

LEAVE THE LIGHT ON

ROMANS 11:11-24

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: The Jews were God's chosen people, but because of unbelief, they have lost their way "home" and cannot find their way back to God. Now the Scriptures tell you that you could be the light of Christ to them, witnessing to them in their darkest hour. You must do this in the hope that some will be saved. Sadly, disobedience to these Scriptures is at the root of genocide of Jews.

BE ATTRACTIVE in the way you live your Christian life. Your being controlled by the Holy Spirit is invaluable in attracting Jews to Christ. After all, their Messiah in the Old Testament is Christ, the Lord and Savior in the New Testament. (**Romans 11:11-15, fn 11:11ff, fn 11:13-15, Titus 2:7-10, fn 2:7, 8, Matthew 5:14-16, fn 5:14-16, John 8:12, fn 8:12[2nd], Galatians 5:22-26, fn 5:22, 23**) *How could you live your life so that others (even Jews) will want what you have?*

BE HUMBLE. The Jewish pedigree is holy in God's sight (Romans 9:3-5). A believing Gentile has absolutely nothing but the realization that his life in Christ is entirely dependent on the merciful abundance of God's grace. Without humility, even that grace is hindered, and you will not win the Jewish soul. (**Romans 11:16-21, fn 11:17-24, James 4:4-10, fn 4:4-6, fn 4:7-10, Ephesians 2:3-10, fn 2:8-10, Proverbs 16:18, 19, fn 16:18**) *How does humility make Christ's light shine brightly in you?*

BE STEADFAST in God's kindness. By being filled with the Holy Spirit, you experience God's kindness and His light to the Jews and others shines through you. By not living by faith, you may experience God's sternness and have no assurance of salvation. The Jews were blessed by having the "fathers in the faith", and their reconciliation by faith and God's kindness realized through you would be a welcome homecoming. (**Romans 11:22-24, fn 11:22, John 15:1-8, fn 15:1ff, fn 15:2, 3, fn 15:5, Hebrews 3:6, fn 3:6, Hebrews 3:12-15, fn 3:12-14, I Corinthians 1:24, fn 1:22-24**) *How could God's kindness flow through you to Jews and others?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshipping together.