

Selected Puritan Readings

As a wise, skilled pharmacist mixes medicine--so our heavenly Father wisely mixes exactly the right measure of bitter things and sweet, to do us good.

Too much joy would intoxicate us.

Too much misery would drive us to despair.

Too much sorrow would crush us.

Too much suffering would break our spirits.

Too much pleasure would ruin us.

Too much defeat would discourage us.

Too much success would puff us up.

Too much failure would keep us from doing anything.

Too much criticism would harden us.

Too much praise would exalt us.

Our great God knows exactly what we need.

His Providence is wisely designed and sovereignly sent for our good!

Let God send and do whatever He wills--by His grace, if we are His, we will face it, bow to it, accept it, and give thanks for it. God's Providence is always executed in the 'wisest manner' possible. We are often unable to see and understand the reasons and causes for specific events in our lives, in the lives of others, or in the history of the world. But our lack of understanding does not prevent us from believing God.

~ Don Fortner

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Sunday, May 3, 2020

Making Disciples for the Glory of God

Order of Service

Call to Worship ~ Psalm 23:1-6

Song #155 ~ My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Prayer

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 12:1-8

Song #15 ~ Behold Our God

Prayer

Sermon ~ Romans 11:19-24

Prayer

Lord's Supper

Song #133 ~ He Will Hold Me Fast

Revelation 19:1 After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God."

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Text: Romans 11:19-24

Theme: It is true that Hardened Israel was temporarily cut out so that Gentiles could be grafted in.

- I) Why was hardened Israel cut off (v. 19-20)?
 - A. Hardened Israel was cut out because of unbelief (v. 20).
 - B. Believing Gentiles were grafted in by faith (v. 20).
 - 1. Faith is a gift from God (i.e. "God's kindness")

- II) How should Gentiles respond to Israel's rejection (v. 20-21)?
 - A. Do not be arrogant (v. 20).
 - B. But respond in fear (v. 20; Jeremiah 5:22-24).
 - C. Since God did not spare the natural branches, He will certainly not spare the wild branches (v. 21).

- III) What does this tell us about our God (v. 22)?
 - A. God's severity for those who fell (v. 22; cf. Numbers 16:31-35, 45).
 - B. God's kindness for those who have been grafted in (v. 22; cf. Jonah 4:2,11).

- IV) Is it even possible for hardened Israel to be grafted in again (v. 23-24)?
 - A. God is able to graft them in again (v. 24).
 - B. If wild olive branches can be grafted in, so much more can natural olive branches be grafted in (v. 24).

Knowing God

Romans 11:19-24

Doctrine (What does this passage teach us):

How can God be both kind and severe?

Reproof (What wrong thinking does this passage expose):

Do we as Gentiles respond in arrogance to Israel's rejection?

Correction (How does this passage fix wrong thinking):

What does it look like to respond in fear?

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

Let us meditate on God's kindness in grafting us in!