



Beulah Missionary Baptist Church
Noon Day Prayer – Bible Study
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Lesson #91 The Branches that do not Produce Much Fruit will be Removed

Scripture: Romans 11:15 – 25

Emphasis: Romans 11:19

“Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in.”

Subject: “The Broken Branches Allowed the Gentiles to be Grafted In.”

Background: In the Letter to the Romans in Chapter 11, Paul explains the good news that God has not given up on the Israelites as a Nation nor has given up on the individual Jew. That is great news for us today as believers because God is forever Faithful and His Mercy Endures Forever. The simple message is for us today that our Father will never leave us or forsake us. Overwhelmingly the Jews have rejected Christ Jesus as a Saviour and Lord, but our God will through His Divine Plan Reconcile a Remnant back to Himself at the appropriate time. Just like the Prodigal son came back home to his father, our loving Father has devised a Plan for a return of the Jews to Him.

Introduction: In this 41st Lesson of the Letter to the Romans, we will continue our study in Romans in Chapter 11. In verses 15 – 25 Paul uses the term “Grafting” to describe how God’s Plan to bring Salvation to the whole World was accomplished. Simply stated, the Word of God was first established through the Hebrews and became the Root of the Tree and then the Gentiles were added to the Tree by “Grafting or Splicing” Branches into a Holy or Healthy Tree as to make sure that the Tree continues to grow and expand with New Growth. This agriculture technique was used in Paul’s time on Olive Trees by removing Dead or Dying Branches (Jew) from one Holy or Health Tree by adding Branches from another Tree (Gentile) by Grafting them together.

Lesson Topic #1 Romans 11:15 – 17

“For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? 16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. 17 And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;”

- The Story of the Castaways
 - Fact #1 The Result of Casting Some Away
 - Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. (John 15:2)
 - If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. (John 15:6)
 - In order to save them all, Jonah was cast away into the Sea
 - Despite what people think, God does not cast people away, they reject Him and refuse to hear His Word
 - Despite what people think, God does not cast people away, they can be saved Paul was an example a Jew, a Seed of Abraham
 - Fact #2 The First Fruit be Holy
 - The Word is Holy, True, Perfect and Pure and is the Foundation and the Root of the Tree
 - Christ Jesus is the Root of the Holy Tree and anything Connected, Joined, Splice or Grafted to the Tree will be Holy also
 - Any Branch that is Grafted in is indeed Holy
 - Israel were the Natural Branches that were are Unbelief and have left a void
 - Fact #3 Wild Branches Grafted In
 - Natural Branches were connected to the Olive Tree that is well maintained and cultivated in an Orchard and is harvested regularly
 - Wild Branches were connected to the Olive Tree that is not well maintained and not cultivated in the Wild and is not harvested regularly
 - Regardless of if the Branch is Natural or Wild they both can be Grafted into Good Tree
 - The Lord has been Loving, Gracious and Patient waiting for the Natural Branches to Believe; however, some have been broken off because of their Unbelief leaving an opening to Graft in the Wild

Lesson Topic #2 Romans 11:18 – 22

“Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. 19 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. 20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: 21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. 22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.”

- Don't Boast, Pray for the Broken Branches
 - Realities #1 There is No Room To Boast
 - There is no reason that a Branch that is Saved by Grace should Boast or Brag on their Status of being “Grafted In”
 - A Branch that has been Grafted In realizes that a Branch has been Broken Off for any reason, should immediately go into Prayer for the Fallen Branch
 - Every Gentile Branch that has been Grafted In should thank God for void that was left open for them without Glorifying themselves
 - Any Branch that is Glorifying itself is no longer Grafted into the Holy Tree because they have become Unholy
 - Realities #2 God did not Spare the Natural Branches
 - We are Saved by Grace and not our own Works
 - Works did not Prevent the Natural Branches from being Broken Off
 - The Unbelief and the Rejection of the Lamb God caused the Natural Branches to Broken Off
 - Be not Tempted because of your Current Status of Being Grafted In because if the Natural Branches were not Spared, the Lord will remove any High and Lifted Up Branches that are glorying in Pride
 - Realities #3 Continue in the Faith
 - Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. (John 15:4)
 - I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. (John 15:5)

Lesson Topic #3 Romans 11:23 – 25

“And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is

wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? 25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.”

- A Return to the Lord to be Grafted back In
 - Truths #1 The Lord is Able
 - The Lord is Able to keep you from Falling, but is also Faithful and Just to Restore any Broken Off Branch
 - No matter how many Branches are Broken Off or how many Branches are Grafting In the Lord is Able to Graft In one more
 - The Lord has always had a Plan to add More Branches
 - Truths #2 If the Wild Can Be Grafted In, so Can the Natural
 - The Lord was Willing to Graft In the Wild Branches
 - How much more would the Lord be willing to Graft back in the Natural Branches if He was willing to Graft In the Wild?
 - Truths #3 The Jews Blindness is the Gentiles Benefit
 - The Jews Blindness caused a Vacancy or a Void for more Branches
 - The Jews Blindness is just Temporary, and the Lord has a Plan for them to come back to Him through their Belief
 - Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon and they too will be Grafted back In to the Holy Tree of Life through Christ Jesus our Saviour and Lord

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Conclusion: The Lord is Faithful and Just to Restore anyone who is Lost that comes to Belief (Jew or Gentile will be Grafted to the Holy Tree)

Exercise our **Faith** and **Act** on our **Faith** accordingly. The Bible says that we are to be **Doers** of God’s **Word** and not just **Hearers** only.

Let us Pray

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