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Envy and Jealousy

Have you ever considered the following verses?

Romans 10:19

But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you.

Romans 11:11

I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

We see from these verses that the church is to provoke the Jews to envy. To basically make them jealous because of how they see us living.

To really understand this, let's read the whole verse that Paul is quoting from.

Deuteronomy 32:21

They made me jealous by what is no god and angered me with their worthless idols. I will make them envious by those who are not a people; I will make them angry by a nation that has no understanding.

So the Hebrews made God jealous. How does one make God jealous?

Deuteronomy 4:23-24

²³ Be careful not to forget the covenant of the LORD your God that he made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the LORD your God has forbidden. ²⁴ For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

So forgetting the LORD's covenant and doing what it says NOT to do - which says not to make any idols, makes him jealous.

So how do we make the Jews jealous? By following the covenant that was given first to them.

But today, the Jews do NOT envy a Christian's walk. They have little regard for the belief system that the church holds to today. Why? Because they know that it's a lifestyle that forgets the covenant of the LORD. It's a lifestyle that has no regard for the covenant that was given first to them.

However, let them see an individual who holds to the WHOLE Bible, following the Feasts that the Lord has established as they follow the true Messiah in obeying God's Law. When they see the joy the Savior brings to that individual as they follow what the Lord FIRST gave the Hebrews ... THEN, and only then, will we see these verses, referred to by Paul, fulfilled and come alive before our very eyes.

Having said all this, let's remember:

Romans 3:28-30

²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law. ²⁹ Is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles too? Yes, of Gentiles too, ³⁰ since there is only one God, who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through that same faith.

And then he says:

Romans 3:31

Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.

Remember, obedience to the law is NOT for our salvation; it's the *fruit* of our salvation. And it is this obedience that makes them jealous.

So only when we follow the Law, we will see Paul's words come to life.

We hope that you have enjoyed this teaching, and remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom

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