

## God's Election Is Righteous

### Romans 9:14–18

The first reason given from chapters 9 thru 11 to explain how God's word has not failed, even though Israel has rejected the gospel, is that God never promised that every descendant of Abraham would be saved but only those whom He chose.

- Some suggest that God's election is to a privileged position.
- Some suggest that God's election is of the nation of Israel and not of individuals.
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The purpose of chapter 9 is to demonstrate that God's word has not failed and that His promise of salvation to Israel has not failed because *they are not all Israel who are of Israel* (6). In other words, not all *elect Israel* are the *elect of Israel*. In fact, *that the purpose of God according to election might stand* (11) means that God has always made a distinction between the descendants of Abraham by choosing a remnant of individuals from the whole of the nation to be the children of God - **Romans 11:1–5**

Is God's election of individuals before birth and apart from human action unrighteous?

*What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not!* - One should never ever make such an abhorrent conclusion about God. Two verses are given to prove God's righteousness in His election.

*For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOMEVER I WILL HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOMEVER I WILL HAVE COMPASSION." So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.*

- All of Israel deserved to be judged because they worshipped the golden calf but God spared them (Exodus 32-34).
- God's righteousness is His right to show His glory by freely bestowing mercy upon whomever He chooses.
- God's saving mercy is not necessitated upon of man's wanting it or expecting it, nor is God's mercy dependent upon man's seeking it or deserving it, but is given because of God's own free choice to bestow it upon whomever He wills.

*For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I HAVE RAISED YOU UP, THAT I MAY SHOW MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MAY BE DECLARED IN ALL THE EARTH." - God hardened Pharaoh's heart because it is His right to show His glory through the judgment of the wicked - **Exodus 4:21; 7:3–5, 13 & 22; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7, 12, 13–16; 12:29–33; 14:1–4, 8, 13–18***

*Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.*

- God is not obligated to save anyone, in fact, He hardens sinners for His purposes.
- God is not obligated to save anyone, but will save whoever He freely chooses.

**Lamentations 3:22–23 Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.**