

Romans 3:1-4

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) If you don't have God's inward mark on your heart, the outward mark is worthless (Romans 2:17–29).
- 2) 3:1 The parable of the wedding feast (Matthew 22:1-9) pictures Israel as the privileged guests, first invited to celebrate the coming of God's Son. But when they rejected Jesus, God opened the door wide and all whom the king's messengers found were invited. The guests who actually attended the wedding were those who acknowledged God's Son and received Him as Savior and Lord.
- 3) 3:2 To be Jewish is to be blessed and delivered as no other nation on earth.
- 4) 3:2 The oracles of God have no deception to them. They declare...
 - the nature, character, and perfection of the living God.
 - the way He has prearranged for restoration to Him.
 - the eternal destiny of those who embrace His mercy.
 - the eternal destiny of those who reject it.
- 5) 3:2 The Jewish nation was the guardian of all God revealed...the chief among His revelation being the promise that through their lineage the Messiah would come.
- 6) 3:3 God never promised that any individual, no matter how pure his physical lineage, could claim security in God's promises apart from personal faith in God (Isaiah 55:6–7).
- 7) 3:3 The great majority of God's promises were conditional, based on personal obedience. The few unconditional promises He made were to the nation as a whole (Genesis 12:3; Isaiah 44:1–5).
- 8) 3:3 Because of Israel's rejection of Jesus, God suspended the fulfillment of His promise to redeem Israel as a nation. But He has not abandoned that promise, nor can He (Zechariah 12:10).

9) 3:4 God will be proven right. He will declare the verdict when the world goes on trial.

10) 3:4 Unbelief cannot overthrow the Truth of God.

11) If, as followers of Jesus, the possession of the oracles of God comprises our chief advantage, we should:

- Study them—If we neglect the Word of God, we lose the very advantage God has allowed to us gain, and thereby reduce our capacity to speak into the lives of others around us.
- Conform to them—The end goal of studying the Word is to regulate both our principles and our practice.
 - receive with submission all which the Scriptures reveal
 - believe implicitly what they declare
 - execute unreservedly what they command

GREEK WORDS

Polys (pol-oos')—many, much, abundant, numerous

Logion (log'-ee-on)—an [supernatural] utterance (of God) :- oracle, important message

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