

GOD WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM HE WILL HAVE MERCY ROM 9:10-18 8/11/19

WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING GOD'S SOVEREIGN CHOICE IN ELECTION HAVING LOOKED AT HIS CHOICE OF ABRAHAM'S SON  
ISAAC THE SON OF PROMISE ROM 9:7-8

V10-13 THE SECOND OLD TESTAMENT ILLUSTRATION OF GOD'S SOVEREIGN CHOICE IS DRAWN FROM THE SECOND  
GENERATION OF JEWISH ANCESTRY APPARENTLY GOD PURPOSED TO ESTABLISH THIS PRINCIPLE CLEARLY AT THE  
BEGINNING OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE

THIS ILLUSTRATION EMPHASIZES GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY EVEN MORE THAN THE FIRST SINCE IT INVOLVES GOD'S CHOICE OF  
ONE TWIN OVER ANOTHER IN THE CASE OF ABRAHAM'S SONS GOD CHOSE THE CHILD OF ONE WOMAN OVER ANOTHER

IN THE CASE OF REBECCA'S CHILDREN GOD'S CHOICE WAS INDICATED BEFORE THE TWINS WERE BORN OR HAD DONE  
ANYTHING GOOD OR BAD THIS REVEALS GOD'S SOVEREIGN CHOICE WAS NOT BY WORKS EVEN FORESEEN WORKS BUT BY  
HIM WHO CALLS

GOD'S PLAN AND NOT MAN'S WORKS IS THE BASIS OF HIS ELECTION REBECCA WAS INFORMED THAT THE OLDER WILL  
SERVE THE YOUNGER A CHOICE CONFIRMED BY GOD'S DECLARATION JACOB I LOVED BUT ESAU I HATED

GOD'S LOVE FOR JACOB WAS REVEALED IN HIS CHOICE OF JACOB AND GOD'S HATRED FOR ESAU WAS SEEN IN HIS  
REJECTING ESAU FROM THE LINE OF PROMISE

V14-18 WHAT SHALL WE SAY THEN PAUL INTRODUCED THE QUESTION UNDOUBTEDLY IN HIS READER'S MINDS THERE IS  
NO INJUSTICE WITH GOD IS THERE IN CHOOSING ISAAC OVER ISHMAEL AND JACOB OVER ESAU MAY IT NEVER BE

THE ISSUE IS NOT JUSTICE BUT SOVEREIGN DECISION AS GOD'S WORD TO MOSES QUOTED BY PAUL INDICATES AS THE  
SOVEREIGN GOD HE HAS THE RIGHT TO SHOW MERCY TO WHOEVER HE CHOOSES IN FACT HE IS NOT UNDER OBLIGATION  
TO EXTEND MERCY TO ANYONE

THEREFORE EXPERIENCING HIS MERCY DOES NOT DEPEND ON MAN'S DESIRE THE ONE WILLING OR EFFORT THE ONE  
RUNNING NO ONE DESERVES OR CAN EARN HIS MERCY

GOD HAS A FREE WILL HE IS FREE TO CHOOSE AS HE WILLS MAN'S WILL APART FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT IS IN BONDAGE TO  
SIN AND IS NOT FREE EPH 2:1-4

THE APOSTLE PAUL THEN PRESENTS HIS THIRD ILLUSTRATION THE EGYPTIAN PHARAOH OF THE EXODUS TO HIM GOD SAID  
THROUGH MOSES FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP I BROUGHT YOU ON THE SCENE OF HISTORY TO  
DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH

GOD'S POWER WAS DEMONSTRATED AS HE FREED THE ISRAELITES FROM UNDER PHARAOH'S HAND AND WHEN OTHER  
NATIONS HEARD ABOUT IT THEY WERE AWED

FOR THE SCRIPTURES SAY GOD HAS MERCY ON WHOM HE WANTS TO HAVE MERCY AND HE HARDENS WHO HE WANTS TO  
HARDEN

BECAUSE OF GOD'S CHOICE PHARAOH THEN HARDENED HIS OWN HEART ALL THIS SHOWS THAT GOD CHOOSES AND  
WORKS SOVEREIGNLY YET PHARAOH WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ACTIONS AND SO ARE WE

EPH 2:8-10 FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD  
NOT AS A RESULT OF WORKS THAT NO ONE SHALL BOAST FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR  
GOOD WORKS WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS MERCY TOWARD YOU