

# ELDER BROTHER SYNDROME

Romans 10:1-6

- God has not rejected His people, but continues to save a REMNANT by grace. *Romans 11:1-5*
- God always saves on the basis of GRACE, which is antithetical to WORKS. *Romans 11:5-6*
- A rejection of GRACE leads to HARDNESS and judgment. *Romans 11:7-10*



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# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Romans 11:1-2. What are some reasons it important for us (mostly Gentile Christians) to think through Israel's role now and in the future?
2. Read 1 Kings 19:1-18. Why is Elijah feeling so alone and dejected? How does God encourage and comfort Elijah? What is Paul's point about this in Romans 11:3-5?
3. How would you define grace (for help, see Romans 4:4-5, 11:6, Tit 3:5)? What are some ways that we pervert grace?
4. On a practical level, how can we continue to approach God by grace rather than creep into a works-based mentality?
5. Read Romans 11:7. How did Israel fail to obtain what it was seeking (for help, see Romans 9:30-10:4)? How can people today fail to obtain the right standing before God they are seeking?
6. Consider the context of the quotations Paul offers in 11:7-10. How does the context help explain or enhance Paul's point? (see Deut 29:4; Isaiah 6:9, 29:10; Ps 69:22-23)
7. How can we encourage and/or warn those around us who reject God's grace to not harden their hearts?

## MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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