Preserved A Seed!
    - He Sent His Angels Into The Wicked City Of Sodom To Rescue Lot And His Family:
      - By Grabbing Their Hands & Pulling Them Out!
  - And This Is What God Does:
    - To You & To Me - Through Jesus Christ:
      - Even While We Are Wallowing In The Depths Of Our Own Depravity!
        - He Provides Salvation:
          - And Leaves A Seed!
- **IE:** Have You Heard Of The “Global Seed Vault”? It Is An 11,000 Square Foot Warehouse Carved Into A Mountain In Norway! It Is Where Seeds Can Be Preserved In Case Of World-Wide Catastrophe! Currently, There Are Over 400,000 Seed Samples In The Vault!
- This Is What God Has Done For Himself!
  - He Has Preserved For Himself:
    - A Seed From The Mass Of:
      - Sinful Humanity!
  - If He Didn’t Do This:
    - We Would All Be Lost - And Judged:
      - For All Of Eternity!
  - But - Because Of His Mercy & Grace:
    - He Sent Jesus Christ:
      - To Be The Vault:
        - Of The Human Seeds:
          - Who Turn To & Trust In Him For Salvation From Their Sins!
  - Even As Jesus Himself Said:
    - In John 10:28-29 - “And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. / My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father’s hand!”
  - And God Has Never Forgotten:
    - His True Provision! And - He Never Will!

**Conclusion:**

1. We Forget Things:
  - So Easily & So Quickly Sometimes!
    - But God Doesn’t! God Can’t!
2. These Prophecies From The Old Testament:
  - Prove That:
    - God Has Not & Will Not Ever:
      - Forget His Plans:
        - For His People!
  - Instead - He Will:
    - Fulfill Them All! And You Can Rest In His Promises!

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