

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

What Advantage Has the Jew?

Romans 3:1-8

Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? ² Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God. ³ What then? If some did not believe, their unbelief will not nullify the faithfulness of God, will it? ⁴ May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man *be found* a liar, as it is written,

“THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS,
AND TRIUMPH WHEN YOU JUDGE.”

⁵ But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? The God who inflicts wrath is not unrighteous, is He? (I am speaking in human terms.) ⁶ May it never be! For otherwise, how will God judge the world?

⁷ But if through my lie the truth of God abounded to His glory, why am I also still being judged as a sinner? ⁸ And why not say (as we are slanderously reported and as some claim that we say), “Let us do evil that good may come”? Their condemnation is just.

(Romans 3:1-8)

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1. Jewish Advantage

- supreme privilege of being entrusted with the oracles of God
- “oracles” – spoken utterances of God; refers to the entire Old Testament

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2. Jewish Unbelief

- the primary failure of the Jews was their unbelief
- this unbelief in God’s word culminated in a failure to embrace Jesus as the Messiah promised by that word

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3. Righteousness of God

A. Paul's Answer

- *human unrighteousness (unbelief) serves to promote the righteousness of God*

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B. Objections (faulty inferences)

- God would be unrighteous in judging people for sin and unbelief
- Paul's teaching would imply that we should do evil that good may come

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Conclusion:

- God aims to shut up all men under sin in order that His righteousness in Christ by faith might be manifested (Rom. 3:19-20; 11:32)