

Romans Lesson #19

BSF Scripture Reading:

FIRST DAY:

1. Lecture principles:
2. Read the lesson notes

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Question 6

Romans 9:31-33; [31] but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, * has not attained it. * [32] Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the "stumbling stone." *

[33] As it is written:
"See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." **

Question 7

Isaiah 29:10-14; [10] The LORD has brought over you a deep sleep: *
He has sealed your eyes * (the prophets); *
he has covered your heads (the seers). *

[11] For you this whole vision * is nothing but words sealed * in a scroll. And if you give the scroll to someone who can read, and say to him, "Read this, please," he will answer, "I can't; it is sealed." [12] Or if you give the scroll to someone who cannot read, and say, "Read this, please," he will answer, "I don't know how to read."

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[13] The Lord says:
“These people * come near to me with their mouth
and honor me with their lips, *
but their hearts are far from me. *
Their worship of me
is made up only of rules taught by men. **

[14] Therefore once more I will astound these people
with wonder upon wonder; *
the wisdom of the wise * will perish,
the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish. **

Psalm 69:22-26; [22] May the table set before
them become a snare; may it become retribution and
* a trap. *

[23] May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see,
and their backs be bent forever. *

[24] Pour out your wrath * on them;
let your fierce anger overtake them.

[25] May their place be deserted; *
let there be no one to dwell in their tents. *

[26] For they persecute those you wound
and talk about the pain of those you hurt. *

Matthew 13:12-15; [12] **Whoever has will be
given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever
does not have, even what he has will be taken from
him. *** [13] **This is why I speak to them in parables:
“Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand. ***

[14] **In them is fulfilled * the prophecy of Isaiah:
“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.**

[15] **For this people's heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.**

**Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
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John 12:37-43; [37] Even after Jesus had done all
these miraculous signs * in their presence, they still
would not believe in him. [38] This was to fulfill the
word of Isaiah the prophet:

“Lord, who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?”
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[39] For this reason they could not believe, because,
as Isaiah says elsewhere:

[40] “He has blinded their eyes
and deadened their hearts,
so they can neither see with their eyes,
nor understand with their hearts,
nor turn—and I would heal them.” **

[41] Isaiah said this because he saw Jesus' glory *
and spoke about him. *

[42] Yet at the same time many even among the
leaders believed in him. * But because of the
Pharisees * they would not confess their faith for fear
they would be put out of the synagogue; * [43] for
they loved praise from men * more than praise from
God. *

Acts 28:24-28; [24] Some were convinced by
what he said, but others would not believe. *

[25] They disagreed among themselves and began to
leave after Paul had made this final statement: “The
Holy Spirit spoke the truth to your forefathers when
he said * through Isaiah the prophet:

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[28] “Therefore I want you to know that God's
salvation * has been sent to the Gentiles, * and they
will listen!” *

FOURTH DAY

Read Romans 11:11-24

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beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their
transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to
make Israel envious. [12] But if their transgression
means riches for the world, and their loss means
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my own people to envy and save some of them. [15] For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? [16] If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

[17] If some of the branches have been broken off, 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, [18] do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. [19] You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” [20] Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. [21] For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

[22] Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. [23] And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. [24] After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

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