

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 11:7-18

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

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Throughout the Old Testament –

There are a multitude of verses and passages that argue for God's great and mighty hand to rescue the believer in time of trouble!

Psalm 91:1

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Proverbs 18:10

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.

Psalm 23:4b

Yea, (YES) though I (WE) walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for (BECAUSE) You are with me.

Psalm 32:7

**You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble;
You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.**

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Psalm 121:5

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

With all that said – these promises were and are - - all given to the Jew & The Jewish People as a Nation. Forever!

In the New Testament –

There's an interesting increase to this reality and it is this – That the believer is never seen crying out to God from a distance - - or reaching out for God from a distance, saying “Come to me LORD” or “God come down and help me.”

In this life - the Christian has been promised trouble in this world - - all the while the Christian knows that the LORD's presence is in fact (present) in the hour of every crisis.

Hebrews 13:5-6 ESV

Keep your life free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” 6 So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

For us - There is an Ever-Present-Presence for us today

John 14:12-18

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. 15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever - - 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Matthew 28:19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and *behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*”

Under The Shadow Of The Almighty.

This will be a teaching focused on the highlighting of contrasts between God's elect children and those who reject the Messiahship of Jesus Christ.

Romans 11:7-18

7 What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks; but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded. 8 Just as it is written: “*God has given them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see*

and ears that they should not hear, to this very day.”

9 And David says: “*Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a recompense to them. 10 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see, and bow down their back always.*”

11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. 12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

13 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry, 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them. 15 For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? 16 For if the first-fruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches.

17 And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, 18 do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.

I submit to you today – right now in this hour;
You and I & the World - are being tested, examined by God
regarding His people the Jews and His Nation Israel as to WHAT will you & I (the world) do
about Israel.

And what does it mean for us to be;
Under The Shadow Of The Almighty ?

Psalm 91:1

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Dwells heb: yashab
a place to sit in the calm and quiet, a place of re-creation and restoration,
to recline, take ease.

Isaiah 26:3-4 ESV

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. 4 Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an everlasting rock.

Shadow heb: tsel
to be surrounded or covered with protection, to be in the full shade of a great tree,
to be a sheltered one

And what does it mean for us to be;
Under The Shadow Of The Almighty ?

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace,
that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Acts 2:47

And they, Praising God and having favor with all the people.
The Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Psalms 90:17 a

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; yes,
establish the work of our hands.

Ephesians 6:10

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY

1.) Is where God desires you to see beyond

vs. 7-8

Under The Shadow Of The Almighty IS WHERE GOD DESIRES YOU TO SEE BEYOND

1a.) Beyond the edge

vs. 7

Verse 7

**7 What then? Israel has not obtained what it seeks;
but the elect have obtained it, and the rest were blinded**

Matthew 13:10-16

And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" 11 He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: "Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them." 16 But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;

Under The Shadow Of The Almighty
IS WHERE GOD DESIRES YOU TO SEE BEYOND

1b.) Beyond the fog

vs. 8a

Verse 8

8 Just as it is written: “God has given them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear...”

Stupor

grk: katanuxis

To enter into a fog or a mist, a condition where things are not to clear. being unable to think clearly.

Cambridge University Dictionary says: (1) losing the ability to see or understand clearly because of extreme fatigue or boredom. (2) being impaired because of intoxication and or drugs. having your mind altered.

Hebrews 4:1-2

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

Under The Shadow Of The Almighty
IS WHERE GOD DESIRES YOU TO SEE BEYOND

1c.) Beyond the temporal

vs. 8b

Verse 8b

8b to this very day.”

“This very day”

What’s powerful about the time and the age in which you and I are living in right now is that you have been hearing me say for nearly a year now - - -that the world is starting to see the signs of God beginning to prepare His nation Israel for the last days events.

One of the Crown Jewels of the last days of events is happening right now, where God is bringing into the church more and more of those who are Jews.

2 Corinthians 3:12-17

Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech - 13 unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. 14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. 15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY

2.) Is where God desires you to be unburdened

vs. 9-10

Under The Shadow Of The Almighty
IS WHERE GOD DESIRES YOU TO BE UNBURDENED

2a.) Unburdened from failure

vs. 9

Verse 9

9 And David says: "Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a recompense to them.

Paul quoting King David & His Messianic
Psalm 69:22-23

Listen to the Preceding Verses

Psalm 69:20-21

Reproach has broken My heart, and I am full of heaviness; I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; and for comforters, but I found none. 21 They also gave Me gall for My food, and for My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.

Snare grk: eis (pronounced = ice) (not an easy word to define)
The coming to the end or ending, to run past without notice.

Trap grk: eis (pronounced = ice) – (it is the exact same word)
to not respect what is before you, to miss the view or to miss the sights. (Indicating that having reached the goal – you pass it or miss it.

Stumbling grk: grk: eis (pronounced = ice) (not an easy word to define)
An end or ending, to run past without notice, to not respect what is before you, to miss the view or to miss the sights. (indicating the point reached or entered but missing its meaning and worth)

Recompense grk: grk: eis (pronounced = ice) (not an easy word to define)
to fail to see the meaning and underestimate the value of or the worth of)

!!! This does not describe you dear Christian !!!

Under The Shadow Of The Almighty
IS WHERE GOD DESIRES YOU TO BE UNBURDENED

2b.) Unburdened from the unknown

vs. 10a

Verse 10a

10a Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not see,

Isaiah 6:9-10

And He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive. 10 "Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed."

Under The Shadow Of The Almighty
IS WHERE GOD DESIRES YOU TO BE UNBURDENED

2c.) Unburdened from the weight of guilt

vs. 10b

Verse 10b

10b and bow down their back always."

This is an argument used to describe the weight and burden caused by sin and shame. It carries with it the embarrassment, loss and of feeling alone because you are alone.

{ picture in your mind John Bunyan's "Pilgrims Progress" }

John 5:18-19a, 37-40

Therefore the Jews sought all the more to kill Him, because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also said that God was His Father, making Himself equal with God. 19 Then Jesus answered and said to them... 37 And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. 38 But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. 39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

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