

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE
ROMANS

Lesson 12

The VINDICATION of the Righteousness of God: Israel's Past
(Romans 9:1-29)

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I have heard the evidence, and I rule that he is innocent!



I've been vindicated!



THE ACCUSED

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In Romans 9-11, Paul will VINDICATE God from the accusation that he has been unfair to the Jews.

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Paul begins by declaring his love for the Israelites,
and his deep desire for their salvation.

Paul's Sorrow for the Israelites

Romans 9:1-2

- 1 I say the truth in Christ,
I lie not,
my conscience also bearing me witness
in the Holy Ghost,
- 2 That I have great heaviness
and continual sorrow in my heart.

Paul begins this chapter with a triple oath to show the sincerity of what he now writes.



Paul's Sorrow for the Israelites

Romans 9:3-4

- 3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:
- 4 Who are Israelites ...

His sorrow is for the people of the twelve tribes – his own people.



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Like Moses, he would give up his own salvation if it would help his people still lost in sin.

Exodus 32:31-32

- 31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.
- 32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin – ; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.



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It is amazing to realize that this is exactly what Christ did for us!

Galatians 3:13-14

- 13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a **curse for us**: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:
- 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.



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The Israelites are the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Israel is the name God's angel gave to Jacob. It means "God prevails."



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- ³ For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:
- ⁴ **Who are Israelites ...**



Genesis 32:28

And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.



God's Goodness to the Israelites

Romans 9:4b-5

- 4 ... to whom *pertaineth* the adoption,
and the glory,
and the covenants,
and the giving of the law,
and the service of God,
and the promises;
- 5 Whose *are* the fathers,
and of whom as concerning the flesh
Christ *came*,
who is over all, God blessed for ever.
Amen.

Eight Privileges of the Israelites

Paul now lists eight wonderful privileges God gave *only* to the Israelites.



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Eight Privileges of the Israelites

- 1) They are God's chosen people.

Psalm 33:12

- ¹² Blessed *is* the nation whose
God *is* the LORD; *and* the
people *whom* he hath chosen
for his own inheritance.



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2) God showed them his glory.

Exodus 24:17

- ¹⁷ And the sight of the glory of
the LORD *was* like devouring
fire on the top of the mount in
the eyes of the children of
Israel.



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- 3) He made covenants with them
that secured their relationship.

Psalm 105:8

- ¹⁷ He hath remembered his
covenant for ever,
the word *which* he commanded
to a thousand generations.



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Eight Privileges of the Israelites

4) God gave them his law.

Psalm 147:19-20

- ¹⁹ He sheweth his word unto
Jacob, his statutes and his
judgments unto Israel.
- ²⁰ He hath not dealt so with any
nation: and *as for his*
judgments,
they have not known them.
Praise ye the LORD.



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5) He showed them how to
worship him.

Ezra 6:18

¹⁸ And they set the priests in
their divisions, and the Levites
in their courses, for the service
of God, which *is* at Jerusalem;
as it is written in the book of
Moses.



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Eight Privileges of the Israelites

6) He vowed himself to Israel.

Galatians 3:16a

¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his seed
were the promises made...



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Eight Privileges of the Israelites

7) God gave them the patriarchs
to lead and teach them.

Hebrews 1:1

¹ God... at sundry times and in
divers manners spake in time
past unto the fathers by the
prophets,



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Eight Privileges of the Israelites

8) Most important of all,
God's Son came out of Israel.

Acts 13:23

²³ [Speaking of King David]
Of this man's seed hath God
according to *his* promise raised
unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:



The Privileges Granted the Israelites

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But with these great **privileges**
came **responsibility** – and
consequence for disobedience.

Moses spoke of all three in his
farewell speech to the Israelites
before releasing them to follow
Joshua into the Promised Land:



The Warning Given by Moses



Deuteronomy 4:25-26

- ²⁵ When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any *thing*, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger:
- ²⁶ I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong *your* days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.

The Warning Given by Moses



Deuteronomy 4:25-28

- ²⁷ And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations,
and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen,
whither the LORD shall lead you.
- ²⁸ And there ye shall serve gods,
the work of men's hands,
wood and stone,
which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

The Warning Given by Moses



Deuteronomy 4:32

³² For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and *ask* from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been *any such thing* as this great thing *is*, or hath been heard like it?

The Warning Given by Moses



Deuteronomy 4:33-35

- 33 Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?
- 34 Or hath God assayed to go *and* take him a nation from the midst of *another* nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?
- 35 Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he *is* God; *there is* none else beside him.



Deuteronomy 4:39-40

- ³⁹ Know therefore this day,
and consider *it* in thine heart,
that the LORD he *is* God in heaven above,
and upon the earth beneath:
there is none else.
- ⁴⁰ Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and
his commandments, which I command
thee this day, that it may go well with
thee, and with thy children after thee,
and that thou mayest prolong *thy* days
upon the earth, which the LORD thy God
giveth thee, for ever.



But the children of Israel were **not** faithful, and all but a few were removed from the land.

But what about the promises God made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob of an everlasting people and an everlasting land? What about his promise to David of an everlasting throne and kingdom? Were these just empty words?

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This is the accusation against God that Paul will prove to be false in the second half of Chapter 9, our next lesson.

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Questions to test your understanding of this lesson:

1. What are the three vows Paul uses to begin this chapter?
2. For questions 2 to 9 –
What are the EIGHT PRIVILEGES God gave the Israelites that are named in this chapter of Romans.
10. In Deuteronomy 4:33, what is the thing that the Israelites experienced that no other people experienced?

Each question is worth 10 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.



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