

# Romans 10:18-19

## Have They Not Heard

### 1. 10:17 – Faith By Hearing

- a. Remember, Israel in Rom 10 has a zeal of God (works), but not acc. to knowledge (word)
- b. 10:2 - Christ is the righteousness of God, end of the law, to every one that believes.
- c. Paul quotes 9 scriptures from the OT that teach the need for faith in heart and mouth.
- d. 10:17 - To have faith, hearing is required. To hear, the word of God is required.
- e. The “obedience of faith” is believing what you hear from God (Rom 1:5, 6:17, 16:26).
- f. Conclusion: Israel (though doing works) did not have obedience of faith.

### 2. 10:18 – They Have Heard

- a. *“Have they not heard?”* – The answer is “Yes.” Proof comes from Psalm 19.
  - i. v1 - *“heavens declare”* - The creation (skies) evidences God’s glorious work.
  - ii. v2 - *“day uttereth speech”* - Time, sun, moon, stars, gives information.
  - iii. v3 - *“no language ... ”* - The voice is heard by those of every language/nation.
  - iv. v4 - *“to the end of the world”* – All have heard their words.
  - v. v7-11 - The law of the LORD (given to Israel) ... converts the soul.
  - vi. v12-13 - Keep me from not knowing my sins. (Blind to their need for redemption)
  - vii. V14 - *“my mouth”* confession and *“my heart”*. The LORD is my strength/redeemer.
- b. Rom 1:18-21 – All are without excuse concerning what God has revealed.
- c. All the earth heard - Psa 8, Exo 9:16, 1King 4:34, Josh 2:10, Dan 3:28, 9:25
- d. Israel heard, too, if they had “ears to hear” – Mt 2:1, 12:42, Mk 4:23-25
- e. God has spoken. Men have not believed. Instead, their heart and mouth became wicked.
- f. Lesson: God says they heard even when men are not listening, because God made it clear.

### 3. 10:19 – Israel Knew

- a. *“But I say...”* - Paul dealing with the objections, as men object today, ... but, but, but.
- b. *“Did not Israel know?”* - They knew. 1<sup>st</sup> By Moses - 2<sup>nd</sup> By prophets (Isaiah) - Lk 16:27-31
- c. The law was required to be read every 7 years in Israel – Deu 31:10-13
- d. Rom 9-11 = Paul explaining what Israel missed from Scripture - Acts 24:14, 26:22, 28:23
- e. *“children in whom is no faith”* – The children are Israel (not a mystery) - Deu 32:20-21
- f. *“them that are no people”* – If this is Hos 1:10, it is not you! Not a people = Isa 7:8-9
- g. *“a foolish nation”* Is not all Gentile nations. An undeserving nation → Mt 21:31, 43
- h. This remnant nation theme is throughout the prophets - Hos 13:9, 14, Isa 26:1-4, 35
- i. (If they knew by the law and prophets, what they knew was not the mystery Body)
- j. Lesson: God says they knew even when ignorant, because it was in His word to them.