

**BOOK OF ROMANS**  
**GOD DETERMINES TO SHOW MERCY**  
**ROMANS 9:24-29**

**Introduction**

**Last time, WE SAW THAT GOD DESIGNS WITH PURPOSE... HIS SOVEREIGN PURPOSE...And NO ONE has the right to question HIS RIGHT TO DO SO as CREATOR GOD!**

*WE SAW THAT GOD DELAYS PUNISHMENT...*

**In fact, GOD IS LONGSUFFERING AND DELAYS PUNISHMENT TO SOME IN ORDER TO SHOW HIS MERCY TO OTHERS!**

**And that last part is where we pick up next as WE SEE THAT GOD DETERMINES TO SHOW MERCY: (Read Vs. 22-24)**

*Verse 24* states that **GOD** does this among the **JEWS** and the **GENTILES!**

Why does **GOD DETERMINE TO SHOW MERCY?** Because that is an **ESSENTIAL PART** of **HIS CHARACTER** and **HIS GLORY!**

*Luke 6:36*—“*Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.”*

*2 Corinthians 1:3*—“*Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;*”

*1 Peter 1:3*—“*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*”

Think about how that out of all the people in the world, the **LORD GOD** **CHOSE** one group of insignificant people (the **JEWS**) **TO INITIALLY WORK THROUGH AND REVEAL HIMSELF TO!**

The **LORD** also **CHOSE** to bring about **HIS WORK OF REDEMPTION** through these same insignificant people by using them to bring **HIS SON JESUS CHRIST (GOD IN THE FLESH)** into this world to pay **REDEMPTION’S PRICE!**

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And the **LORD** also **CHOSE** one **CENTRAL PLACE** in the world (the **LAND** that **HE** gave to the **JEWS**...the **LAND** that makes up the country of **ISRAEL**), from where **HE** would unveil **HIS LOVE** to the whole world and where **HIS SON, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST**, would one day **RULE AND REIGN FOR A LITERAL 1000 YEAR PERIOD!**

Even from **ISRAEL’S** very beginnings through the line of **ABRAHAM, ISAAC, and JACOB**, **GOD’S HEART** has been for **HIS “CHOSEN PEOPLE”** to reach out to the **GENTILES** with the message of the **LORD GOD**. (A **GENTILE** is anyone who is **NOT JEWISH** – that’s us.)

Unfortunately, the **JEWS** didn’t **OBEY HIS COMMAND** and allowed **PRIDE** and **SPIRITUAL INDIFFERENCE** to enter their lives.

**They made at least two mistakes:**

1. **They thought that just because they were born JEWISH, they were in GOD’S KINGDOM! (PAUL has repeatedly knock the props out from under that argument in this EPISTLE!)**
2. **They didn’t take GOD’S WORD to the GENTILE NATIONS!**

What the **APOSTLE PAUL** is doing here in *Romans 9-11* is showing that **SALVATION IS NOT JUST FOR THE JEWS**, but for the whole world. (And every one of us **GENTILES** say, “**PRAISE THE LORD!**”)

He’s also reminding his readers that **GOD** has always called out a **BELIEVING REMNANT** from the **JEWS!** (*We saw an example of that in our WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY in JUDGES 13 with SAMSON’S parents MANOAH and his wife!*)

Today there are an estimated **16 to 18 million JEWS** in the world out of a total population of about **8 billion** people. (**6.8 million** are in **ISRAEL!**)

If **GOD** had said, “*I’m only going to the JEWS,*” **HE** would still have been **MERCIFUL** because no one deserves to be saved. But **HE** didn’t do that. Instead, **HE** opened the door of **SALVATION** to everyone!

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We'll get to that in *chapter 11*. But **HE** did so by first offering it to the **JEWS**—that's why **JESUS** was **JEWISH!**

*John 1:11-13*—“11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

Will there be any **JEWISH** people in **HEAVEN**? Absolutely. But not every **JEWISH** person goes to **HEAVEN**. Will there be any **GENTILES** in **HEAVEN**? Absolutely. But not every **GENTILE** goes to **HEAVEN**. The **ONLY WAY** anyone gets to **HEAVEN** is through **FAITH IN JESUS!**

**I. WE SEE THE CASE FOR GOD'S MERCY!**

Quoting from two **OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS**, **PAUL** builds the case for **GOD'S MERCY**.

- A. GOD Receives Gentiles Into HIS FAMILY! (Vs 25-26)**  
He supports this using words from the prophet *Hosea 2:23* and *Hosea 1:10*.

This shows that it's a not a new thing for **GOD** to add **GENTILES** to **HIS FAMILY**. Do you see the centrality of **GOD'S** work here?

Note the phrase: “*I will call them my people...and beloved*” and “*...shall they be called the children of the living God*”

- B. GOD Redeems A Remnant From ISRAEL! (Vs 27-29)**  
Not only will **GENTILES** become full members of **GOD'S FAMILY**, but many **JEWS** will be left out.

Drawing from *ISAIAH 10:22-23* and *ISAIAH 1:9*, **PAUL** summarizes here that those **JEWS** who respond in **FAITH** become part of the **REMNANT**. **TRUE BELIEVERS** are always a minority.

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**PAUL** is reminding those with a **JEWISH** background that they might not make it in, and they better **REPENT** quickly if they want to be part of the **REMNANT** because **GOD** is carrying out **HIS** sentence with speed and finality.

Like **HE** did with **SODOM** and **GOMORRAH**, the destruction will be total, and only a handful will be **SAVED**.

**II. WE SEE DIVINE ELECTION AND HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY!**

Last week I made a statement to summarize what we see in this chapter: **GOD IS SUPREME SOVEREIGN and WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR RESPONSE TO HIM!**

- A. GOD Is Supremely SOVEREIGN!**  
**SALVATION starts with GOD and ends with GOD!**  
No one can ever claim any credit for their **SALVATION!** Somebody pointed out, “*We don't even get any points for seeking the LORD because HE sought us before we ever sought HIM!*”

**HARRY IRONSIDE** told of a prayer meeting where a man gave a stirring testimony of **GOD'S GRACE** in his life. Afterwards someone came up to him and said, “*My brother, that was a fine testimony you gave. You talked a lot about GOD, but you didn't mention your own part in salvation.*” The man thought for a moment and then said, “*You're right. I did leave that out. My part was to run away from God as fast as I could, and God's part was to run after me until he caught me.*”

So it is with all of us. We do the running away and **GOD** does the catching. We're in charge of being lost. **GOD** is in charge of saving us.

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**B. We Are Responsible For Our Response To GOD!**

The **BIBLE** says that **GOD ONLY SAVES** those who place their **FAITH** in **JESUS CHRIST!**

**Henry Ward Beecher** used to say that the **ELECT** were the “*Whosoever wills*” and the **NON-ELECT** were the “*Whosoever won’ts.*”

If you are wondering whether **GOD** has **PREDESTINED** you to **SALVATION**, just answer this question: **Have you ever placed your FAITH in JESUS CHRIST—and IN HIM ALONE—for your SALVATION?**

If the answer is yes, then you’re **PREDESTINED** for **HEAVEN**. But what if the answer is **NO?** Or what if you’re **NOT SURE?**

One reason **GOD** has **DELAYED HIS PUNISHMENT** is to give you more time to be **SAVED**. If you go to **HELL**, it won’t be **GOD’S** fault. **HE’S** done everything necessary to make sure you can go to **HEAVEN!**

**From our human standpoint, we are completely free.**

When we wake up in the morning, we have a choice to get out of bed or to stay in bed. We can choose to wear what we want. Every decision we make is a free choice. With those choices may come consequences!

Understand that if **GOD** had not intervened in our lives, none of us had any hope whatsoever! We never would have sought **HIM** out on our own and even if we had we never could have done anything to warrant **HEAVEN!** We were **SINNERS BY NATURE** and **SINNERS BY CHOICE!**

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*Ephesians 2:4– “But GOD, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ”*

Our **CHOICE** is a **FREE CHOICE**, but it is made possible only by **GOD’S HOLY SPIRIT** enabling us to **BELIEVE** and be **SAVED!**

The **GOOD NEWS** is that **NO ONE** has to go to **HELL**. **Whosoever will may come!**

If you want to be **SAVED**, you can be **SAVED** if you will **OBEY** the **GOSPEL** by **TRUSTING** in **CHRIST ALONE!** That is the promise of **GOD** to you. No one will ever be lost who turns to **CHRIST** for **SALVATION!**

**DEATH** is the **DEADLINE!** Once you **DIE**, the **DEADLINE** to be **SAVED** passes— it’s too late to ask after you die.

*GOD Is Supremely SOVEREIGN...*

*We Are Responsible For Our Response To GOD...*

**C. We Are Responsible To Tell Others The GOOD NEWS!  
(2 Corinthians 5:18-21)**

**SINNERS** must be told of **CHRIST** before they can **TRUST HIM**, and they must **TRUST HIM** before they can be **SAVED BY HIM!** **SALVATION** depends on **FAITH**, and **FAITH** on **KNOWING THE GOSPEL!**

**GOD’S WAY** of **SAVING SINNERS** is to bring them to **FAITH** through bringing them into contact with the **GOSPEL**. (*Romans 10:13-15*)