## Lesson 19 God's Mercy Upon All (Romans 11:25-36)

## Questions

1. What spiritual warning does Paul offer the Gentiles again in verse 25?
2. In what manner will Israel be saved (11:26-27; note the words "and so")?
3. What does Paul say about Israel with reference to the gospel and the election (11:28)?
4. What does Paul say about the gifts and the calling of God (11:29)?
5. What does Paul say about the disobedience of both the Gentiles and Israel (11:30-31)?
6. Why are all men judged to be disobedient (11:32)?
7. How does Paul describe the wisdom and knowledge of God (11:33)?
8. What is the main thought of Paul's rhetorical questions (11:34-35)?
9. To whom is glory to be given and why (11:36)?

## • Digging Deeper

1.	What is "this mystery" in the immediate context (11:25)?
2.	What relation does Romans 11:25 have with Romans 11:18,20?
3.	What relation does Romans 11:25 have with Romans 11:7?
4.	What relation does Romans 11:25 have with Romans 11:12?
5.	What Old Testament scriptures are quoted in verses 26 and 27?
6.	Read Romans 11:26 and 27 carefully (note the words "and so" and "take away their sins"). Premillennialists use this verse to say that all of national Israel will be saved by being restored to their land when Jesus comes again. Is Paul talking about forgiveness of sins (11:5,15), or restoration to the land of Palestine? When is this passage fulfilled, in Paul's day (11:5,31), or at the second coming of Christ? Does Paul use the word "Israel" in this context of a partial spiritual remnant (11:5), or of all physical Israel?
7.	Looking back over the context, how "may" Israel obtain mercy from God (11:31)?
8.	What relation does Romans 11:31-32 have with Romans 3:9,23; and 9:23-24?
9.	What two Old Testament scriptures are similar to the statements found in Romans 11:34-35?

## Applications for Today

- 1. We must encourage our Jewish friends to <u>turn to</u> Christ now, not <u>return to</u> their land in the future (11:26). Misunderstanding this verse has led many Premillennialists to teach that Israel will be "saved" by restoration to their land in the future when Jesus comes again. Paul is talking about salvation for Israel "now" in his day (11:31), not in the future when the Lord comes again.
- 2. If we are saved, it will be by God's mercy (11:32).
- 3. God's wisdom and knowledge are greater than man's wisdom and knowledge (11:33).
- 4. We know what God wants us to know only by what he reveals to us (11:33).
- 5. We would be nothing without God (11:36).
- 6. Let us glorify God in all that we say, do and think (11:36).