



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?*