

Who Are You to Question God?

Romans 9:19-24

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

A. Man questions God's *justice*

B. God rebukes Man's *arrogance*

C. God's character is beyond *reproach*

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

- A. God is the Sovereign *Potter*
- B. God's sovereign choice is *unconditional*
- C. God's sovereign authority demands our *submission*

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

A. God patiently endures vessels of wrath

1. Paul says God is "desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power."
2. Notice that God "has endured with much patience."
3. Notice the expression "vessels of wrath prepared for destruction."

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

B. God graciously prepares vessels of mercy

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.

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

C. God mercifully calls sinners from every *nation*

TAKE HOME:

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