

7. (9:9) When was the one chosen over the other?

8. (9:10-13) On what basis did God not choose one over the other?

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10. (9:14) What charge (indictment) might someone suggest against God?

11. (9:15-16) What is Paul's first response to this charge?

12. (9:17-18) What is Paul's second response?

13. (9:19) What question does God's sovereign choice raise?

14. (9:20-21) What is Paul's first response?

15. (9:22-24) What is Paul's second response?

16. (9:25-29) On what basis has God always chosen whom to save?

Personal Reflection

How are we tempted to believe, like the Jews, that our heritage or upbringing, determines our standing with God?

We often struggle with the divine sovereignty of God as it relates to election. The underlying difficulty lies in our sense of justice: it doesn't seem fair. Is God fair? Why or why not?

How can we believe who God says he is (kind, faithful, just, compassionate) when we have seemingly not experienced God in these ways?

The hidden sin in questioning God's sovereignty is that we defame the character of God. What is the difference between honest questioning and defamation of God's character?



Memory Verse: Romans 9:16-18

"It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: 'I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.' Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden."

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