

“Known, Chosen, and Kept for God”

Romans 11:1-10

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I. Introduction

- A. The Lord expects us to know His word. (Rom. 11:2)

Matthew 12:2-4 - ² But when the Pharisees saw this, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.” ³ But He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions, ⁴ how he entered the house of God, and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone? (Also see: Matt. 12:5; 19:4; 21:16, 42; 22:31; John 3:10.)

Hebrews 5:12 - For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

- B. Reading the Bible regularly is a large part of this. (<https://readthebibleinayear.com>)

II. Not All 1st Century Jews Were Rejected (Rom. 11:1-10)

- A. Paul himself was proof of that. (Rom. 11:1)

- B. So was God’s commitment to preserve a believing remnant. (Rom. 11:2-10)

1. The remnant was foreknown and chosen by grace (without reference to good deeds). (Rom. 11:2-6)
2. The rest of the 1st century Jews were divinely hardened because of their disobedience to Christ. (Rom. 11:7-10)



- C. God’s work throughout history with a small Israelite remnant does not necessarily mean the number of the saved will always be small.

Matthew 8:10-12 - ¹⁰ Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those who were following, “Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel. ¹¹ “I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; ¹² but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

III. Saved in the Same Way as the Israelite Remnant Today

- A. We were foreknown (fore-loved) by God before the world began.

- B. We were chosen for a salvation that is by grace alone (not dependent on our good works or moral efforts).

- C. God has kept us for Himself; we are *His*.

1. He has kept us by foreknowing and choosing us.
2. He has kept us by accomplishing our salvation through Christ.
3. He will keep us until we are in His presence.

4. Nothing in this life can stop God from keeping us.

a. Not ourselves.

b. Not an insane world.

D. God hasn't just kept *us* for Himself.

1. He has kept our fellow believers here and around the world.

2. Let us rejoice at the privilege of being part of this glorious, chosen company which God has kept for Himself.