

GOD IS RIGHTEOUS IN HIS DEALINGS WITH ISRAEL & PHARAOH

(Romans 9:14-18)

I. GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED THROUGH ISRAEL (9:1-11:36)

A. Israel's PAST Election by God (Romans 9)

1. The primary thrust of Romans 9-11 is the _____ election of either _____ or the _____ to a place of privileged service in God's sovereign plan to bless the world.
 - a. The primary point of these three chapters is _____ election to either salvation in heaven nor damnation to hell.
 - b. The reference to God choosing Jacob over Esau in Romans 9:10-12 illustrates that God was referring to two _____ (Gen. 25:23) and the real issue was _____ (Ex. 19:6) not _____.

2. Paul anticipated an objection from those who thought God was being _____ in choosing Israel over other nations; but he emphatically declared that God is _____ in His dealings with the human race. (v. 14)

3. The apostle quoted from Exodus 33:19 where the people of Israel had made a golden calf and then worshipped it as their god. (v. 15)
 - a. The people deserved _____, but the vast majority of them received _____.
 - b. God was under _____ obligation to show _____ to anyone of them, but yet He did

4. The man “*who wills*” and the man “*who runs*” informs us that it is not man’s self _____ nor his strenuous _____ that causes God to be merciful, but His own sovereign choice. (v. 16)
5. When the Egyptian Pharaoh disobeyed God in Exodus 5 thru 14, he deserved God’s _____ and he received God’s _____. (v. 17, cf. Ex. 9:16)
- a. Pharaoh had been “*raised up*” to a prominent place of authority in the sovereign plan of God to fulfill His _____ purpose of illustrating a vessel unto _____.
- b. The hardening of Pharaoh’s heart was a reciprocal process, God did _____ override his _____.

Pharaoh caused the hardening of heart

Exodus 3:19 (*predicted*)
 Exodus 8:15
 Exodus 8:32
 Exodus 9:34
 1 Samuel 6:6

No cause given

Exodus 7:13
 Exodus 7:14
 Exodus 7:22
 Exodus 8:19
 Exodus 9:7
 Exodus 9:35

God caused the hardening of heart

Exodus 4:21, 7:3 (*predicted*)
 Exodus 9:12
 Exodus 10:1
 Exodus 10:27
 Exodus 11:10
 Exodus 14:4
 Exodus 14:8

- c. By declaring His Word and revealing His power, God had given Pharaoh plenty of _____ to _____; but instead, he _____ the Lord and hardened his heart.

* Does v. 18 teach that God wills some people to be lost in hell?

* Do you see the difference in this passage?