

Text: Romans 11:7-10

THE WORD "OBTAIN"

1. Three related words used and translated as "obtain, attain"

- a) The word translated "obtain" Romans 11:7 (epitugxavo)
 - i) To experience
 - ii) To obtain
- b) The word translated "obtained" Romans 9:30 (katalambano)
- c) The word translated "attained" Romans 9:31 (phthano) Cf. Philippians 3:16 "To the degree we have already attained"

2. Salvation by grace

- a) It is to be experienced
- b) This helps us to understand and appreciate that we have "obtained" it
- c) But salvation cannot be "attained" by works

ISRAEL

1. It has not experienced salvation by grace;
Thus, it has not obtained salvation

2. But "the elect" have obtained it

- a) The remnant
- b) Called "the elect" (Literally "the chosen")
- c) Because they understood the grace of God

THE REST

1. Unbelieving Israel

2. "The rest" - Reference to those who do not believe

THE PROBLEM HIGHLIGHTED

1. They were "blinded" (translated) Romans 11:7

2. The actual word- "stubborn" Romans 11:7

CITING SCRIPTURES

1. Isaiah the prophet Isaiah 29:9-10

2. King David Psalm 69:22-23

Both writers used the word "blind." Hence the NKJV translators used this word instead of "stubborn."