

God Sovereignly Chooses Romans 9:1-13

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Romans 9 may be uncomfortable but indisputably clear.

- Whatever position, can't ignore doctrine of divine election/predestination
- God's sovereign in unconditional elect basis for assurance of salvation/eternal security.

Does God's chosen people's rejection of Jesus Christ as Messiah and opposition to gospel mean God's promises failed? If so, Romans 8 promises can fail too. Romans 8:39-9:6

- To understand how God's promises have not failed, have to understand God didn't choose all Jews be saved. John 8:33-44, Romans 2:28-29, 4:9-17, Matthew 3:9-10
 - not all physical/ethnic Israelites = spiritual Israelites (children of promise).
Romans 9:7-9

God chose 1 pagan of estimated 65,000 in Ur and promised to bless Abraham/descendants.

- line of Abraham's natural descendants is not same as the line of promise.
 - 8 children with 3 different women: Ishmael/Hagar, Isaac/Sarah, 6 sons/Keturah

Ishmael child of flesh....naturally born by will of man, John 1:13; Galatians 4:21-31

- Isaac child of promise...supernaturally by will of God... not explain humanly.
 - True Israel is supernaturally born of God. Galatians 4:28, John 1:11-13

Anticipates Jews argument: Isaac/Ishmael different moms. Romans 9:10-13, Luke 14:26

- Love/hate= idiom heightens comparison by stating in absolute terms.
 - choice of Jacob as line of promised Seed (Messiah) made Esau rejection of this great privilege seem like hatred by comparison.

Twins as equal in nature as possible yet God sovereignly chose Jacob not Esau.

- individual election not nations here. Entire nations justified or condemned?

God did not choose Jacob because of works already done or will do later.

- ruling out FORESEEN faith by Jacob or lack faith by Esau....foreknowledge
 - not Paul's ordinary contrast of works with faith but with "Him who calls".
 - God: source of call, gospel vehicle call > sets into motion faith.
 - faith condition of justification but not condition of election (unconditional).
- God does not choose because we will believe (foreknowledge) but so we'll believe.
 - None of God's chosen will fail to come to Him, even when we fail to share.

- Paul believe in God's sovereign/elect yet worked for conversion of Jew

chose Jacob specifically to teach mystery of elect: God is sovereign in dispensing His mercy

- Lit “according to elections purpose” = “the electing purpose.”
 - God’s purpose: His glory....His great name proclaimed and praised.

God’s promises can’t fail because He is omnipotent sovereign so always achieves purposes.

- If God is not absolutely sovereign, His purposes/promises uncertain.

To be sovereign at all, He must be sovereign over all...including salvation. *Ephesians 1:4-6, 2 Timothy 1:9*

- if doesn’t elect unconditionally God is not sovereign because men determine own salvation
 - Predestination/unconditional election is expression of God’s sovereignty.

God’s sovereignty in unconditional election is the basis for assurance of salvation/eternal security.

- Doctrine of election produces great confidence, humility, gratitude in Christian.
 - Energizes us to continually share Gospel.....you can’t fail!