

They are demanding that He take care of them, because they are His people. They are not trying to change their heart to get Him to bring them in line with His desire and cleanse them, and help them to put Him first in their lives. They are simply showing an attitude of ^{honouring} ~~finhounding~~ Him with their lips, but their heart is far from Him. And so His answer to their prayer here is exactly His answer to Ahaz, that He is going to substitute another man in his place, who will truly be the follower of the Lord, and that His answer to - he speaks to the nobles that He is going to substitute another nation. He says, "I'm sought of them that asked not for me. I'm found of them that sought me not. I said, behold me, behold me, to a nation that was not called by my name. I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people." And then the apostle Paul was greatly disturbed over the matter. He was preaching the gospel and many Gentiles were believing Him and very few Jews, and ~~Ranh~~ why didn't the Jews come? What was happening that it was mostly Gentiles that were entering the kingdom instead of Jews. And so Paul says in Romans 9, "I say the truth to you in Christ. I lie not. That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart, for I wish that myself were a curse from Christ for my brethren, my kinsman according to the flesh." Karl ^{Romans} Barth says he is talking about the church here, in ~~Isaiah~~ 9: 23. But surely he says, my kinsman according to the flesh. Surely it is Israel.

What's your question: Romans 9: 1 and 3. But then we go on in Romans 9 and paul talks about this promise. Why is it that God has turned away from Israel, and turned to the Gentiles, and when He gets over to chapter ten verse 20, he says, verse 19, "Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by them that are no people, and by a foolish nation I will anger you. But Isaiah is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not. I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people." Where did Paul get those two verses? Verses 20, and 21. Does anybody have any idea? Isaiah 65: 1 and 2. This gives us the verses that Paul quoted. And Paul goes on in chapter 11, "I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite." But God has temporarily turned away from Israel, and into the olive tree he grafted the wild olive branches