



## **Sabbath School Ministry**

Sabbath School Department Inter-European Division

*Outline with ideas for group discussion largely taken from the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.*

**Lesson no.:** 10                    **2-8 December 2017**  
**Title:**                                **Children of the Promise**  
**Key texts:**                        ***Romans 9.***

### **A. Themes to Explore:**

1. God wants to save Jews and non Jews. Men and women of every tradition, ethnic group, culture and religion. Romans 9 demonstrates His Lordship over all.
2. The election of God depends on faith and acceptance of His calling. He chooses whom He wants.
3. In this chapter Paul enters into a difficult topic that opens up a wide panorama onto God's design for salvation.

### **B. Learning Objectives\***

- Know:** Grasp the truth that God has not forgotten Israel, He wants to save everyone, He makes no distinction.
- Feel:** Understand that on the one hand God wants to save everyone, but on the other hand He is free to choose those who He considers most suitable.
- Do:** Clarify the difference between the fact that God wants to save everyone and the fact that He wants people He can use as His agents.

### **C. Other possible questions for deeper study, debate, sharing and testimony\*\***

1. **Why is this lesson important to me? (Motivate);**
  - 1a. What was the reason God called a nation? What was Israel's function?
  - 1b. How come Israel became so totally diverted from God's plan? How can this also happen to us?
2. **What else is there still to learn from God's Word? (Explore);**
  - 2a. List the main reasons that caused God to no longer make use of Israel (at least for a time)?
  - 2b. Read Romans 9:6-8. What emerges from this text? What are the implications of being a descendent? And of being a remnant?
3. **How can I practice what I've learned from God's Word? (Apply);**
  - 3a. What fundamental errors did Israel make that we need to watch out for so we do not run into the same danger?
4. **How can I communicate and apply what I've learned from God's Word? (Create).**
  - 4a. How can we present Christ to others (atheists, Christians, Jews, etc) in such a way that it will not be a stumbling block, but a secure foundation?

### **NOTES:**

- \* Copied from the Teachers Edition that adopts active, functional and sharing principles (Know, Feel, Do).  
\*\* To compare and use together with the final questions found in the lesson study every Friday.  
\*\*\* The questions in red are drawn from the Teachers Edition.