

- Lust patterns of the sinful nature run free (Eph. 4:18; Matt. 19:8).

The Rest Were Hardened

Romans 11:7-10

IV. The hardening of the heart (blindness and deafness) and its deadly consequences tell a story.

- Don't resist the Word of God. The more we do not respond in faith the harder it is to respond to God.
- Beware of those who are obstinately set against the gospel (Acts 19:9).
- Resistance to God's voice (His Word and the Spirit) brings punishment (Prov. 29:1; Psa. 95:8).
- Hard hearts get hard treatment.

Introduction

Is God through with the Jew?

- There is the supernatural proof of a Jewish remnant (vv. 1-5).
- There is the supernatural proof of the principle of God's grace (v. 6).
 - What must not be confused?
 - Have you seen grace lately? A brief digression on grace
- The grace of God guarantees that God will always have a remnant within Israel to ensure the fulfillment of His covenant with Abraham.
- The remnant within Israel had to resist the tide of evil in its own day.
- The remnant understood the significance of the time in which they lived.

- How does the church fit into the truth of God's remnant?

How is Israel's rejection explained in Romans 11:7-10?

- It is explained by the truth of blindness.
 - Israel was seeking righteousness in all the wrong places (v. 7).
 - What was the result of this seeking?
 - The documentation: Deut. 29:4; Isa. 29:10; Psa. 69:22-23
 - The curse of blindness
 - The curse of blessings

I. The hardening of the heart (blindness and deafness) is the judgment of God for the refusal to believe the gospel of Jesus Christ.

II. The hardening of the heart (blindness and deafness) toward the gospel of God follows a well-marked path.

- The opportunity to hear the Word of God and/or observe the revelation of God
- The opposition to the Word of God
- The loss of sensitivity to the truth (obtuse mental condition)

III. The hardening of the heart (blindness and deafness) can be identified by certain symptoms.

- Lack of spiritual perception (Mk. 6:52; 8:17)
- Loss of the concept of grace (legalism) – 2 Cor. 3:14; Mk. 3:5
- Loss of the opportunity to believe (Jn. 12:37-50)
- Loss of genuine compassion (Mk. 3:5)