

Can God Reject the Jews?

Part 3 - Romans 9:22-33

What We have Learned

- A. 9:1-5 – Paul desired the Jews’ salvation.
- B. 9:6-13 – God’s rejection of the Jews did not mean God’s promises had failed.
- C. 9:14-21 – God has the right to determine who He will show mercy on or harden.
 - A. Mercy to Israel entering the Land – 9:15-16
 - B. Hardening the *wicked* for His purposes – 9:17-18
 - C. God can rightly “prepare” some for mercy and others for destruction based on their hearts – 9:19-21; 2 Tim. 2:19-21

An Idea For Consideration

Romans 9:22-24

God's Forbearance for the Sinner?

- A. **Implied argument:** If the Jews are rejected, why has God not destroyed them? – 9:22-23; Mt. 23:37 – 24:14
- B. **Response:**
 - A. God can forbear with the wicked in hopes of showing His glory in mercy instead of wrath – 2 Pet. 3:9
 - B. His forbearance isn't proof of acceptance.
 - C. God's patience doesn't always end in salvation – 2:4-5
 - D. Salvation comes to those "prepared" for mercy by obeying the gospel call – 2 Thess. 2:13-14; 1:8; Rom. 2:6-11

Proof From O.T. Scripture

Romans 9:25-33

God Has Chosen *Believing* Gentiles

- A. God prophesied of the Gentile's salvation –
9:25-26; Hosea 2:23; 1:10
- B. Why did Jew struggle to grasp this?
 - A. It was a “mystery” – Eph. 3:1-6
 - B. Hosea was speaking of the *Northern kingdom of Israel* that was lost in captivity and then amalgamation into the Gentiles.
 - C. These passages were fulfilled in the salvation of the Northern Kingdom's “Samaritan” type descendants and the Gentiles in general.

God Saves a *Remnant* of the Jews

- A. There is biblical precedent for God saving only a *remnant* of the Jews – 9:27-29; Isa. 10:22-23; 28:22
- B. Point?
 - A. Unbelieving Jews are not true Israelites and will be rejected.
 - B. God had previously rejected *most* of Israel for a lack of faith and obedience.
 - C. Only by God's grace was a remnant saved!

Application: Gentiles

- A. The Gentiles who weren't seeking righteousness have found it by faith – 9:30
 - A. Gentiles rejected knowledge of God – Rom. 1:18-25
 - B. Yet, they gladly received the gospel in faith!
- B. We should be truly thankful that *God choose to find us* – Acts 28:28

Application: Jews

- A. The Jews who were seeking righteousness did not find it – 9:31
- B. They stumbled at the “stumbling stone” of Christ – 9:32; 3:20
- C. This rejection of Jesus was prophesied – 9:33; Isa. 8:14; 28:16
 - A. God chose to save Israel through Christ while knowing many would reject him.
 - B. Yet, God has the right to demand faith and submission to Christ *for their salvation!*

A Word About Calvinism

- A. Calvinists believe God hardens by eternal decree, separate from man's will.
- B. Yet, God "hardened" most Jews by *demanding faith in Jesus* to be saved!
- C. So, their salvation or hardening is determined by their response to Jesus.
- D. **If God can reject the Jews, He can reject us if we disbelieve and disobey – Heb. 10:26-31**

Conclusion

- A. You must decide where you will fit into God's purposes fulfilled in Christ.
 - A. Will you believe and obey the gospel to be saved? – Acts 2:36-40
 - B. Will you reject His grace and be lost? – Titus 2:11-14
- B. No one can complain to God, seeing that salvation is presented to everyone today!
- c. Will you be saved through Jesus?