



Family preparation for congregational worship on January 14, 2018

Our Scripture-Romans 11:25-36(ESV): Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”; 27 “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.” 28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. 33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” 35 “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Discuss:

1. What mystery is Paul talking about (v.25)?
2. What will eventually happen to Israel (v.26)?
3. What promise has God made to Israel (vv.26-27)?

Prayer: Praise the Lord for the gift of eternal life. Praise the Lord for His righteous works. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for greater personal discipline. Pray for Timothy and Jane Silcott as they minister to churches and camps around the United States. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (January) *“I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.”*
Psalm 119.11 (esv)

Music: As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

There’s wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior; There is healing in His blood.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of man’s mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

“There’s a wideness in God’s Mercy”; The Celebration Hymnal, #355, Word Music/Integrity Music © 1997

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