

Can God Reject the Jews?

Part 2 - Romans 9:14-21

Was God Unjust to Reject Israel?

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Showing Mercy Is God's Choice

- A. Paul anticipates the Jewish response – 9:14
- B. God's words to Moses prove the point – 9:15; Ex. 33:19
- C. His mercy is not about “earning” it – 9:16
- D. God's mercy does not negate conditions for salvation – Heb. 3:14-19; Prov. 28:13; Isa. 55:7; 1 Jn. 1:6-7

God Can Harden Who He Chooses

- A. Proven by God's use of Pharaoh
- B. God put a wicked man on the throne to show His glory to Israel and the world – 9:17
 - A. God's foreknowledge made this possible without forcing sinful behavior.
 - B. Those God uses are accountable – Isa. 10:5-7
- C. So, God has mercy on some and hardens others – 9:18

Calvinism and Pharaoh's Hardening

- A. Calvinism assumes this hardening in sin was by God's eternal decree.
- B. Yet, God hardened Pharaoh by His demand for obedience.
 - A. Pharaoh hardened his heart – Ex. 8:15, 32
 - B. God hardened his heart – Ex. 4:21; 7:3; 9:12
 - C. God was *just* in demanding obedience.
 - D. God is *just* in demanding faith in Jesus, despite it hardening some!

Is God Unjust to Condemn the Hardened?

- A. “Since no one resists God, how can He condemn?” – 9:19; Jn. 9:31; Matt. 23:37
- B. We have no right to question God’s choices – 9:20-21
 - A. Calvinists assume this hardening is by eternal decree.
 - B. Passage says nothing about “when” or “how” God does this forming.
 - C. Israel might argue God made them “of works” – 9:32
 - D. God has the right to determine the criteria for His acceptance—faith/obedience – 2 Tim. 2:19-21