

# Sermon Application Sheet

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## Sermon Outline

- I. God Has Not Rejected His People**
  - A. Evidence in the Apostle Paul
  - B. Evidence in Biblical History
  - C. Application for Us Today
- II. God Alone is the Source of Salvation**
  - A. Grace Must be Grace
  - B. Rejection of Grace Leads to Hardening
  - C. Application for Us Today

## Application Questions

1. Why do you think God did not make Elijah aware of the "other 7,000" from the very beginning? What does that tell us about God's dealings with us today?
2. Why is Paul so repetitious and emphatic about the nature of grace?
3. What aspects of your life are you tempted to view as worthy of God's love? How are you tempted to try to add to grace?

## Romans 11:1-10 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? <sup>3</sup> "Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life." <sup>4</sup> But what is God's reply to him? "I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal." <sup>5</sup> So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. <sup>6</sup> But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. <sup>7</sup> What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, <sup>8</sup> as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day." <sup>9</sup> And David says, "Let their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them; <sup>10</sup> let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and bend their backs forever."