

WHAT WE BELIEVE & HOW WE BEHAVE—23

“Whatever Happened to Israel?”

“Note Their Past”

Romans 9:1-33

Introduction: _____

I. FIRST, NOTICE PAUL’S AGONY FOR THE NATION OF ISRAEL (Romans 9:1-3).

- A. First, notice his uncommon honesty about his nation (9:1).
- B. Secondly, note his unusual heaviness for his nation (9:2).
- C. Thirdly, consider his unique hunger for his nation (9:3).

II. SECONDLY, NOTE PAUL’S APPRAISAL OF THE JEWISH PROBLEM (9:4-33).

- A. First, notice how Paul observes the problem (9:4-20).
 - 1. First, there is God’s gracious dealing with the many blessings on Israel in the past (9:4-5).
 - a. First, Israel had a special position with God (9:4).
 - b. Secondly, Israel has experienced the special presence of God (9:4b). “. . . *and the glory*”
 - c. Thirdly, Israel has the unconditional covenants with all the promises of God (9:4c) “. . . *and the covenants . . .*”
 - d. Fourthly, Israel had been presented with the Law (9:3d) “. . . *and the giving of the law . . .*”
 - e. Fifthly, Israel had received the principles on how to approach God (9:4e) “. . . *and the service of God.*”
 - f. Sixthly, Israel had been given prophetic truth from God (9:4f). “. . . *and the promises;*”

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- g. Seventhly, Israel had come down from godly patriarchs (9:5a) “*Whose are the Fathers . . .*”
- h. Eighthly, Israel had delivered through them the predicted Messiah (8:5b).

APPLICATION:

* It is possible to accept the privileges from God and not be a child of God.

* It is possible to experience the privileges of God and not possess the Person of Jesus Christ.

- 2. Secondly, there is God’s governmental dealing with Israel in the past (9:6-29).
 - a. First, His past dealing with Israel is based on His supreme wisdom (9:6-13).
 - (1) First, his supreme wisdom is disclosed the birth of Isaac (9:6-9).
 - (2) Secondly, His supreme wisdom is discovered in the births of Jacob and Esau (9:10-13).
 - b. Secondly, His past dealing with Israel is focused on His _____ will (9:14-24).
 - (1) First, note His sovereign will is _____ as He speaks to Moses (9:14-16).
 - (2) Secondly, notice His sovereign will is _____ in the life of Pharaoh (9:17-24).
 - (a) First, notice how Paul _____ the problem (9:17-18)
 - (b) Secondly, consider how he _____ and answers the objection (9:19-22).

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c. Thirdly, His past dealings with Israel is founded on the _____ Word (9:25-29).

(1) First, His spoken Word gave _____ to the Gentile world (9:25-26).

(2) Secondly, the spoken word gave _____ to the Jewish remnant (9:27-29).

B. Secondly, consider how he _____ the problem (9:30-33).

1. First, notice how the Gentiles attained righteousness—
BY _____ (9:30). GRACE!

2. Secondly, note how the Jews attempted righteousness—
BUT _____ (9:31-33) WORKS!