Returning Favour to Natural Israel Is Not Reconciliation with God



NOW: THE GOSPEL AGE



- Unbelievers 'are still unreconciled' (R4504)
- The Law Covenant still binds the Jew outside Christ (R4505)
- A Jew, like a Gentile, is reconciled only in Christ, as Spiritual Israel, with 'no precedence' (R5962)

RETURNING FAVOUR



- Beginnings, from 1878 (B218)
- Only 'droppings before a mighty shower' (C287)
- Blindness beginning to pass away (C278); not yet reconciliation (R4504)

THE NEW COVENANT



- After the Church is complete (Rom. 11:25–27)
- Sealed by the blood of the Mediator, Head and Body (C298)
- Through the glorified Church (C278; Rom. 11:31)
- God will 'take away their sins' (Rom. 11:27): Israel reconciled, then blessing to all people (R4454)

Favour may return; reconciliation waits for the New Covenant.

'In the fullest sense, therefore, the blindness of Fleshly Israel, otherwise called Jacob, will not be due to pass away until the selection of Spiritual Israel has been completed. And we are expressly advised (Rom. 11:26) that their recovery and deliverance from blindness and prejudice will come out of (mount) Zion, the glorified Church or Kingdom.—(C278)

'To this class applied the "reconciliation for iniquity" which our Lord Jesus made at the heavenly Mercy Seat, when "he ascended up on high, there to appear in the presence of God for us." The iniquities of the Church were thus cancelled. The reconciliation of believers was thus effected. But the reconciliation went no further than believers; unbelievers are still unreconciled. The great Redeemer did not appear as their Advocate or make reconciliation for their iniquities. We are glad, however, that he will begin a reconciling work for them at a later time, as shown by other Scriptures.'—(R4504)

'God, through the Apostles, has preached no favours to Israel according to the flesh during the period of the selection of spiritual Israel; but he has declared that when the company of spiritual Israel is complete, his favor will return to the fleshly house.'—(C299)

'The present beginnings of favour to Israel are only droppings before a mighty shower which will refresh, not only Israel, but all mankind.'—(C287)

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