

Paul's Letter to the
Romans

Ch. 9:14-24



WHO ARE YOU, O MAN...

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Two fundamental truths of Scripture.



1. **God** is **Sovereign** over ALL Things, including salvation. He chooses whom He will save and allows others to go to their just punishment.
2. **Man** is held **responsible** for His actions. God will hold you accountable for what you do because you are responsible. Your choices are real choices and they are yours.

QUESTIONS ASKED QUESTIONS ANSWERED



1. Is there injustice with God? (v. 14)
2. Why does He still find fault? Who resists His will? (v.19)

WE WILL EXAMINE



- 1) The Grace of God in the Election of the Saints
- 2) The Justice of God in the Reprobation of the Unsaved.

Salvation is the prerogative of God

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What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION." So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH." So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use? What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory,



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JOSHUA 2:9-11



“I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have melted away before you. “For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. “When we heard it, our hearts melted and no courage remained in any man any longer because of you; **for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.**”

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“God is not subject to fallen notions of fairness, nor will He be tried at the bar of human reason. Those who would bring such a charge, Paul’s rebuke is apropos, “But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? (Rom. 9:20). All such accusations are born of the erroneous presumption that if God gives grace to any of His creatures, He must give grace to all.”



“...Many people talk as if salvation were a matter of human birthright. And, forgetful of the fact that man had lost his supremely favorable chance in Adam, they inform us that God would be unjust if He did not give all guilty creatures an opportunity to be saved.’ Yet it undermines the very nature of grace to suppose that it is owed to sinful human beings. Truly, the question concerning God’s decree of predestination is not, why did God not choose everybody? But rather, how can it be that this supremely holy God would choose ANYBODY? It is the marvel of marvels that the King of kings, whose glory is exalted above the heavens, should lift a finger to rescue even one of such vile traitors as the sons of Adam. Then to learn that this infinitely worthy King has purposed to redeem not one but countless multitudes at the cost of the life of His own dear Son bows the sinners heart in humble wonder.”

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