

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Women's Ministry EQUIP 2020 - Saturday, March 21st @ 8:30 am
- VBC Spring Co-ed Softball Begins - Tuesday, March 24th @ 6:30 pm
- Serve Day @ the Arabic Church of Sacramento - Saturday, March 28th @ 9 am
 - Small Group Leader Training - Saturday, April 4th @ 9 am
 - Palm Sunday Services - Sunday, April 5th @ 9 am & 11 am
 - Maundy Thursday Service - Thursday, April 9th @ 7 pm
 - Good Friday Service - Friday, April 10th @ 6 pm
 - Easter Sunday Services - Sunday, April 12th @ 9 am & 11 am

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SONGS & SERMONS

"King of Heaven/Oh Our Lord" - Jason Ingram,
Paul Baloche

"Grateful" - Stefan Green, Chris Brown,
Matthew Ntlele, Steven Furtick

"Great Are You Lord" - David Leonard Jason
Ingram Leslie Jordan

"He's Calling Us" - Valley Bible Worship,
Dan Gillette

"Goodness of God" - Ed Cash, Jenn Johnson

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,979.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$314,811.00

Giving Last Week.....\$34,982.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$315,137.00

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ROMANS

THE RELIABILITY OF GOD

03/08/20 | MUSIC: DAN GILLETTE | MESSAGE: GARY DARNELL

MESSAGE NOTES

God's Word has NOT failed--Period!
Romans 9:19-33

The accusation: Is God not unjust to judge people He hardens (19)?

Rom. 9:19 *You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?"*

The picture: think of God as a potter & Israel as the clay (20-21).

Rom. 9:20 *But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?*



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The dynamics: God plans to show mercy on far more than ethnic Israel (22-29).

1. God endures Israel's rebellion for the moment (22).

Rom. 9:22 *What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,*

2. God's endurance is leading to "all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (23-24 cp Genesis 12:3).

Rom. 9:23 *in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—24 even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?*

Rom. 11:25 *Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

Rom. 11:11 *So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous.*

Rom. 11:19 *Then you will say, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." 20 That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear.*

3. The OT supports a gentile/Jewish church (25-29).

Rom. 9:25 *As indeed he says in Hosea, "Those who were not my people I will call 'my people,' and her who was not beloved I will call 'beloved.'" 26 "And in the very place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they will be called 'sons of the living God.'"*

Rom. 9:27 *And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: "Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, 28 for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay." 29 And as Isaiah predicted, "If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah."*

The conclusion: Israel's failure lies in their works-based pursuit of righteousness.

Rom. 9:30 *What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; 31 but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. 32 Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, 33 as it is written, "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."*