

God's Sovereign Election in Israel's History

Romans 9:6-18 (p. #945 in pew Bible)

Overview of Romans 9-11

- **Romans 9-11** is primarily focused on various details of God's sovereign plan for the nation of Israel.
- **Romans 9-11** highlights at least four things that must be believed by Christians:
 1. Paul's love, sorrow, and unending burden for Israel
 2. God's faithful love and providential plan for Israel
 3. God's salvation of Gentiles through Israel's unbelief
 4. God's unapologetic sovereignty over all things

Observation: *The nation of Israel and the Church of Jesus Christ will always be two distinct groups and entities.*

Big Idea: *God's sovereign decisions are always righteous.*

Principle #1: God's _____ never fails—His promises always hold firm and _____. (9:6-7)

➤ **Example:** God's promise to Abraham concerning Ishmael and Isaac. (9:7-9; Genesis 17-18, 21)

- Ishmael – “children of the flesh”
- Isaac – “children of the promise”
- “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”

Principle #2: God's _____ of sinners is not dependent on or swayed by any _____ works, efforts, lineage, or expectations. (9:11)

➤ **Example:** God's word to Rebekah concerning Esau and Jacob. (9:10-13; Genesis 25:19-26; Malachi 1:2-3)

- Esau – oldest yet “hated”
- Jacob – youngest yet “loved”
- “The older will serve the younger.”

Principle #3: God's sovereign _____ to show or withhold _____ is just and _____. (9:14, 16, 18)

➤ **Example:** God's sovereign choice in hardening Pharaoh and showing mercy and compassion to Moses. (9:15, 17; Exodus 9:10-17)

- Pharaoh – given earthy power but hardened against God's Word (to reveal God's power and glory)
- Moses – expelled from Egypt but shown mercy (to reveal the “riches of God's glory”—vs. 23)
- “I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.”

APPLICATION

Instead of doubting and denying God's Word, or calling His choices unjust, or refusing to accept and embrace His holy and unapologetic sovereignty over all things...

- Trust in His eternal promises **by faith**,
- Rest in His providential sovereignty **by faith**, and
- Obey His holy Word **by faith**. (9:30-33; 1:16-17)