# Has God Cancelled His Promises to Israel, Part 7 John MacArthur

## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 11:25-36.
- B. The unfolding of God's plan is for the glory of God even in condemnation.
- C. God's wrath and His salvation all culminates in His glory. (I Corinthians 10:31, Joshua 7:19, Psalm 50, I Chronicles 16:23-24, 16:34, I Timothy 1:17, Romans 1:7, Philippians 1:9, II Corinthians 4:15, Acts 15:14)
- D. We have been saved for the glory of God and not our own sake. (Ephesians 3:9)
- II. Attributes of God that cause Him to be worthy of our praise: sovereignty, integrity, generosity, incomprehensibility.

#### A. Sovereignty.

- 1. Ultimately, all of Israel will be saved.
- 2. God does what He wants. (Isaiah 46:10, Daniel 4:35, Ephesians 1:11, Psalm 135:6, II Timothy 2:19)

# B. Integrity.

- 1. Israel is God's beloved enemy.
- 2. God promised to bless Israel, and He will. (Deuteronomy 7:9, II Timothy 2:13, Psalm 36:5, 119:138, I Thessalonians 5:24, Numbers 23:19)

## C. Generosity.

- 1. Mercy speaks of God's generosity.
- 2. Salvation is something that we do not deserve.
- 3. Gentiles owe their salvation to Jewish unbelief. (Ephesians 2)
- 4. We are what we are by God's blessing.
- 5. Jewish unbelief resulted in Gentile blessing.
- 6. Nothing commends us to God but His mercies. (Psalm 136, I Kings 3:6, Psalm 86:5, Luke 1:78, I Peter 1:3 Romans 9:15, Psalm 59:69, II Corinthians 1:3)
- 7. God allowed sin so that He could reveal and exercise mercy.

- D. Incomprehensibility.
  - 1. God's thoughts are too profound and deep. (Psalm 92:5, 139:6)
  - 2. Doxology arises out of the revelation of God's depth. (Psalm 77:19, Isaiah 30:13)
  - 3. No one knows God's mind or counsels Him. (Proverbs 11:13, 34:6, Job 42:3, 41:11)
  - 4. God does not owe anybody anything. (Matthew 18)

# **Application questions:**

1. Look up one of the following verses or passages and explain how God glorifies Himself in it: I Corinthians 10:31, Joshua 7:19, Psalm 50, I Chronicles 16:23-24, 16:34, I Timothy 1:17, Romans 1:7, Philippians 1:9, II Corinthians 4:15, Acts 15:14.
2. How is God's integrity demonstrated through His relationship to Israel? Explain.
3. How is God's sovereignty demonstrated through his mercy? Explain.