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“God’s Free Choice”
Romans 9:1-29

- I. Love for the lost will motivate us to be active in God’s service – vv. 1-3.**
- II. God’s dealings with His people demonstrate His sovereignty to the world at large – vv. 4-21.**
 - A. Many privileges were theirs, as a result of Israel’s special position with God – vv. 4-5.**
 - i. God’s adoption as His sons – Ex. 4:22-23.
 - ii. The glory
 - iii. The covenants – Abrahamic, Mosaic, Davidic, New
 - iv. The law – the code to live by – political, social, and religious life
 - v. The temple worship – exclusive access to the one true God via tabernacle and the temple
 - vi. The promises – starting with Abraham (land, blessings, descendants), going to Moses (blessing for obedience), David (continuous and uninterrupted kingship), and etc.
 - vii. The patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob
 - viii. Jesus Christ – the biggest blessing of all is the incarnation of the God Himself from their nation
 - B. God’s free choice was made clear in the course of His dealings with Israel – vv. 6-18.**
 - i. This confirms the power of God’s word.
 - ii. God chose some from among the chosen ones – illustrates that not all descendants of Israel are true Israel – God has a plan.
 - iii. The preference of the son of the promise (Isaac) over the son of the flesh (Ishmael) – illustrates that our attempts to help God will never disrupt His plan
 - iv. Pre-birth election of younger over older – Jacob vs. Esau – illustrates that God’s plan is not dependent on human works
 - v. To Moses God communicated His right to have mercy and compassion on those whom He chooses – illustrates that what seems like injustice from human perspective is merely a demonstration of God’s sovereignty, which does not depend on anything anyone does but on God alone – vv. 14-16.
 - vi. The raising of Pharaoh for the purpose of demonstrating God’s power and world-wide proclamation of His name – illustrates that some are hardened by God, even while others are extended mercy – vv. 17-18.
 - C. Humans are not in the place to question God’s fairness, much like the clay is not in the place to question the actions of the potter – vv. 19-21.**
- III. As such, the history demonstrates that God sovereignly chooses for destruction and for glory – vv. 22-29.**
 - A. God chooses some as objects of wrath prepared for destruction – demonstrating His wrath and power**
 - B. God chooses others, like the church, as objects of mercy prepared for glory – demonstrating His glory**
 - i. Hosea predicted it – not my people, unloved, in the place...
 - ii. Isaiah foretold it – only the remnant, decisive, yet merciful

The Big Idea: God is sovereign (yet man is responsible for his actions).