



**Romans 9:
Three Illustrations of God's
Righteous Choosing (Election)**

Scripture Reading:

Romans 9:14-24

INTRODUCTION

- God's action of election (choosing) unto salvation, is an absolute necessity for anyone in the totality of humanity to be saved.
- Rom 11:5 reveals that this election is based on God's grace (undeserved favor)
- Rom 9 reveals that God's elections are based totally on His righteous sovereignty
- Though election is revealed as a factual necessity, many Christians have difficulty in understanding and accepting this truth. Romans 9 is often avoided and even despised (especially misunderstood statements found in vs 13, 17-18)

PAUL'S PERSONAL DESIRE FOR THE SALVATION OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL

(Rom 9:1-5, 10:1 NKJV)

- **9** I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, ⁴ who are Israelites, to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; ⁵ of whom *are* the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ *came*, who is over all, *the* eternally blessed God. Amen
- **10** Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

GOD'S RIGHTEOUS SOVEREIGN CHOICE OF ISAAC

(Rom 9:7-9)

Ishmael, by Hagar, was not a promised child by God



Sons of Keturah were not born by promise of God



Only Isaac, by Sarah, was born because of God's promise to Abraham of a perpetual lineage

**GOD'S
RIGHTEOUS
SOVEREIGN
CHOICE OF
JACOB**
(Rom 9:10-16)

God's sovereign choice based on His purpose not on works, either actual or potential (both were fallen sinners, Rom 5:12, Mal 1:1-3)

God's righteousness of choice – vs 14 (love/hate is relative by degree, not absolute, Lk14:26, Jn 12:25, Matt 12:47-50)

God's criteria for choice: Himself – vs 15-16

**GOD'S
RIGHTEOUS
SOVEREIGN
CHOICE OF
HARDENING
PHAROAH
(Rom 9:17-18)**

- **God's purpose in raising up Pharaoh – vs 17**
- **God accomplished His purpose by hardening Pharaoh – vs 18**
 - God hardened Pharaoh's heart 7x – Ex 4:21, 7:3, 9:12, 10:27, 11:10, 14:4-8, 17
 - Pharaoh hardened his own heart – Ex 8:15, 19, 32, 9:34-35, Mk 8:17
 - God provided events that proved His power.
 - These miraculous events aggravated Pharaoh's rebellious sin nature

MAN'S OBJECTION TO GOD'S RIGHTEOUS CHOOSING AND GOD'S RIGHTEOUS SOVEREIGN REPLY

(Rom 9:19-24)

- **Man's objection** – “God forced me to rebel!” – vs 19
- **God's righteous sovereign reply:**
 - God is the one who forms the two kinds of vessels out of the same, fallen lump of clay! – vs 20-24
 - **God's two desires**
 - To make His power and longsuffering known on the vessels of ruination – vs 22
 - These vessels fitted (adjusted) themselves unto ruination
 - “fitted” = perfect middle participle
 - To make His riches of glory known on the vessels of mercy (called Jews AND Gentiles – vs 23-24, II Tim 2:4, cf II Pet 3:9)

CONCLUSION

God is absolutely righteous and sovereign in ALL His ways, even in choosing some unto salvation

Ps 145:17, Dan 9:14

Dan 9:14 “Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God *is* righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice.”

He lives, all glory to His name!

He lives, my Jesus, still the same!

What joy this blest assurance gives:

I know that my Redeemer lives.