Romans 11

ASVh with Comments

Summary. In this chapter, the Holy Spirit teaches that salvation is by grace alone, that the beloved Son of God was crucified for the sins of the whole world, and that both Jews and Gentiles become a blessing to one another in fulfilling the plan of the Lord God Almighty. The Lord God Almighty shows kindness and severity, receives back the repentant heart, and calls all to become part of His people. **Romans 11:1-5:** Did God reject His people? The Holy Spirit, through the apostle Paul, tells all people that without the grace and mercy of the Lord God Almighty, the people of the Lord cannot stand by themselves. The Lord preserves those who remain faithful to His commandments. **Romans 11:6-11:** Salvation is by grace alone. The grace and mercy come with the Savior, and the faithful become the true elect. Because of the unbelief of His people, the Lord blesses the Gentiles and takes them to be His people, so that many among His own may be moved to repentance and return to follow the commandments of God. **Romans 11:12-16:** The Lord created all humans and each will help one another to fulfill the call. When the Lord's children committed the great sin and crucified the beloved Son of God, their sin became a blessing for the Gentiles, because the beloved Son of God was crucified for the sins of the whole world. The Lord God Almighty chose an apostle to bring the good news to the Gentiles, and both Jews and Gentiles become a blessing to one another in fulfilling His plan. **Romans 11:17-25:** The kindness and severity of God. The Gentiles who accept the beloved Son of God become the children of God through faith and mercy and are grafted into the true olive tree. Do not boast, for you have been grafted in by the mercy of the Lord God Almighty. The Lord's children who have strayed away are still His children, and when repentance of heart comes, the Lord God Almighty receives them back. **Romans 11:26-36:** For out of Him, and through Him, and unto Him, are all things. The Lord God Almighty chose His people for the Savior of the world to come out of; He sent His beloved Son to be born in His nation for the salvation of all humans. The Jews and Gentiles who accept the Savior with the heart receive blessings and become part of His people. The Lord God Almighty created all things, and His wisdom, knowledge, and ways are beyond all that human minds can understand.

[1] I say then, Did **God** reject **His** people? Let it never be! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

[2] **God** did not reject **His** people whom **He** foreknew. Or know you not what the Scripture says of Elijah? How he intercedes with **God** against Israel:

> **Comments Romans 11:1-2.** "… God did not reject His people whom He foreknew." The Lord God Almighty is not a man that will use the wrong of children to cut them off; but the love of the Lord God Almighty for His children whom He has chosen out is forever; the love continues but the blessings may be delayed.
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> "…How he intercedes with God against Israel." When His children did abominations the Lord God Almighty got upset at them. Even in His anger He still sent the prophets to remind them whom they belong to, calling them back to the right path, return repent and the Lord God Almighty will forgive them. The love for His people never ends, but even in the punishment time He still gives them a chance to receive forgiveness. And this applies to all humans: repent and come back, the forgiveness is waiting.

[3] **Lord**, they have killed **Thy** prophets, they have dug down **Thine** altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.

> **Comments Romans 11:3.** "Lord, they have killed Thy prophets …" With sorrowful heart the prophet of the Lord makes petition to beg the Lord to look upon the behavior of the Lord's children; the children of the Lord have ignored the teaching that they have received from their forefathers. They received the teaching: not to harm the prophets of the Lord; when the Lord God Almighty has spoken through the prophets, they must obey, and also they must meditate and pray; the Lord God Almighty will confirm it in their hearts, but they should not rush and make decisions by the head to do what the eyes believe is the right thing.
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> "And I am left alone …" The prophet of the Lord God Almighty is begging for mercy and protection which his heart comes to rely on and believe in; the prophet has fear in his heart but even left alone still believes and trusts in the Lord God Almighty's protection.

4 But what says the divine answer to him? **I** have left for **Myself** seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to Baal.

Comments Romans 11:4. "But what says the divine answer to him." With sorrowful heart the prophet of the Lord God Almighty is begging for mercy and protection which his heart comes to rely on and believe in; the answer comes straight: to let the prophet know that wherever and whatever happens in the prophet's life the Lord God Almighty still is with him and guiding him to make the prophet have assurance that he is not alone; the Lord God Almighty is with him at all times.

"I have left for Myself seven thousand …" Give attention all believers: the Lord God Almighty knows every heart and action; the proof is clear in this place. In this time the one who does not worship the idol from the dark side can face a life situation, but the Lord God Almighty saw who still has faith and obeys the commandments of the Lord which did not surrender to the dark pressure; and now the Lord God Almighty lets the prophet know there are still many that have faith in the Lord God Almighty: do not be afraid and worry.

5 Thus then also, at this present time, there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

Comments Romans 11:5. The prophet of the Lord tells all people that without grace and mercy of the Lord God Almighty the people of the Lord cannot walk by themselves. Keep faith and stay within the boundary the Lord God Almighty indicates for the blessing of the nation itself. The blessing of the Lord will be to protect all who are faithful to the commandments of God. To be the elect of the Lord they must follow the commandments of God. Paul is an apostle but also acted as a prophet at this time.

6 Now if by grace, no longer from works; otherwise grace is no longer grace.

Comments Romans 11:6. At this time the work for being saved starts to be transferred: the physical work is still needed but not all becomes as a law; the period of time to transfer physical work to go into saving by spiritual work, heart meditation, began for all humans. The Lord God Almighty has prepared the path for the Savior of the world to be born. The grace and mercy come with the Savior, the old law is blended with the new law of grace; all humans must follow the teachings of the true Savior of the soul.

Q: We say that the old law is blended with the new law of grace. What do we mean by this? **A:** The Lord God Almighty prepared the human hearts to accept the coming of the beloved Son of God; the Lord's children must learn to think and accept the beloved Son of God. The worship in the old way needs to be changed and not act by physical only; the work of the beloved Son of God in the human heart will teach humans to glorify and worship with the meditation of the heart and learn to follow the teaching and commandments of the beloved Son of God. The blending here becomes one way only to worship God the Father, because the beloved Son of God is also the true God for all humans. The beloved Son becomes the sacrificial offering for all humans; the old law needs to sacrifice many lives, but the Lord God Almighty provided one sacrifice which lasts forever; therefore, the old sacrificial law is no longer needed for cleansing from sins. Look at the cross and think of the sacrifice; who died on the cross; the old law is complete on the cross.

7 What then? What Israel seeks for, this it did not obtain; but the elect obtained it, and the rest were hardened,

Comments Romans 11:7. "… but the elect obtained it." The verse tells clearly that the Lord's children with ignorant hearts stopped following the commandments of God; by being His children it makes the pride of heart rise up, have the feeling that everything is made for them and only they can obtain it. They did not create God, but God Almighty created them; the Lord God Almighty created all, everything belongs to Him and the Lord God Almighty created all things for specific purposes. Everything has its own purpose: being people of God, the ones whose hearts choose to follow, those have become His elect, but the Lord's children, those who did not choose to follow, have become not elect people.

"And the rest were hardened." Being the Lord's children but not following the commandments of God has made them lose the privilege; but the ones that follow the commandments of God become the true elect and those are the true children of God.

8 according as it is written, **God** gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes not to see, and ears not to hear, unto this very day.

Comments Romans 11:8. "God gave them a spirit of stupor." When the heart is not following the commandments of God, it makes the dark have influence and that influence happens because of their own

disobedience; the Lord God Almighty lifts up His hand from protection and lets them face the challenges. The mind of the children becomes slow and dull in distinguishing between good and bad; but at the same time the Lord God Almighty controls to not let them go beyond the limit. This is a warning for all believers as well.

Q: The verse says specifically that God gave them this spirit; how do we understand that? **A:** The verse is correct, but also the Lord God Almighty controls everything; He allowed it but did not create it. He did not create this spirit of stupor to tempt His children, but the Lord God Almighty allowed this spirit to have influence.

"Eyes not to see …" When the heart has been influenced by the dark, that also gives blindness and dullness to the spiritual eyes and ears. Even though they have the written commandments in front of them, the dark influence stirs the heart to not pay any attention and makes the children not meditate on what is written. But the Lord God Almighty is still waiting for repentance: a chance for repentance is still available for all the children.

9 And David says, Let their table be for a snare, and for a trap, and for a stumbling block, and for a recompense to them;

Comments Romans 11:9. This verse is quoted from Psalm 69:22.

The warnings and guidelines have also been given to His children. When the spiritual eyes and ears ignore the warnings and negligence in meditation on the Holy Word limits the blessing and guidance; the path of the children that they choose to walk becomes parallel with the path the Lord God Almighty had prepared for them. A long period of time of suffering will occur until the spiritual heart seeks help and comes back to follow the commandments of God.

10 Let their eyes be darkened, not to see, and their back for ever bent down.

Comments Romans 11:10. This verse is quoted from Psalm 69:23.

"Let their eyes be darkened …" The Lord God Almighty has ways in teaching and discipline. Those that the Lord God Almighty wants to have work through them for the rest of humans to see His mighty work, some need strong discipline in order to bring them to repentance. As the verse indicates, the condition is not a physical but a spiritual condition.

"And their back for ever bent down." To make humans realize that they are nothing without the Lord God Almighty's help, they will be humbled not only physically but spiritual humbleness follows together; for the spiritual heart to stand up straight also needs repentance and humbleness.

11 I say then, Did they stumble that they might fall? Let it not be! But in their trespass is salvation to the Gentiles, so as to provoke them to jealousy.

Comments Romans 11:11. "Did they stumble that they might fall?" As they walk in their own dark minds it makes them stop here and there losing balance of mind; this is a warning for all believers.

"But in their trespass is salvation …" Because of their unfaithfulness the Lord blesses the Gentiles and takes them to be His people. When the children of the Lord see the Gentiles be taken as His people, it will make their hearts have jealousy and come to the point of repentance. This jealousy will help their own nation to not fall far away and be willing to come back and follow the commandments of God faithfully.

12 Now if their trespass is the riches of the world, and their loss the riches of the Gentiles, how much more their fullness?

Comments Romans 11:12. "Now if their trespass is the riches of the world." When the children of the Lord God Almighty commit sins against the commandments of God, their guilt also brings the souls for the Gentiles to be rich in the Holy Word. Mistakes of one have become a blessing for another. When the Lord's children committed the great sin and crucified the beloved Son of God, their sin became a blessing for the Gentiles; because the beloved Son of God has been crucified for the sins of the whole world.

"And their loss the riches of the Gentiles …" When the Lord's children make mistakes, these bring blessings for the Gentiles; the riches in blessings for the Gentiles also give back the blessings for the Lord's children. The Lord created all humans and each will help one another to fulfill the call, but the Lord God Almighty chooses to give blessings to whom and when everything has fallen into His plan, then all will see the reward of their own actions.

[13] Now I am speaking to you, the Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am indeed an apostle of the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry;

Comments Romans 11:13. The Lord God Almighty chose the right apostle to speak to the Gentiles. The mistake of this apostle gave strength to the apostle to fulfill the mission. Now the Gentiles do not need to feel unworthy to receive the good news because the Lord God Almighty has chosen a specific apostle for spreading the good news to the Gentiles. And this gives confidence to the Gentiles that they are in the Lord God Almighty's plan to be saved.

[14] if somehow I may provoke to jealousy my flesh, and may save some of them.

[15] For if the rejection of them [is] the reconciliation of the world, what the acceptance—if not life from the dead?

Comments Romans 11:14-15. "… the reconciliation of the world." The Lord God Almighty sent the apostle for a purpose; what the apostle is telling them is that some feel rejected, but the ones that have opened their hearts to accept the Lord God Almighty, He will work with those hearts and those will be the tools in helping others.

"What the acceptance—if not life from the dead?" The word the Lord God Almighty gave to the apostle will save their souls; when their hearts are opened and repentance comes, the others around them will be the witnesses to the mighty work.

[16] And if the firstfruit is holy, also the lump; and if the root is holy, also the branches.

Comments Romans 11:16. In this verse: the firstfruits are the true believers of the people of the Lord and the lump is the Gentile believers; the root is the true believers of the people of the Lord and the branches are the Gentile believers.

The heart that is fully committed and obeys the commandments of God, the root of faith goes down until the soul itself; that is what the Lord God Almighty wants to see in every child of God. Here, we mean if the heart believes and obeys the commandments, that is the firstfruit. When the root is strengthened, all the branches that come will be strengthened and holy because the branches will follow the commandments of God the same as the root.

[17] However, if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive, were grafted in among them, and have become a partaker with them of the root of the fatness of the olive tree;

Comments Romans 11:17. "If some of the branches were broken off." The children of the Lord, some have betrayed the commandments of God, ignored the forefather's teachings, and do not accept the Lord God Almighty as their own Holy God and have been taken away; these people cut themselves off from being the children of God; the Lord God Almighty will not force Himself on them, even though they are from His own people.

"And you, being a wild olive, were grafted …" Gentiles are the people of the world, but they have accepted the salvation from the beloved Son of God. Accepting the commandments of God has made these Gentiles part of the Lord's children; the Lord God Almighty sent His beloved Son to save the whole world, and these Gentiles who accept the beloved Son of God and follow all His teachings have become the true children of God. Combined, being Gentile by blood and receiving salvation through faith makes these Gentiles become true children of God.

"And have become a partaker with them …" The Lord God Almighty poured down abundant blessings upon His children and when any Gentile has come and abides with the whole heart, the physical and spiritual, and accepts the beloved Son of God as their God, all these Gentiles truly become His children through the beloved Son of God. The olive tree here is the Jews that have faith.

[18] glory not over the branches; but if you glory, it is not you that bear the root, but the root you.

Comments Romans 11:18. "Glory not over the branches." You Gentiles who have faith, when you receive the blessing, don't think that you have more than the children of God; the Lord God Almighty has given to His children the faith and energy in helping all of you. You yourself must learn to appreciate the ones who have been sent to help.

"But if you glory, it is not you that bear the root …" When you receive the blessing it is not because you are good or deserve it, but the one whom the Lord God Almighty has sent to you, He has given you those who

receive the duty, and have the true message to give it to you for you to know the true meaning that the Lord God Almighty is loving you and giving you the message to be saved.

19 You will say then, Branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.

Comments Romans 11:19. "… Branches were broken off." Because of selfishness your heart is telling you that you deserve everything, and those who stray away are because of their own fault: the Lord God Almighty has rejected them, and they walk stray away from the faith of their forefathers.

"That I might be grafted in." And believe that because of your own goodness you deserve to be the true children, and the Lord God Almighty has accepted you to be His own children; your pride and greed cover your eyes. The behavior of yourself is not worth it to be called and use the name that is the Lord's children: the Lord God Almighty never teaches His children to live in their own success, but always tells them the success is from Him; come give thanks and worship to the Lord God Almighty. Your success the Lord God Almighty can wipe it off in a flash of a second, but the Lord God Almighty allows you to enjoy the success for a moment for you to think and bring your heart to surrender to the Lord God Almighty. Worship and be faithful to the Lord God Almighty, even in the moment that you have many things of this earth, but the greatest thing the Lord God Almighty has prepared for all true believers is not of this earth but the earth to come, which will give you joy and peace for eternity.

20 Good; by the unbelief they were broken off; however, you stand by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear;

Comments Romans 11:20. "By the unbelief they were broken off." Even though they are children of God, with unfaithful hearts they have betrayed the forefathers' teachings and have turned their back on following the commandments of God; the Lord God Almighty did not throw them out but let them walk in their own dark way.

"However, you stand by faith …" If your heart is sensitive and answers the call, the Lord God Almighty also accepts you to be as His children. Do not boast up that because of your own goodness you deserve all things; you will fall away from the right path if the pride in your heart covers your mind and you do not follow completely the commandments of God. You yourself can follow the wrong path; be humble and follow the commandments of God without thinking that because the Lord's children have fallen away you have all rights to conquer. The Lord's children, even if they have turned away, they still are His children. But you have been grafted in by the mercy of the Lord God Almighty.

21 for if **God** spared not the branches according to nature, neither will **He** spare you.

Comments Romans 11:21. If the Lord God Almighty did not stop His children from walking in the wrong path, neither He will stop you. Remember and remind yourself that you are grafted in because of mercy. You are not true natural His people by blood, but you become His children by faith and mercy.

22 Behold therefore the kindness and severity of **God**; indeed, toward those having fallen, severity; but toward you, **God**'s kindness, if you continue in the kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

Comments Romans 11:22. "… indeed, toward those having fallen, severity." The ones that have committed sin but deep in their heart still feel that what they did is wrong; the Lord God Almighty always welcomes them back. The heart that seeks for Him is the important part for human life. Humans make mistakes but if the heart did not forsake the Lord God Almighty, the forgiveness will also be waiting for them.

"But toward you, God's kindness …" But for you the believer, when you read this part, think: are you like them or not? If your heart did not betray Him, His mercy and compassion also will be for you. Mistakes you still make but do not make mistake of heart (faith related); when your heart commits sin, the Lord God Almighty feels your heart, and that sin also will have impact toward His feeling for you.

23 Now even they, if they continue not in unbelief, will be grafted in; for **God** is able to graft them in again.

Comments Romans 11:23. "Now even they, if they continue not …" The children of the Lord God Almighty that have been tricked and strayed away from keeping the commandments of God, the love for them which the Lord God Almighty has promised with their forefathers still continues with them. When repentance of heart happens, that repentance also makes them feel sorry and come back; come back with whole heart to

glorify the Lord God Almighty. That repentance makes the Lord God Almighty have mercy and love and receive them back into His arms.

"For God is able to graft them in again." The Lord God Almighty Creator of all, with power unlimited, the repentant heart makes the link stronger, and the Lord God Almighty receives them back and also makes them be fit in to the same promise which He had for their forefathers.

24 For if you, out of the according to nature wild olive tree, were cut out, and, contrary to nature, were grafted into a good olive tree; how much more these, who according to nature are, will be grafted into their own olive tree?

Comments Romans 11:24. "For if you, out of the according to nature wild olive tree ..." In the eyes of the Lord God Almighty the Gentiles are not weed, but wild olive tree; do not be offended, Gentiles, you are still an olive tree even wild.

"And, contrary to nature, were grafted into a good olive tree." But because your heart is seeking and the Lord God Almighty answers to your heart, and leads you to find the beloved Son of God; with love and mercy He has grafted you in the faith of the true olive tree. You become part of the true olive tree by faith which the beloved Son of God has worked in your soul, which makes your soul lined up and be able to have nature food through the good olive tree.

"How much more these, who according to …" The Jews are the Lord's children even if they have strayed away; when they repent and come back begging for mercy and forgiveness, the Lord God Almighty will graft them back to their own good olive tree; and they will grow from the true food from the good olive tree which they have been cut off.

25 For I would not, brothers, have you to be ignorant of this mystery, lest you be wise in yourselves, that a hardening in part has happened to Israel, until that the fulness of the Gentiles may come in;

Comments Romans 11:25. "For I would not, brothers, have you to be ignorant …" With love and mercy, the Lord God Almighty wants to guide His children back to the right path. This warning is for the children of God: do not let yourself fall into the trap of the dark mind and let yourself believe that by your own intelligence all things happen according to your wish, and the help will come to you by your own doing. The destruction of nation happened because of straying away from the Lord God Almighty. But now the love and mercy from God has come: just follow the path the Lord God Almighty has sent through His prophet; the righteous path to walk: follow the commandments of God will be the path to be saved (See Matthew 23:34). The prophets after the coming of the Savior (the Lord Jesus), apostles and servants of God, will just point people to the Lord Jesus as the way to be saved; the prophets of old told about the coming of the Savior.

"That a hardening in part has happened to Israel." The Lord God Almighty has waited until the right time of judgment to come: the birth of the Savior.

"Until that the fulness of the Gentiles …" When the Gentiles commit the fullness of sin which will lead the judgment to start (taken away of the Holy Spirit), but at that time the Lord's children also will suffer for their own actions.

26 and so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: The **Deliverer** shall come out of Zion; **He** will remove ungodliness from Jacob.

Comments Romans 11:26. "… The Deliverer shall come out of Zion." At the right time of the world, the Savior will be born to point the right way; the Lord's children will receive the Savior in their nation; not because they are righteous or holy but because of love and mercy. The Lord God Almighty has chosen them to be His nation for the Savior of the world to come out of.

"He will remove ungodliness from Jacob." When the Savior comes, He Himself will clean His nation out of the dark influence; the cleansing of the house will start with His nation (See Matthew 23:38; Luke 13:35). Think of all idols His people used to have; the Lord did remove all those out (the second temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by the Roman army in 70 AD). But the love and mercy also will show to all humans; they all will receive the blessings if the Gentiles repent and accept the Savior as their God, if they take the Savior of the Jews to be their own Savior, not by mouth but by heart; the Lord God Almighty will judge them by their hearts.

27 And this is the covenant from **Me** to them, When **I** shall take away their sins.

Comments Romans 11:27. "And this is the covenant from Me to them." The Savior has shown them by His own actions that the idols must be removed out from among people. And the people of the Lord must not bring back the idols. The Lord God Almighty never gives His own image to any human to make for worship; He always tells them He is in their hearts. And all the Lord's children must obey: no idols or statues, which they want to make to represent the way to worship the Lord.

"When I shall take away their sins." When the Lord's children turn away from their wickedness and come back to walk in the right path, that the Savior has shown to them, their sins will be wiped out. The heart that completely surrenders and obeys to the Savior: the Lord God Almighty will delete sins from that heart.

28 As regards indeed the gospel, they are enemies for your sake; and as regards the election, beloved on account of the patriarchs.

Comments Romans 11:28. "… they are enemies for your sake." The words of the Lord God Almighty are alive and powerful; when giving them out they will stand firm; but the dark influence tries to make the original words seem not correct for people to understand. Believers, think and meditate before putting them in your hearts; come meditate and ask for understanding: then the answer will come for you. The gospel is not the enemy, but the translation of the gospel is. Here "they" refers to the Jews but not common people, but those that set themselves up as teachers, and give interpretation of the Holy Word to His children.

Q: What does it mean when the verse says, "for your sake"? **A:** It means that the Lord wants you to meditate and believe.

"And as regards the election, beloved …" Dear beloved; true believers are dear to His heart and the Word that has been given for you is out of love and mercy; when you come to seek for the true meaning, the Lord God Almighty will give it to you. The true believers will have clear understanding, and the wrong teachings of leaders will not impact their understanding; but when they lack meditation and prayer, then the heart will be led to have doubt.

The verse seems to talk only about the Jews, but for the Lord God Almighty all true believers are like the Jews for Him, because all become His children.

29 For the gifts and the calling of **God** are not repented of.

Comments Romans 11:29. The gifts of the Lord God Almighty are love and protection; when anyone comes under that protection, the protection will cover not only them but also those who follow the same path as well. Here "are not repented of" means the Lord God Almighty cannot change His mind after forgiving them.

30 For as you once were disobedient to **God**, but now have obtained mercy of this disobedience,

Comment Romans 11:30. "For as you once were disobedient to God." The Lord God Almighty is justice and is fair; when you are disobedient, He also forgives when you repent and return back. In the Lord God Almighty there is no revenge or keep track of disobedience; once you have repented and receive the forgiveness, the Lord God Almighty also wipes off that sin from you.

"But now have obtained mercy of this disobedience." But the mistakes had happened; the Lord God Almighty will use that mistake and turn it to be the benefit when you repent and come back with whole heart, completely surrender and follow the commandments of God.

Q: We believe that "τούτων" should be translated in this verse as "of this." What is the reason for translating "τούτων" as "of these" rather than "of this"? **A:** The way of translating and the limitation of language. By the imagination of the situation of what happened at that time, people create the idea of meaning; some ignore the original as written and use their own understanding to interpret the word; the language becomes a problem for people to understand the true meaning. But also, if one searches carefully, we can find the true meaning: it has been written by humans in many places what it could mean; and the ones who translate picked what it fits to their understanding.

31 thus also these now were disobedient, that now they also might obtain mercy for your mercy.

Comments Romans 11:31. "Thus also these now were disobedient." The Lord God Almighty gave Words for humans to follow; the ones that read will also get the guidance with prayer and meditation to understand

what the true meaning is. The Lord God Almighty gave Words and also provides understanding. In this place "these" also mean the Jews by birth and the Jews by acceptance of the Lord God Almighty. Not everyone is disobedient, but "these" refers to those who are disobedient.

"That now they also might obtain mercy." When the Lord God Almighty has shown mercy to the disobedient in the past, now the ones who are disobedient will also receive mercy and forgiveness as well. Here "they" refers to the whole world.

32 For **God** has shut up all in disobedience, that **He** might show mercy upon all.

Comments Romans 11:32. "For God has shut up all in disobedience." The Lord God Almighty will stop all unbelieving humans that come in and use the human intelligence in order to sway the true believers from the base of their belief.

Q: How can this stoppage take place? **A:** Those that are disobedient will receive their own punishment and their actions will lead to problems for themselves, which will make them stop all bad activity by themselves.

"That He might show mercy upon all." The love of the Lord God Almighty is upon all humans, even those that are in unbelief; stopping them to do further damage to the true believers is saving them at the same time. The true believers will receive blessings and clear minds to continue the life the way the Lord God Almighty has prepared for each, which may look difficult to follow for humans, but the Lord God Almighty also gives guidance and will bring the right persons to guide them, regardless where they are on this earth.

33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and the knowledge of **God**! How unsearchable are **His** judgments, and untraceable **His** ways!

Comments Romans 11:33. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom …" The Lord God Almighty is the One who created all the universe. How can the things that He created measure His ability and knowledge? The Lord God Almighty is above all things.

"How unsearchable are His judgments." No one has seen the Lord God Almighty, but the mercy of the Lord God Almighty has been made known to all humans. The wisdom and knowledge of men have been provided by the Holy Spirit. The true believer can feel the existence, but the magnificent power of the Lord God Almighty still neither can understand the power. The unlimited power of the Lord God Almighty, all power cannot be written down, the mind of men cannot have the capability to understand His magnificent power. The fairness in judgment of the Lord God Almighty human words cannot describe it down (imagination and written). The spirit of men can notice the presence but still cannot understand until the judgment time comes upon. When the Lord God Almighty gives His ruling for all things, at that time, all spiritual will be in awe of the power.

"And unsearchable His ways!" When all things have been created, seen and unseen things, also no understanding what the end will be. Both worlds, seen and unseen, have no idea what the direction of end time will be and how the judgment of the Lord God Almighty will be upon them.

34 For who has known the mind of the **Lord**, or who has been **His** counsellor?

Comments Romans 11:34. "For who has known the mind of the Lord." The Lord God Almighty, Creator of all things, above all, no one can reach Him. When no one can reach Him, no one can know or understand His mind and ways. The Lord God Almighty is perfect and complete in Himself; His thoughts and His ways are beyond all that human mind can understand. The smart will try to make an idea of what it is; the most intelligent mind of humans will try to imagine and guide how it should be; but the Lord God Almighty does not need human minds to understand and guide Him.

"Or who has been His counsellor." The Lord God Almighty knows everything because His knowledge is great and wide, unable to comprehend. He does not need advice or guidance from anything that He has created because He Himself had planted all things from beginning to the end.

35 or who has first given to **Him**, and it will be recompensed to him?

Comments Romans 11:35. The Lord God Almighty, the Holy God above all, wisdom beyond human imagination, the created things cannot have the ability to advise or give anything to make His holiness increase. The love of the Lord God Almighty is so great, His mercy beyond what humans can understand: God the Father has given His only begotten Son to come down to lead humans to be saved. And even then humans still betray His love and rebel against His Son; but the message and the way to be saved have already been in action; the Lord God Almighty wants every soul to be with Him in Paradise.

36 For out of **Him**, and through **Him**, and unto **Him**, are all things; to **Him** the glory to the ages. Amen.

Comment Romans 11:36. The beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ, from the beginning of creation, through Him, in Him, all things have been created. God the Father created all things through the beloved Son, and all things must come and glorify the beloved Son because the Trinity of God is from the beginning and all things created are created through the Trinity of God. The glory and honor belong to the Trinity of God only. Note: in our comments when we say the Lord God Almighty, we refer to the Trinity of God.

Life and faith applications. 1) The Lord does not reject anyone; the love of the Lord is forever, and He waits for all to repent and come to Him. 2) The Lord knows every heart and action; me must stay away from idols. 3) The blessing of the Lord will be to protect all who are faithful to the commandments of God. 4) The grace and mercy come with the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; the old law is blended with the new law of grace; all humans must follow the teachings of the true Savior of the soul. 5) The Lord God Almighty created all humans, and each will help one another to fulfill the call; He gives blessings to those who follow the commandments of God. 6) Worship and be faithful to the Lord God Almighty; the greatest thing He has prepared for true believers is not of this earth but the earth to come, which will give joy and peace for eternity. 7) Mistakes you still make, but do not make a mistake of heart (faith related); when your heart commits sin, that sin also has an impact on your relationship with the Lord God Almighty. 8) The love of the Lord God Almighty is so great, His mercy beyond what humans can understand: God the Father has given His only begotten Son to lead humans to be saved.