

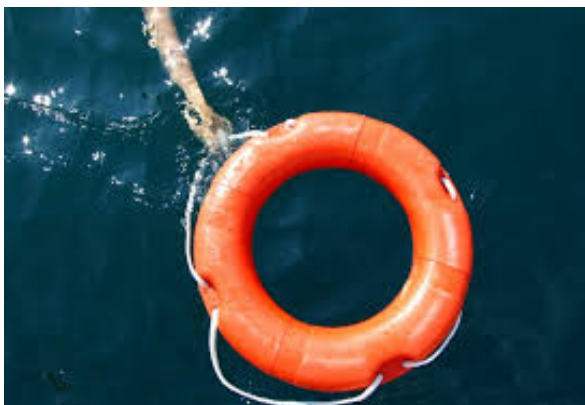
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The Mercies of ADONAI

12:1 to 16:27

If it's really true that because we have a relationship with **ADONAI**, and if it's true that **nothing can separate us from the love of God**, how do we know that **God** is going to keep that promise, in light of the fact that there seems to be promises to **Isra'el** that are unfulfilled. And if **YHVH** can avoid fulfilling **His** promises to **Isra'el**, how do we know that the same would be true with us?

Therefore, in **Chapter 9**, **Paul** dealt with the salvation of **Isra'el**, showing that the rejection of **Isra'el** was not something that caught **Ha'Shem** by surprise, but part of **His** plan of redemption. In fact, if **Isra'el** had accepted **Yeshua** at **His** First Coming it would have proved that **He** was not **the Messiah**, because **ADONAI** had made promises regarding the salvation of the **Gentiles**.



In **Chapter 10**, because of **Isra'el's** rejection, the Good News can go out to the whole world, **Jews** and **Gentiles** alike on an individual basis: **God is the same for everyone, rich toward everyone who calls on Him**. Those whose greatest pride was in the belief that they were far superior to all other peoples could not tolerate that humbling truth. Then, to prove his point, **Paul** quotes **Joel**, who centuries earlier had declared to **Isra'el** the extent of saving grace when **he** said: **Everyone who calls on the name of ADONAI will be saved (10:12)**.

In **Chapter 11**, **Paul** points out that **Isra'el's** rejection of **the Messiah** is not total, because

there has always been a Jewish remnant, in the past, and today. This rejection is not the final note in Jewish history. When **God** is through with **His** program with **the Gentiles**, **all Isra'el will be saved** during the last three days of the Great Tribulation. Therefore, both **Jew** and **Gentile** believers will reap the benefits of the Messianic Kingdom.

Now, in **Chapters 12-16**, **Paul** can go into the practical applications. What are **the mercies of God** and how do **they** impact our everyday lives? What should be our response, in light of all of what **ADONAI** has done for us? This is where life and the Bible meet! Theology should never be divorced from real life; it always has practical ramifications and implications. **Paul's** description here is nothing short of supernatural living. **He** demonstrates that when believers give themselves fully to **God** and then, in the power of **the Ruach Ha'Kodesh**, live out in experience what is true of them theologically in **Messiah**, the result is staggering. Such living will be a bright neon sign in a dark culture.³¹⁰