



**BRIDGING the GAP**  
*a study of Romans*  
**Part 4: THE BUILDER**

***The Kindness and Severity of God***  
**Romans 11:1-24**

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Olives were an important crop in the ancient world. Olives were not only a great food source, but olive oil had both medical and religious significance. The olive branch was considered a symbol for peace.

Olive trees were native to the Middle East and often lived for hundreds of years. When individual branches stopped yielding fruit, new branches were grafted in for a tree to continue to be productive.

In today's study, Paul uses a lesson from the olive tree to teach about the kindness and the severity of God in dealing with His people.

**LEARNING FROM GOD'S WORD . . .**

➔ *The \_\_\_\_\_ of God is known by those who trust Him, but the severity of God will be known by those who don't.*

1. **God always has a \_\_\_\_\_ of faithful believers (v. 1-6).**

1 Kgs. 18a; 2 Chr. 16:9a

2. **God will harden those who \_\_\_\_\_ His grace (v. 7-10).**

Jer. 6:16; 7:16

3. **God is working to \_\_\_\_\_ the world to Himself (v. 11-16).**

2 Cor. 5:17-21

4. **God has a day of \_\_\_\_\_ for all unbelievers (v. 17-24).**

Lk. 12:48a; Rm. 2:4-5

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD . . .**

✓ *Are you a part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ remnant?*

✓ *Is your life bearing much \_\_\_\_\_ for God?*

✓ *How prepared are you for God's \_\_\_\_\_ judgment?*