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The Cure for Arrogance

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Romans 11:13-36 ¹³I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in the hope that I may provoke my own people to jealousy and save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ¹⁶If the first part of the dough is holy, so is the whole batch; if the root is holy, so are the branches. ¹⁷Now if some branches have been broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others to share in the nourishment of the olive root, ¹⁸do not boast over those branches. If you do, remember this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. ¹⁹You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." ²⁰That is correct: They were broken off because of unbelief, but you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. ²¹For if God did not spare the natural branches, He will certainly not spare you either. ²²Take notice, therefore, of the kindness and severity of God: severity to those who fell, but kindness to you, if you continue in His kindness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. ²³And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you were cut from a wild olive tree, and contrary to nature were grafted into one that is cultivated, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree! ²⁵I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you will not be conceited: A hardening in part has come to Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The Deliverer will come from Zion; He will remove godlessness from Jacob. ²⁷And this is My covenant with them when I take away their sins." ²⁸Regarding the gospel, they are enemies on your account; but regarding election, they are loved on account of the patriarchs. ²⁹For God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you who formerly disobeyed God have now received mercy through their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now disobeyed, in order that they too may now receive mercy through the mercy shown to you. ³²For God has consigned everyone to disobedience so that He may have mercy on everyone. ³³O, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and untraceable His ways! ³⁴"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor?" ³⁵"Who has first given to God, that God should repay him?" ³⁶For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen. (BSB)

I. What are the details of this passage?

- A.** Paul restates the truth that Israel, as a nation, had **rejected** their own Messiah and that the Gentile believers were allowed to become a part of God's Kingdom. V. 13-15

- B. He then uses two **illustrations** of what is going on between Israel and the Gentiles. V. 16-21
- C. Both illustrations result in emphasizing God's **sovereignty** and our responsibility. V. 22-24
- D. God is **not done** with the nation of Israel. 25-29
- E. God is a God of **mercy**. Be thankful that we do not get what we deserve. V. 30-36

II. How can we apply these truths?

- A. We must realign our thoughts to being **Kingdom** minded.
- B. We must give up the lie that God **owes** us anything. The opposite of this is actually true.
- C. God's sovereignty gives us **stability**, our responsibility gives us our **mission**.
- D. We should seek the **salvation** of the nation of Israel. Also, remember not every Jew believes like Abraham believed.
- E. Worship has got to become a regular part of our **daily** life.