

**Welcome - (~2 min)****Opening prayer – (~1 min)****Opening Comments – (~4 min)**

- “I ask then: Did God reject His people?” Paul’s opening words in Chapter 11.
- Again we see Paul’s wonderful mind and anticipation of questions the Jews would have after what he has written in the previous two chapters.
- This is a good practice for believers to get into, that of anticipating unbeliever’s questions prior to sharing with them.
- Paul wants to remind and encourage the Jews that God has a future purpose for them and Israel.
- In fact, in the first ten verses, he identifies five witnesses to show God has been, and is, working with Israel.
- The five witnesses he identifies are himself (**11:1**), Elijah (**11:2-6**); Moses and Isaiah (**11:8**) and David (**11:9-10**)
- **11:1** - Paul uses his own salvation as proof that God is still working with the Jewish people.
- Implying that if he has been saved, then God has not fallen back on his promises and covenants.
- He is still saving people from within the nation Israel!
- He uses Elijah as an example that God has always had a *remnant*.
- The word “*remnant*” is mentioned 62 times in the Old Testament but only 3 in the New Testament.
- Each New Testament reference refers to an Old Testament passage.
- So in verses **11:1-10** the discussion Paul brings to us is about God keeping His faithfulness to Israel and how He always has a *remnant*.
- Paul referred to this *remnant* in **Romans 9:27**, a quotation from **Isaiah 10:22-23**.
- At no time in Israel’s history has the entire nation been true to the Lord.
- We saw earlier how God made a distinction between Abraham’s natural children and his spiritual children (**Romans 2:25-29**).
- If you remember, Paul shared the fact that the Jews shared in the covenant by being circumcised **did not** guarantee their salvation.
- Like Abraham, they had to believe God in order to receive His righteousness (**Romans 4:1-5**).
- Our discussion of this will expand as we get into the study lesson.
- Following his discussion about the *remnant* Paul moves into an interesting illustration of ingrafted branches.
- Paul asks another serious question. “*Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery?*”
- To which his answer is “*Not at all!*”
- In verses **11:11-24** Paul explains God’s purpose for setting aside the nation Israel.
- It was not so they would be lost, but rather, by their false step, salvation would come to the Gentiles.
- That not only the Gentiles would be saved but remember there would be a *remnant* of the Jews who would believe in spite of the majority of the nation Israel rejecting Christ.
- Paul also says in **11:24**, “*And if they (Israel) do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again*”
- What an encouragement for the Jews of the day!

- In verse **11:25-32** Paul explains that God will save Israel by His election and mercy.
- All this brings Paul to a point of praising God in a doxology – **11:33-36**.
- So let's go through this and see what each of us have learned from doing the study.

Discussion of the Study Lesson – (~51 min)

Week's Aim: *The Gospel's Power to Free the Found:* The Ingrafting of God

(Start time: _____)

Topic for Day 1: Overview of Romans 11:1-36

1. How would you summarize Paul's discussion regarding the Jews?

- In this chapter Paul discusses the remnant, the illustration of grafting branches, and that God has a future for Israel and they will experience renewal (**11:1-10, 25-29**).

2. (+2 min) How would you summarize his discussion regarding the Gentiles?

- His discussion for the Gentiles is to warn them they have nothing to brag about (**11:11-24**)
- Their salvation has come through the Jews and it was not anything they did but God's mercy and grace.

3. (+2 min) What do you learn about God from Paul's doxology (**11:33-36**)?

- He demonstrates true reverence, that he understands who God is and who he is, and how to truly praise God.

(+2 min) **Application 1:** What will you apply to your life this week from the sermon?

Topic for Day 2: God always has a remnant for ingrafting. – 11:1-10

1. (+2 min) Elijah was at the end of his rope, so to speak, but what did God say to him (**11:3-4**)? How might these verses encourage you the next time your thoughts are similar to Elijah's (read story **1 Kings 19:1-18**)?

- Paul's first argument to his people, Israel, is that God is faithful, he himself has been saved.
- Paul wasn't the only Jew saved; God was saving many Jews and Gentiles at this time.
- But, like today, those being saved were like today, so few in comparison to those who weren't.
- In fact, the number being saved could, by Old Testament standards, be considered as a *remnant*.
- **11:2** – Again Paul uses the phrase, "*Don't you know what the Scripture says*"
- He takes us to back to the story of Elijah.
- What an exciting story that is found in **1 Kings 19**.
- Elijah knew God and he preached only on God Jehovah who was the sovereign and powerful God.
- Yet look at what happened after such a victory over the Baal priests, he became fearful!
- He ran until he was exhausted so he was ready for God to just take his life.
- Ever been there? Some have!
- But God doesn't work that way, God had a plan for Elijah.
- A good lesson for us is to observe God's methods: 1) He listened to Elijah; 2) He understood Elijah's position; 3) He encouraged Elijah; and 4) He provided for Elijah.
- He gave Elijah two kings and another prophet, Elisha, to help him.
- But that's not the most amazing thing, look at **11:4b** – "*I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.*"

- A *remnant* of seven thousand and Elijah thought he was the last man standing!
- Elijah wasn't alone at all. A good message to us when we sense we are the only Christian around.
- Have you looked for a *remnant* in your sphere of influence (neighbors, work, organizations, and friends)?
- **11:5-6** – Paul emphasizes that God's **new remnant** becomes His *remnant* by grace, not by works!
- **God always has a remnant!**

2. (+4 min) **Paul says in 11:7, "What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain," What did Israel seek (See Romans 9:31-33) and why didn't they obtain it?**

- Paul brings up the question again about Israel not obtaining what they sought.
- They sought to gain God's righteousness by works through the Law.
- Always putting God first, always treating people correctly, always making the Godly decision, always putting others before self, and the list goes on, but no one can observe the Law without stumbling on a single point.
- Remember **James 2:10** says, "*For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.*"
- Paul says, "*The elect among them did, but the others were hardened,⁸ as it is written:*"
- This is a difficult statement.
- Paul has already used this term in Romans 9:18 "*God has mercy on whom He wants to have mercy and hardens whom He wants to harden.*"
- The critical observation is the sequence of the hardening and this applies to every case in Scripture where it refers to God hardening hearts.
- Israel had failed to believe Jesus Christ was the Son of God, they believed that one was saved by works and did not accept God's grace offered them, thus they had already failed before God!
- They were hardened as a result of their failure!
- They did not fail as a result of God hardening their hearts!
- **God's hardening never precedes human failing.**
- They failed because of their unbelief! And because of their unbelief, they were hardened.
- Hardening seems to mean that God removes His hand from them and allows them to live according to their own perverse and depraved ways.
- And without God intervening, they become hardened towards Him.
- God allows this so His eternal and perfect plan will be followed according to His will and glory.
- That's what sovereignty represents - God having the power and authority to do His will over ours!
- **11:7a** – it is important to notice that *earnest seeking* is not sufficient for God!
- Many people *earnestly seek* but it's for the wrong reasons or it's after a god of their own making!
- Israel did not obtain the *righteousness of God* because of their misguided understanding of Scripture and their obstinate unbelief towards the One who came to save them.

3. (+3 min) **Paul quotes Moses, Isaiah, and David in 11:8-10. List the predictions for Israel. What do you learn about God from these verses?**

- (Moses, Isaiah references) God gave them 1) A spirit of stupor; 2) eyes that could not see (spiritually); 3) ears that could not hear (spiritually).
- 4) (David) may their table become a snare, trap, stumbling block; 5) again, (spiritual) eyes darkened, backs bent forever.

- As a result of Israel's rebellion and unfaithfulness, this hardening came from God. These are quotes from the Old Testament but the same attitudes existed in Paul's day regarding Jesus Christ!
- They refused to believe and have faith in Him as Messiah.
- But what happened to Israel was not all bad as Paul will move to in the next section.
- God works in and through people's good and bad times as well as their rebellious and obedient attitudes.

(+2 min) **Application 2:** God knows our thoughts and will come to our aid just as He did to Elijah's. How will you put to use what you have learned today?

- Try to get a few responses to this question. Also, encourage people to take notes. If they miss the sermon, remind them they can watch it on the internet at our church website ccpc.us.

Topic for Day 3: Gentiles have been ingrafted by God leaving no room for boasting. – 11:11-24

1. (+2 min) **Paul says Israel stumbled but not beyond recovery. What "riches to the world" came from their stumbling? What is one of God's purposes for saving Gentiles?**

- **Answer part 1:** By their stumbling, salvation had come to the Gentiles (**11:11**)!
- Paul questions: What is the result of this hardening? Is it a hopeless situation?
- Paul says Israel is not beyond **recovery!** **And**, that God has turned their transgression into something wonderful!
- Their fall enabled God through His providence to open the gates of salvation to the Gentiles!
- **Answer part 2:** Some day, the Jews will see the blessings the Gentiles receive and realize the Gentiles have become a blessing to the Jews
- The longer Israel's denial goes on, the more unbearable the pressure will become to Israel.
- Israel's transgressions means: *riches for the world*; that expands the blessings of God from the nation Israel to the world!
- Isn't it interesting to realize that the Gentiles are being saved not only for their own sake but also for the sake of Israel!
- God wants them to turn to Him and believe on His Son Jesus Christ for salvation.
- Paul desires the same, so he emphasizes his teaching and preaching in hopes to convert more Jews!
- Paul says Israel is *not beyond recovery!*

2. (+2 min) **What is one of the reasons Paul has taken the gospel message to the Gentiles? How would you explain the two illustrations Paul gives in verse 16?**

- He hopes that he may somehow arouse his own people to envy and save some of them (**11:14**)
- Some explanation of words: *firstfruit* – evidently refers to the origin of the nation Israel, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob.
- *Holy* – has no reference to any moral quality, but is referring to being set apart for God
- **The first illustration:** So *firstfruit*, or first dough, was set apart for God so all those who are Abraham's (spiritual) descendants both Jews and Gentiles are holy because Abraham was holy in God's sight and God isn't finished yet with the "dough."
- **A paraphrase could be:** What God has declared holy from the beginning, Abraham and his (spiritual) offspring, is still holy, and those who become a part of Abraham's offspring through faith and belief in Jesus Christ (today) are seen as holy too.
- **The second illustration:** Paul says, "*if the root is holy, so are the branches.*"

- Paul is preparing his audience for the illustration of the branches and ingrafting.
- In this illustration, the root stands for the patriarchs of Israel (perhaps only Abraham), the natural olive tree stands for the nation of Israel, and the wild olive tree stands for the Gentile peoples.
- In Paul's development of the idea, the natural branches, representing individual Jews or successive generations of Jews, are broken off in order that branches from the wild tree, representing individual Gentiles or successive generations of Gentiles, are grafted in.
- The bottom line of the illustration is that in time God is going to graft the original or natural branches back into their own olive tree!
- This is the *root* meaning of **11:16**. The Jews are a special people because of their descent from Abraham, and this is true of them even in their rebellious and unregenerate state.
- It means that even yet God has not given up on Israel!

3. (+4 min) **Why does Paul caution Gentiles about boasting (17-24)? What do you learn from these verses?**

- Because the Gentiles are of the "*wild olive shoot*" and yet have been grafted in.
- It is not because of anything the Gentiles have done or deserve but it is by God's *mercy and grace* and their belief/faith.
- So Paul says "*do not boast over those branches.*" (**11:18**)
- The olive tree is a picture of the nation Israel and the wild olive represents the Gentiles.
- Everything you and I have is rooted in the fact that God called Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and out of that nation brought Jesus Christ the Messiah.
- **11:19** – Paul has stated that the Gentiles had a vital ministry to Israel.
- The saved Gentiles will provoke Israel "*to jealousy*" (**Romans 10:19**) because of the spiritual riches they have in Christ.
- Today Israel is spiritually bankrupt as a nation, but we must remember that God always has His *remnant*.
- Paul warns in **11:20** the Gentiles will say, "*Branches were broken off (Israel) so I could be grafted in.*"
- He goes on to warn, "*Do not be arrogant but be afraid.*"
- He then gives the reason to not boast, "*For if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you either.*"
- He warns that the same may happen to the wild olive shoot, the Gentiles.
- So what Paul is implying in all this is that no matter how far Israel may stray from the truth of God, the roots are still good.
- God is still the "*God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob*" (**Exodus 3:6; Matthew 22:23**).
- He will keep His promises to these patriarchs.
- This means that the olive tree will some day flourish again!

(+3 min) **Application 3: Today, how will you express your appreciation for God ingrafting you? List one or two ways.**

- Try to have people share the "list one or two ways." This helps each other with ideas.

Topic for Day 4: God will save Israel. – 11:25-32

1. (+2 min) Paul's words are a bit confusing in 11:25 where he speaks of "*this mystery*." What do you learn about the word "*mystery*" in these references: Romans 16:25-26; Ephesians 3:4-6; and Colossians 1:26-27; 1 Timothy 3:16.

Romans 16:25-26 – "*Now to Him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, ²⁶ but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey Him--*"

- What is hidden in the divine purpose ultimately becomes revealed and is then the property of all His people.
- The *mystery hidden for long ages past* means that it had not been revealed in the Old Testament.
- The *mystery* was the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and the free gift of salvation through Him.
- Paul is referring to the present age when God is taking both Jews and Gentiles and fashioning them into one body, the church.

Ephesians 3:4-6 – "*In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶ This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus."*

- Paul explains this *mystery*: **1)** the *mystery* was not known to the previous generations including those of the Old Testament; **2)** the *mystery* is revealed through the gospel; **3)** the Gentiles are heirs with Israel (this was the shocker to the Jews); **4)** all ("*first to the Jew, then for the Gentile*" **Romans 1:16**) are sharers in the promise of Christ Jesus (this represents the Church).

Colossians 1:26-27 – "*the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory"*

- We see here that Paul demonstrates the "*mystery*" which was hidden from the former generations has been revealed.
- "*the saints*" refers to all believers.
- Paul says the *mystery* is Christ within the believer (via the Holy Spirit)!
- His residence in or among believers (Jews and Gentiles), is reason for an expectation of future glory.
- The *mystery* has been revealed and is reason for us today to expect future glory.
- The pastors have already shared how God foreknew us, predestined us, justified us, and glorified us.
- All those words are in "past tense" indicating it has already taken place!
- That should re-enforce all believer's hope and give reason for them to praise the Lord!

1 Timothy 3:16 – "*Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory. "*

- Timothy is expressing the *mystery* of our God and His actions by sacrificing His only Son our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
- Who can explain why God would do what He did?
- Remember **Isaiah 55:8** – "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD.*"

2. (+3 min) **Why do you think Paul called Israel the enemies of the gospel (11:28-29)? He also says they are loved by God, why?**

- **11:28a** – refers to what Paul has been talking about throughout this chapter
- Israel has been hardened, *in their hearts*, causing them so to speak, *mark time*, so God came in (11:25).
- Israel wasn't enemies with the Gentiles but rather they were enemies with God!
- They did not believe in His Son Jesus Christ as the Messiah/Savior! That is the gospel message!
- Rather, Israel and God became alienated for the time being, there was/is enmity between Israel and God.
- This shows how loving God is. He is willing to hold back His *chosen people* to let the Gentiles in!
- So many prophecies spoke of all this as Paul has so wonderfully pointed out throughout his letter.
- God's love never wavers regardless of how obstinate and disobedient Israel becomes and Paul tells us why in verse **28b**.
- They are loved because of the patriarchs, not because of anything they have done or deserve!
- Remember God's promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and He continues to keep those promises.
- Great words by Paul **11:29**, "*for God's gifts and His call are irrevocable.*" – Wow!
- God is faithful, His veracity assures the continuance of His relationship with Israel
- **He isn't finished with Israel!** We need to remember that!

3. (+2 min) **Paraphrase Paul's words in verses 30-32 and tell what that reveals to you about God.**

- A paraphrase might be: we have received God's mercy because of Israel's disobedience and we need to remember that as we wait for Israel to receive God's mercy some day. All of us sin and are saved only by God's mercy!
- Paul demonstrates several attributes of God in these two verses: Merciful, patient, long-suffering, sovereign, mighty, omnipotent, has a plan covering eternity, and the list goes on.
- **11:32** – a question might be asked, "Is Paul saying God makes people sin so He can show them mercy?"
- The obvious answer is "no" – Paul has given plenty of examples that God doesn't need to "make us sin."
- We are quite good at that on our own!
- God just sometimes let's us be what we are – sinners!
- We can go back to Romans: **1:24** – "*Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts...*"; **1:26** – "*...God gave them over to shameful lusts*"; **1:28** – "*... God, He gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not be done.*"
- That's what Paul means when he says, *God has bound all men over to disobedience*
- He doesn't make people disobedient, it's a natural tendency, and people are bound by their own choice!
- God simply **lets** all people go **their own way** so no one can say he/she is not an object of God's wrath.
- Nor, when a person is saved, can they say they are **not** an object of God's *mercy, grace, compassion.*
- Bottom line is: **only by honestly evaluating your sinful life can you truly appreciate God's mercy.**

(+2 min) **Application 4: List some ways the Lord has shown mercy towards you and how you might show mercy to others today.** (This is a person question but encourage a couple of answers)

Topic for Day 5: God's mercy demonstrates His wisdom, knowledge, sufficiency, and glory. – 11:33-36

1. (+2 min) **How has Paul explained God's plan for saving people in chapter 11? Identify the verses for your reference.**

- (5-6) – "there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace."
- (7) – "What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain, but the elect(ion) did."
- (11) – "Again I ask: Did they stumble so far as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious."
- (12) – "...their transgression means riches for the world and their loss means riches for the Gentiles..."
- (15) – "For if their (Israel) rejection is the reconciliation of the world..."
- (17) – "and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root."
- (20) – "and you stand in faith."
- (25) – "Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in."
- (32) – "For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that He may have mercy on them all."
- Paul has made it very clear that the purpose for God allowing Israel to fall away was so He could bring Gentiles into reconciled relationship with Himself.
- Gentiles are the "wild olive shoot" and have grafted into the vine from which we receive the "nourishing sap from the olive root (Jesus Christ)"
- God in His mercy and grace and sovereignty prepared a way for all people to come to Him and Israel's disobedience and transgressions allowed it to happen.

2. (+2 min) **Paul begins praising God in verse 33. What are the attributes Paul identifies? Which of those attributes do you find in these passages: 1 Kings 8:39; Job 9:4; Job 28:12-28; Psalm 147:4; Proverbs 3:19?**

- Deep wisdom, knowledge (understanding), unsearchable judgments, paths beyond tracing.

1 Kings 8:39 – "then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Forgive and act; deal with each man according to all he does, since you know his heart (for you alone know the hearts of all men) "

Job 9:4 – "His wisdom is profound, his power is vast. Who has resisted him and come out unscathed?"

Job 28:12-28 – wisdom (12, 18, 20, 28); understands (12, 23)

Psalm 147:4 – "He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name" (relates to wisdom)

Proverbs 3:19 – "By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place "

3. (+3 min) **Paul quotes Isaiah 40:13 in verse 34. Using Job 38:1-7 what has man done? Explain.**

Job 38:1-7 – "Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: ² "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? ³ Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁴ "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. ⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone-- ⁷ while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy?"

- A response might be: The Lord said of Job – “*Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge.*”
- That sets the tone rather emphatically – man/women have done nothing on the order of what the Lord has done. Yet we have the audacity and arrogance to question Him and His ways.
- We certainly weren't present at the laying of the earth's foundation, or helped with dimensions, we didn't stretch a measuring line across the universe, and we didn't lay the corner stone.
- It is good to read the entire encounter with Job and God's questioning. (**Job 38-40:5**)
- **Read 11:34-35** - Who indeed? None until he chose to unfold His mind before us through His Word
- One commentator said, “His plans defy penetration by the human mind!” Good summary!
- There is no one who can council God --- No one!

4. (+3 min) **Paul closes his praise of God in verse 36. Explain in your own words why God created the universe. Use these references (or others) to support your answer: Isaiah 43:7; Ephesians 1:5-10; Revelation 4:11.**

Isaiah 43:7 – “*everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.*”

- Isaiah is saying all things were created for His glory!

Ephesians 1:5-10 – “*He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will-- ⁶ to the praise of His glorious grace, which He has freely given us in the One He loves. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. ⁹ And He made known to us the mystery of His will according to his good pleasure, which He purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.”*

- Again, creation is according to His pleasure and will, so we will praise Him and the One He loves.
- He even revealed His mystery of the Old Testament to us according to His good pleasure and purpose.
- He has an eternal plan and He has made us a part of it --- Praise The Lord! Amen!

Revelation 4:11 – “*“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.”*”

- We are to praise Him, respect Him, demonstrate reverence, appreciate Him, love Him, enjoy Him, and the list goes on.
- **Read 11:35** – think about that for just a moment.
- **Two critical understandings we all need to know: 1) we can't give God anything; 2) He doesn't owe us anything!**

(+4 min) **Application 5: How will you demonstrate reverence and praise towards God throughout this day? List some things you will do.** (Again try to have some answers to both parts of the question)

Closing Comments – (~2 min)

- We can't give God anything because He doesn't need anything and it all belongs to Him anyway!
- We are told to do with what God has given us:
- Scripture tells us we are to: give a tithe; freely received, freely give; each person is to give what he/she has;

- God loves a cheerful giver; and when we give to others we are actually giving to God.
- We need to give to God but He doesn't need what we give – so the question is: why are we to give?
- So you and I will gain a right perspective of God, **His position verses our position.**
- God is not dependent on you/me going to the mission field in order that the heathen be saved
- Nobody is going to die because you don't go there, because you withheld from God
- Nobody is going to be lost because you withheld! We need to get this perspective.
- We are not going to ruin God's plan for His people
- BUT, when we hold out, **we miss the privilege of the service He offers us to do for Him!**
- We need to realize that God is able to raise up stones to do His work and to sing His praises!
- **Luke 19:39-40**, Jesus says, *"Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"⁴⁰ "I tell you," He replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.""*
- God doesn't need us, he doesn't need anything from us, but oh how we need Him!

Closing Prayers – (~1 min)