

God's Righteous Choices, Romans 9-11
God's Purpose for Pharaoh: Romans 9:14-18

God's chose children of promise by His sovereign choice alone.

- I. Is there injustice with God (9:14)?
 - A. God's choice raises a natural question about the injustice of God.
 - B. Paul emphatically answers this rhetorical question, "May it never be!"
- II. God's choice is a matter of His sovereignty (9:15-16).
 - A. The issue of election is not one of justice but one of sovereignty (9:15).
 1. Some issues transcend other issues.
 2. God's sovereignty means that He is under no obligation to anyone (see: Matthew 20:1-15).
 - B. Man's will and effort do not factor into God's choice (9:16).
- III. The example of Pharaoh (9:17-18).
 - A. God raised up Pharaoh (9:17).
 1. God had a two-fold purpose for raising up Pharaoh.
 - a. To demonstrate God's power.
 - b. To make Him known throughout the earth.
 2. Judas Iscariot is another biblical character whom God had a purpose (John 6:70).
 - B. Excursus: Single verses double predestination.
 1. Single predestination means that God chose some for salvation but skipped over others. Double predestination means that God chose some for salvation and others for destruction.
 2. RC Sproul stated that this is a false dichotomy. The end result is the same.
 - C. Paul underscores God's sovereignty (9:18).
 1. God has mercy on whom He desires.

2. God hardens whom He desires.