

GOD IS RIGHTEOUS IN HIS DEALINGS ISRAEL & THE GENTILES

(Romans 9:19-24)

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

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

1. God's SOVEREIGN CHOICE of Israel as a Nation is Vindicated (9:14-24)

a. OBJECTIONS to God's Sovereign Choice of Israel

- 1) **Objection #1-** God's unconditional, sovereign choice of Israel was _____, it was even _____. (v. 14)

Illustration #1 When the Israelites had sinned at the foot of Mt. Sinai with the golden calf idol worship (Ex. 32:10, 33:19), all of them deserved God's _____, but instead they received His _____. (v. 15)

Principle- Neither man's _____ nor his _____ can determine *how* the Lord should bestow divine blessings and mercy; men and women will _____ be able to boast that they influenced God's sovereign plans. (vv. 16, 18)

Illustration #2 When the Egyptian Pharaoh refused to obey God (Ex. 5-14), he deserved God's _____, and he received God's _____. (v. 17)

- 2) **Objection #2-** How can God _____ man if man has no _____ but to do God's will? (v. 19)

b. ANSWERS to those Objections Regarding God's Sovereign Choice

- 1) *Answer #1-* God has the inherent right as the _____ to make someone a vessel unto honor or common use, _____ whether they _____ positively or negatively to His saving grace. (vv. 20-21, cf. Is. 29:16-17; 45:9; Jer. 18:1-12)

* What does Paul's allusion to the O.T. teach us regarding this matter?

2) *Answer #2*- The objection raised back in v. 19 actually reveals man's _____, _____ toward God and His _____ toward stubborn man. (v. 22)

* How do we know that the words "*prepared for destruction*" are NOT teaching reprobation?

3) *Answer #3*- God is perfectly _____ in His sovereign choice to now include believing _____ in this Church-age to be His vessels unto glory, just as He originally chose national Israel in the past. (vv. 23-24)

* How should you respond in light of the truth set forth in this passage?