

**Is God Done with Israel?
Romans 11:1-6**

Intro – “Has God cast away His people?”

I. A Personal Testimony (1-2a)

• **His Pedigree**

...For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

• **His Proclamation**

God has not cast away His people whom He foreknew.

II. A Prophet's Testing (2b-5)

• **Elijah's Panic**

LORD, they have killed Your prophets and torn down Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life

• **God's Plan**

I have reserved for Myself 7,000 men who have not bowed the knee to Baal.

III. A Permanent Truth (6)

And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace.

• **Salvation by Grace**

• **Security by Grace**

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Small Group/Family Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Share about a Jewish person you have known who either believes in Jesus Christ or does not believe in Him.

Discussion Questions

1. How does God's faithfulness to His promises to Israel show that we are secure in our salvation?
2. Why is Paul's personal salvation testimony a proof that God didn't give up on Israel when they rejected Christ? Share about someone whose Christian testimony influenced you toward Christ for salvation.
3. “Foreknew” in 11:2 means that God decided to set His love on Israel in eternity past. As a Christian what does it mean to you to know that God has also set His love on you to be His own?
4. How does the account of Elijah help prove that God has not given up on Israel? What can we learn from Elijah's struggle?
5. Explain why both our salvation and eternal security are not by our works, but by grace alone. What part do works have in our lives?

Small Group/Family Prayer Time

Let's each include a prayer for modern day Israel and also a prayer for our missionaries to the Jews, Tom & Sharon Huckel. Tom also asked us to pray for the salvation of Leonid, Rita and Rita's husband Lev.

Digging Deeper

1. How do the following verses demonstrate that God WILL NEVER cancel His promises to Israel or to any of us? 1 Sam 12:22; Ps 94:14; Jer 31:35-37; 1 Kings 8:56; Ps 89:31-33; 106:43-45; Phil 1:6; and Heb 10:23. Pick one of these texts for further reflection today, and give praise to God that you can count on His promises and trust Him fully.
2. Read through Romans 11 several times and jot down your observations and any questions that this chapter raises in your mind.