

## Romans 9:19-24

### The Rights of God, Pt. 2

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#### 3 Truths that Frame v. 19-24

1. God chooses in Sovereign Freedom those He will save (Election) – v. 11-18
2. Individuals are Responsible for their own sin –  
     God hardened Pharaoh's heart (v. 18, Ex 4:21, 7:3, 9:12, 10:1,20,27, 11:10, 14:4,17)  
     But Pharaoh hardened his own heart (Ex 5:2, 7:14,22, 8:15,32, 9:7,34)
3. Doctrine of God's Providence – *God works cooperatively with His creation to cause / direct their every act (even sinful ones) to accomplish His purposes in such a way that men are fully responsible and God is free from sin.*

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#### 1) Objection – God Has no Right... (v. 19)

#### 2) Answer #1 – God's Rights over His Creatures – v. 20-21

a) God's Right to Rule – v. 20

b) God's Right to Create – v. 21

Election – God's choice of those who will receive mercy  
 Reprobation – God's choice of those who will receive wrath

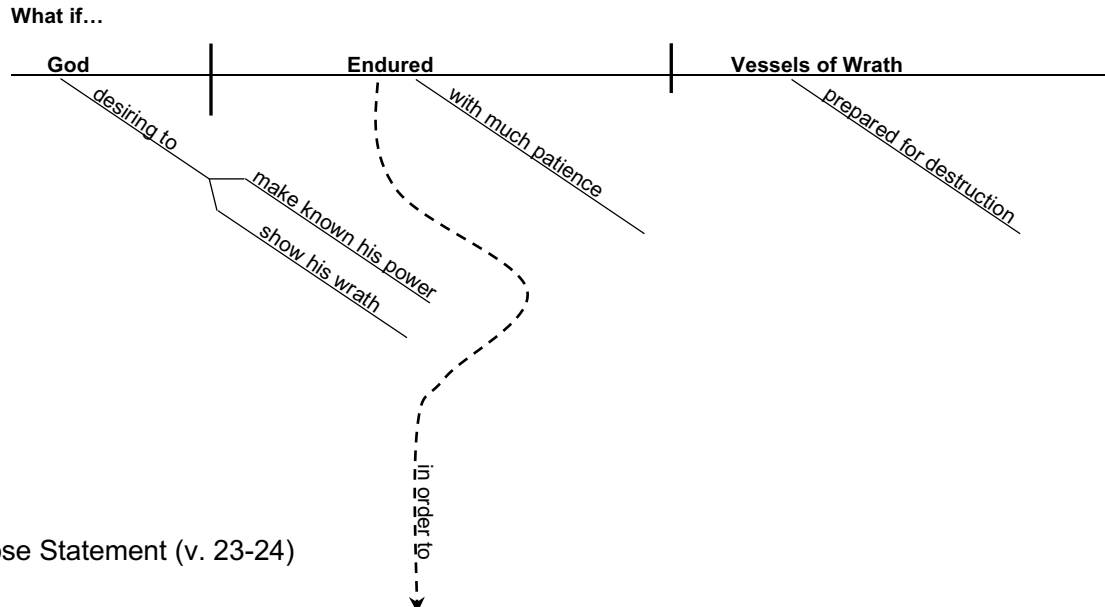
v. 22 – “vessel of dishonor” = vessel of wrath = prepared for destruction  
 v. 23 – “vessel of honor” = vessel of mercy = prepared beforehand for glory

#### 3) Answer #2 – God's Purposes for His Creatures – v. 22-24

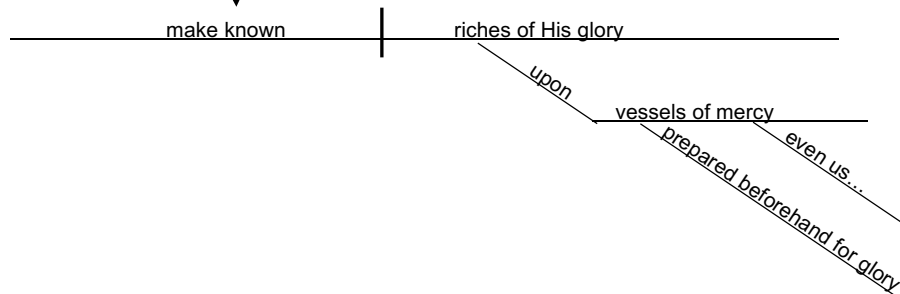
*...to make known the riches of His glory*

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a) Sentence Structure (v. 22)



b) Purpose Statement (v. 23-24)



KSN [vessel, right / mold, clay, puppet]

Praxis

1. What are some ways in which God "provisionally arranges" for vessels of His mercy to hear the Gospel? What are the implications for your life and the lives of those around you?
2. How does knowledge of God's patience with (even hardening at times) vessels of wrath help you respond to those who reject your gospel endeavors? What all should your response entail?
3. Thought Question: It is appropriate to say – "Saul of Tarsus was an 'vessel of wrath' prior to his conversion on the Damascus road"? Why / Why not? How / How not?