

## **Selected Modern Readings**

"Little reflection is needed for us to realize that our desires are very often ill-formed, ill-targeted, or ill-timed, or all of these at once. When we pray, 'we know not what we should pray for as we ought' (Rom. 8:26). We often do not know our true needs or even the true desires of our heart. We certainly are limited in knowing the needs of others. Our solution to a problem may not be the best one, and our sense of urgency may not at all be God's and based in reality. But we desire and pray all the same, and God brings our desires and prayers under His discreet management so as to satisfy His purposes and our desires more fully than we could have thought. Unwise yearnings get corrected, unworthy desires fall away, as the Spirit processes our requests, interceding for us 'according to the will of God' (Rom. 8:27). In time we may very well be relieved that He has wisely discriminated among our desires. For now, we may very well be burdened with a keen sense of loss."

Mood Tides (pg. 73)

~ Ronald Horton (1936-2019)

# Calvary Baptist Church

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

## Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ Psalm 46:1-11

Song #108 ~ Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 9:1-24

Song #291 ~ O Church, Arise

Prayer

Sermon ~ Romans 11:1-6

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #64 ~ Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation."

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## **Text: Romans 11:1-6**

Theme: God is faithful to His covenant with Israel in spite of her obstinance (Romans 10:14-21; note vs. 18-21).

- I. God is faithful to His covenant with Israel by always preserving a remnant (v. 1-6).
  - A. The Apostle Paul is proof that God preserved a remnant in that day (v. 1).
  - B. God did not need Elijah in order to be faithful to His covenant (v. 2-6; cf. 1 Kings 19:1-16).
    1. Elijah thought his death was certain (1 Kings 19:1-3).
    2. Elijah hid in a cave because he was zealous for God (1 Kings 19:9-14).
    3. Elijah thought that if he died, God would not have been faithful to His covenant by keeping a remnant.
    4. But God had preserved Elisha and 7,000 others (1 Kings 19:15-18).
    5. Therefore, God's faithfulness to His covenant was not based on Elijah's work (Romans 11:5-6).
      - i. Verse 5 refers to Elijah (cf. "present time").
      - ii. "No longer" can be used to refer to a logical argument and not merely a time element (cf. Gal. 3:18).

Conclusion: Since God is faithful in spite of Israel's obstinance, we can be convinced of His faithfulness to us in spite of our obstinance (cf. Romans 11:29).

## **Knowing God**

Romans 11:1-6

### **Doctrine (What does this passage teach us):**

Has there ever been a time when God was not faithful to His covenant?

### **Reproof (What wrong thinking does this passage expose):**

Does God need you in order to be faithful to His covenant?

### **Correction (How does this passage fix wrong thinking):**

What does it mean that God rescues people by grace?

### **Instruction in Righteousness (How does this passage help us to continue):**

How does this passage stir us up to rejoice in God's faithfulness?