

Can God Reject the Jews?

Part 1 - Romans 9:1-13

Paul Mourns for His Rejected Nation

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Israel's Rejection

- A. Paul is heartbroken over Israel's rejection – 9:1-3
 - A. Paul was willing to be “accursed” for His brethren, if it would save them – 9:1-3
 - B. Do you mourn for the lost souls of the world?
- B. This rejection came despite the wonderful things God had done for them – 9:4-5
- C. **Yet, Paul still mourned their loss!**

God's Word Has Not Failed

- A. The implied argument: If the Jews are rejected, God's promises have failed – 9:6
- B. Reply:
 - A. Not all “of Israel” are truly “Israel” – 9:6
 - B. God's promised salvation was for “true” Israel, not fleshly Israel.
 - C. Justification? Fleshly children of Abraham are not necessarily children of promise (Ishmael) – 9:7-9

More Proof? Jacob and Esau

- A. God chose Jacob *over* Esau - 9:10-12
 - A. This was not about eternal destinies of the individuals, but the history of nations – Gen. 25:23
 - B. God chose the younger over the older separate from any “works” they had done – 9:11-12
 - C. Point? God has the right to choose Israel of *faith* over Israel of *works*!
 - D. Application: Neither the Jew nor the Gentile have a claim, or right, to salvation by anything they do! – Rom. 6:23

Jacob I Loved, Esau I Hated?

- A. Calvinist see here an eternal decree for Jacob's salvation and Esau's condemnation – 9:13
- B. I deny this because:
 - A. This quote concerns the fate of their *nations* – Mal. 1:1-5
 - B. God choice of Jacob concerned God fulfilling his promise to Abraham, not their salvation.
 - C. The N.T. uses love/hate as a matter of degree of honor – Lk. 14:26
 - D. Calvinists assume this was decreed before they lived their lives – Heb. 12:14-17; Ezek. 25:12-14; Amos 1:11

The Application

Application: The Jews

- A. God's choice to accept "Jews of faith" and reject "Jews of works" is in line with God's sovereign choices of the past.
- B. The Jews did not reject these choices then; why should they reject them now?
- C. So, the issue is not whether it is fair, but whether one will choose to be part to the Israel of faith!

Application: The Gentiles

- A. We, like the Jews, are the recipients of great blessings from God...do not squander them! – 2 Pet. 1:3
- B. Salvation requires that we become part of *spiritual* Israel – Rom. 2:28-29; Gal. 3:7-9; Rev. 2:10
- C. We must accept God's choice to save a *holy* Israel – 1 Pet. 1:15-17; Rom. 2:1-6

Conclusion

- A. You must decide where you will fit into God's purposes.
 - A. Will you put your faith in Christ and obey and be saved – Acts 2:37-38
 - B. Will you reject Christ and God's grace and be rejected?
- B. No complaints, seeing salvation is offered today.
- C. Will you accept God's mercy in Christ today?