

God's Sovereign Choice - II

Romans 9:19-33

Introduction

I The Sovereignty Of God Questioned

- A. The _____ of man
 1. "Then why does God still blame us?" - Ezek 18:32
 2. "Who can resist His will?"
- B. The _____ of Paul
 1. "Who are you to talk back to God?" - Is 45:9
 2. "Who are you to critique God's work?" - Job 38-41
 - a. "Why did you make me like this?" - Job 40:1

II The Sovereignty Of God Demonstrated

- A. He is the _____, we are the _____ - Jer 18:1-6
 1. He has the right to make out of the same lump:
 - a. Pottery for _____ purposes
 - b. Pottery for _____ purposes - 2 Tim 2:20-21
- B. He is God and we are not
 1. He chose to show his wrath and power by: - 2 Pet 3:9
 - a. Bearing with great patience the objects of His _____
 1. Which were prepared for _____ - Prov 16:4
 2. He can choose to show the _____ of His glory by:
 - a. Making known His glory to the objects of His _____
 1. Whom he prepared in advance for _____
 - a. Even us whom he called; Jew and Gentile
 1. Affirmed by the prophet Hosea -1 Pt 2:10
 2. Affirmed by the prophet Isaiah - Is 10:22

III The Sovereignty Of God Defended

- A. The _____ who did not pursue righteousness:
 1. Have obtained a righteous standing by _____ - Rom 1:17
- B. The _____ who pursued a law of righteousness
 1. Have not attained it because:
 - a. They pursued it as if it were by _____ - Gal 5:4
 2. They _____ over the "stumbling stone"
 - 1 Cor 1:22-23; 1 Pet 2:6-8

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time to consider the following questions:

1. Have you ever blamed God for something that happened in your life? Was He really at fault? Why or why not? Why do you think we have a tendency to blame God for our problems?
2. Do you tend to think of God as existing for your benefit, or you existing for His benefit? How does your conclusion impact your life, choices, priorities and attitudes?
3. What are God's sovereign rights over mankind? How does Paul illustrate God's rights over all men in verse 21? What has been your response to the a) mercy and b) authority of God?
4. What has the Potter been doing in your life lately? Is there an area in your life where you need to recognize and yield to God's sovereignty as the Divine Potter? How have you been responding? How should you respond?
5. There are two approaches to seeking salvation as outlined in verses 30-33. What are they? What are the pluses and minuses of each approach? Which most closely reflects your life?
6. Take a moment to surrender your life back to the Divine Potter. Ask Him to give you a yielded and humble heart that above all else seeks to bring Him glory, honor and praise!

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