

Romans 9:14-18 • “Is There Injustice Or Unrighteousness On God’s Part?”

Everything God has created exists for his glory.

The ultimate purpose of creating and guiding and sustaining this world is the praise of the glory [of the grace] of God. The grace of God is most clearly seen in the crucifixion of his Son for undeserving sinners.

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Romans 10:9 because, **if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

Romans 10:10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Romans 9:6 But **it is not as though the word of God has failed.** For not all who are descended from Israel **belong to Israel,**

Romans 9:7 and **not all are children of Abraham** because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall **your offspring be named (called).**”

Romans 9:8 This means that it is **not the children of the flesh** who are the **children of God,** but the **children of the promise** are counted as **offspring.**

Romans 9:9 For this is what **the promise** said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have **a son (Isaac).**”

Romans 9:10 And not only so, but also when **Rebekah** had conceived **children** (Esau & Jacob) by one man, our forefather Isaac,

Romans 9:11 though **they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad**—in order that **God’s purpose of election** might continue, **not because of works** but **because of him who calls**—

Romans 9:12 she was told, “The older (Esau) will serve the younger (Jacob).”

Romans 9:13 As it is written, “Jacob I **loved**, but Esau I **hated**.”

Romans 9:14 What shall we say then? **Is there injustice on God’s part?** By no means!

Romans 9:15 For he says to **Moses**, “**I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.**”

Paul’s argument for why God is just in loving Jacob and hating Esau: because “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”

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Isaiah 42:8 I am the Lord; that is my **name**; my **glory** I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.

Isaiah 43:7 everyone who is called by my **name**, whom I created for my **glory**, whom I formed and made.”

Isaiah 48:11 For my own sake, for my own sake, I do it, for how should my **name** be profaned? My **glory** I will not give to another.

Exodus 33:18 Moses said, “Please show me your **glory**.”

Exodus 33:19 And he said, “**I will make all my goodness** pass before you and **will proclaim before you my name ‘The Lord (YHWH: the one who exists. The one who causes existence).’** And **I will be gracious to whom I will** be gracious, and **will show mercy on whom I will** show mercy.

Exodus 3:13 Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘**What is his name?**’ what shall I say to them?”

Exodus 3:14 God said to Moses, “**I am who I am.**” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘**I am** has sent me to you.’”

Romans 1:21 For although they knew God, **they did not glorify him as God** or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:23 and **exchanged the glory of the immortal God** for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Romans 3:23 for **all have sinned** and **fall short of the glory of God,**

Romans 3:24 and are **justified by his grace** as a gift, through the redemption that is in **Christ Jesus,**

Romans 3:25 whom God put forward as a propitiation **by his blood,** to be received by faith. This was to show **God's righteousness** (*protecting the value of His name*), because in his **divine forbearance** he had passed over former sins.

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Exodus 9:8 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Take handfuls of soot from the kiln, and let Moses throw them in the air in the sight of Pharaoh.

Exodus 9:9 It shall become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and become boils breaking out in sores on man and beast throughout all the land of Egypt."

Exodus 9:10 So they took soot from the kiln and stood before Pharaoh. And Moses threw it in the air, and it became boils breaking out in sores on man and beast.

Exodus 9:11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils came upon the magicians and upon all the Egyptians.

Exodus 9:12 **But the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh,** and **he did not listen to them, as the Lord had spoken to Moses.**

Exodus 9:13 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, “Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Exodus 9:14 For this time I will send all my plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth.

Exodus 9:15 For by now I could have put out my hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth.

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Paul’s answer to the question, Is there injustice on God’s part?

No, because God in the defense of His glory, His name, His righteousness, He has mercy on whom He freely chooses to have mercy and whom he freely chooses to harden.

Romans 9:19 You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?”