

The Great Advantage

November 5, 2023 **Romans 3:1-2** Pastor Todd McAllister

Introduction: If you were asked, "What is the great advantage to being a Christian?" what would you say?

What is the great advantage to being a _____?

Backstory: Jewish objection:

If God shows no partiality in judgment, then what advantage is there to being a Jew?

Romans 2:11, 3:1

Note: Circumcision- the ritual sign of the Jew

Our focus today is upon the first answer to this question:

"Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the _____ of God." Romans 3:2

Context: Building of a case against the self-righteousness of both Jew and Gentile.

The oracles _____: God's Law
God's Covenants
God's Promises

God's Laws:

Pentateuch

God gave Israel a new _____.

Moral law--10 Commandments

Ceremonial law

Judicial law

God's Covenants: the means by which God develops a _____ relationship with people
Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3)

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The Promises: The basis for true _____

The Redeemer (Genesis 3:15)

New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Having the oracles of God answers the great _____ of mankind:

Origin: _____ did I come from?

Meaning: _____ am I here?

Morality: _____ do we determine right from wrong?

Destiny: _____ happens after we die?

How did Israel _____ to this great advantage?

Disobedience (Malachi 3:7)

Distress (Nehemiah 8:9)

Delight (Psalm 119:47)

Note: Israel missed the Messiah (John 5:39-40)

How are you responding to the great advantage of having access to the oracles of God?

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