

## ROMANS—Part 72

### Romans 11:7-24

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1. *11:7* God's hardening of a heart is never separate from that one hardening his or her own heart first.
2. *11:7* There is a great mystery in the coexistence of God's election and man's accountability.
3. *11:8-10* Jews considered God's Word to be their spiritual sustenance. But because of their hard-hearted unbelief, God's own Word became a judgment on them.
4. *11:8-10* Israel's spiritual blessings should have led them to Christ, but instead they became a snare, keeping them from Christ. Their very religious practices became substitutes for a real, genuine relationship with God.
5. *11:8-10* Perhaps the great tragedy of human history is that so many people place their eternal trust in the very thing that condemns them.
6. *11:11* God has not allowed Israel to fall to the degree that they are unsalvageable. Until a time appointed by God, they wander in spiritual darkness.
7. *11:11* Israel's (temporary) loss/rejection is the Gentiles' gain (Matthew 8:11-12; 21:43).
8. *11:11* Jealousy can be negative at its core, yet God's intention was to use the jealousy as a stimulus to draw Israel back to Him.
9. *11:12-15* It should be the desire of every Christian to evidence the realities of a transformed life that would draw unbelievers to belief in Jesus.
10. *11:12-15* Unfortunately, many Jews have seen a Christianity that reflects little of the righteousness of Christ. Instead of being drawn closer to Jesus, they have pushed further away.

