

Jacob I Loved, But Esau I Hated

Romans 9:13

I. Does This Verse Refer to Individuals or Nations?

A. Paul begins with two individual boys

B. But these two individuals also represent two nations

C. Don't use the "nations" argument to escape the doctrine of election

II. What Did God Mean By “Jacob I Loved”?

- A. God did not love Jacob because Jacob was lovely
- B. God's love for Jacob was a choosing love
- C. God's love for Jacob was effective
- D. God's love for Jacob should leave us amazed by grace

III. What Did God Mean By “But, Esau I Hated?”

- A. God’s hatred is not sinful hatred
- B. God’s hatred can describe a withholding of His special love
- C. God’s hatred of Esau was righteous judgment
- D. God’s love and God’s hatred are not equal opposites
- E. The shocking question is not “Why Esau?” but “Why Jacob?”

TAKE HOME:

FIVE KEY TRUTHS ABOUT UNCONDITIONAL ELECTION

1. Election is God's choice
2. Election is unconditional
3. Election is not based on works
4. Election rests on God's call
5. Election should produce humility, worship, and evangelism!