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Now let's Listen to God's Holy Word →



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God, Israel, the Messiah, & The Gospel - #2

- 1. Romans 1 thru 8 → The Gospel in all its dimensions**
- 2. Romans 9 thru 11 → Israel and the Gospel**
- 3. Romans 12 thru 16 → How we are to live out the Gospel in our lives**

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This chapter can address what many might call controversial subjects and topics, such as God's Sovereignty and God Election, etc. So, today we will address the foundational aspects of these chapters before we proceed into the weeds of the details of these chapters ...

So, let's read Romans chapter 9 (see handout)

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1. God Chose → Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob ... the Genetic Descendants of Jacob, of the 12 sons of Israel ... for His Purposes. His Promises, His Covenants all with Israel. Not all of the descendants of Israel would become “children of God”

see Romans 9:6-13 – God is Sovereign in His Choosing of His Chosen People, Israel. Unchanging Purposes for Israel. But, that does not mean that every Israelite will be Saved and will go to Heaven.

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2. Finding Fault with God? Romans 9:14-24

This is in regards to His Choosing of Israel: Confronting jealousy and hatred. This person “O Man” represents unbelievers who want to argue with God, the Bible, etc... Paul brings up God’s Sovereignty, it is God’s Universe. This is NOT saying that God is Capricious ...

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Pharaoh → God predicted that Pharaoh would not listen to God or to Moses, ahead of time, and explained this to Moses (see Exodus 4:21-23).

Exodus 7:3-5: And I will HARDEN Pharaoh's heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt. 4 **But Pharaoh will not heed you**, so that I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My armies and My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. 5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them.

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Pharaoh → So, did God hardened Pharaoh's heart and then punish Pharaoh for hardening his heart?

Remember: God Opposes the Proud, but Gives Grace to the Humble. Yes, this principle applies here. So, I encourage you to read the whole account from Exodus 4 thru 14. → We MUST approach Romans 9 - 11 by reading the cited Scriptural Quotes and Ref.s in their original contexts, NOT interpreting them based on Romans 9-11 ... but understanding their original contextual teachings, etc.

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In the case of Pharaoh, “God hardened Pharaoh’s heart” in the sense that God provided the circumstances and the occasion for Pharaoh to be forced to make a decision. God sent Moses to place His demands before Pharaoh. Moses merely announced God’s instructions. God even accompanied His Word with miracles — to confirm the divine origin of the message (cf. Mark 16:20). Pharaoh made up his own mind to resist God’s demands. Of his own accord, he stubbornly refused to comply. Of course, God provided the occasion for Pharaoh to demonstrate his unyielding attitude. If God had not sent Moses, Pharaoh would not have been faced with the dilemma of whether to release the Israelites. So, God was certainly the instigator and initiator. But He was not the author of Pharaoh’s defiance.

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3. Israel, the reason for their situation Today, and in Paul's Day ... Romans 9:25-33

They refused to believe God, believe God's Word, Trust in His Messiah

Their Partial Hardening of their Heart, is NOT because God wants them that way ... but based upon their own response to God and His Word (just like Pharaoh ...)

Refusing to believe God and His Word → that is what Hardens one's heart ... God does not Harden a person's heart first ... God, in essence, indirectly hardens hearts when people reject Him and His Word... it is a RESULT

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3. Israel, the reason for their situation Today

³⁰ What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith; ³¹ but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has NOT attained to the law of righteousness. ³² Why? BECAUSE THEY DID NOT SEEK IT BY FAITH, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that STUMBLING STONE. ³³ As it is written: “Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, and whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”

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Paul is helping us understand God's Choosing of Israel, did NOT negate Israel's NEED to Trust in Christ for their Salvation. Gentile and Israeli, BOTH, must Trust in the Gospel of Christ (the Good News of the Messiah) for their Salvation ... no difference back then, as it is today

Although, Israel are still "God's Chosen People" they were chosen to bring forth God's Salvation to the Ends of the Earth through their Messiah ... who they were, also, supposed to Trust in, and Follow.

**Who were the First Disciples? Israelis (Jews)
Same Great Commission → Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15**

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