



Who Are You to Question God? Romans 9:19-24

I. Stop Questioning God's Sovereignty (vv. 19-20)

- A. Man questions God's _____ (v. 19)
[Deut. 29:29; Lk. 22:22; Acts 2:23]
- B. God rebukes man's _____ (v. 20)
[Job 38:1-4; 40:1-5; Isa. 45:9]
- C. God's character is beyond _____
(Rom. 9:14; Deut. 32:4; Jms. 1:13; Hab. 1:13; Gen. 18:25)

II. Submit to God's Sovereign Authority (vv. 20-21)

- A. God is the Sovereign _____ (vv. 20-21)
[Jer. 18:3-6; Isa. 64:8; James 1:13-14]
- B. God's sovereign choice is _____ (v. 21)
[Rom. 9:11-13; Eph. 1:4-5; 2 Tim. 1:9]
- C. God's sovereign authority demands our _____
(vv. 20-21) [Isa. 45:9; Dan. 4:35; Rom. 11:33-36]

III. Marvel at God's Sovereign Mercy (vv. 22-24)

- A. God patiently endures vessels of _____ (v. 22)

- 1. Paul says God is "_____ to show his wrath and to make known his power." (Ex. 9:16)
 - 2. Notice that God "has endured with much _____." (Rom. 2:4-5; 2 Pet. 3:9)
 - 3. Notice the expression "vessels of wrath _____ for destruction." (Rom. 9:18; Rom. 1:18-32)
- B. God graciously prepares vessels of _____ (v. 23) [Eph. 1:4-6; 2 Tim. 1:9; Eph. 2:4-7]
 - 1. In verse 22, Paul describes vessels in a **state of readiness** for destruction without explicitly identifying who prepared them.
 - 2. In verse 23, Paul explicitly identifies **God as the One who prepared** the vessels of mercy for glory.

- C. God mercifully calls sinners from every _____ (v. 24) [Rom. 9:6-8; Eph. 2:11-13; Rev. 5:9-10]

TAKE HOME:

- Am I questioning God's sovereignty or _____ to His authority?
- Does God's sovereign mercy produce humility and _____ in my life?
- Does my confidence in God's sovereign election _____ me to share the gospel?

Application Questions

James 1:22 says, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* These questions are designed to help you apply today's message in your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others.

1. When God's Word confronts my assumptions, do I respond with humble submission or with accusation against God? (Rom 9:20; Job 40:4–5; Isa 45:9)
 2. In what areas am I subtly insisting that God explain Himself to me, rather than trusting His character when His ways are hard to understand? (Deut 32:4; Gen 18:25; Jas 1:13)
 3. How does remembering I am the clay and God is the Potter reshape my attitude toward unanswered prayer, suffering, or delayed deliverance? (Rom 9:21; Jer 18:3–6; Dan 4:35)
 4. Do I treat God's mercy as something He owes me, or do I live with gratitude that mercy is undeserved and freely given? (Rom 9:15–16; Eph 2:4–5; Rom 3:23)
 5. Where am I tempted to use God's sovereignty as an excuse for my sin or lack of repentance, instead of owning my responsibility before God? (Rom 9:19; Rom 1:18–21; Jas 1:14)
 6. Does the reality of God's wrath and patience move me toward repentance today, or am I mistaking delay for approval? (Rom 9:22; Rom 2:4–5; 2 Pet 3:9)
 7. How does knowing God prepared beforehand vessels of mercy for glory fuel my humility, worship, and assurance rather than pride? (Rom 9:23; Eph 1:4–5; 2 Tim 1:9)
 8. If God calls sinners from every nation, who am I intentionally praying for and sharing Christ with this month—and what specific step will I take this week? (Rom 9:24; Rom 10:17; Rev 5:9–10)
- "Mere human reason can never comprehend how God is good and merciful and therefore you make to yourself a God of your own fancy who hardens nobody, condemns nobody, and pities everybody."*

- Martin Luther, *The Bondage of the Will*