



# "The Sovereign Will of God"

Romans 9:14-18

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## The sovereign will of God...

### 1. ...expresses His love with unmerited \_\_\_\_\_ Rom 9:13

"Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."" - Rom 9:13

- ""But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," - Mat 5:44
- ""But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you," - Luk 6:27
- ""But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil [men.]" - Luk 6:35

### How to interpret a difficult passage.

- 1) God doesn't contradict Himself.
- 2) Don't redefine His words.
- 3) Define it from the context.
- 4) Interpret it with careful regard for God's attributes.
- 5) Don't reinterpret clear passages from anomalous ones. [unclear from clear.]

### 2. ...is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 1) Faith in God's \_\_\_\_\_ not works characterizes the elect. Rom 9:8 & 13

"That is, it is *not the children of the flesh* who are children of God, *but the children of the promise* are regarded as descendants." - Rom 9:8

#### 2) "May it \_\_\_\_\_ be" is used 14xs by Paul. - Rom 3:4

- 1) A \_\_\_\_\_ exclamatory expression.
- 2) Always a \_\_\_\_\_ of God or His word regarding justice. Rom 3:4  
"May it never be! Rather, let God be found true, though every man [be found] a liar, as it is written, "THAT *YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED IN YOUR WORDS, AND PREVAIL WHEN YOU ARE JUDGED.*" - Rom 3:4
- 3) We \_\_\_\_\_ God's justice. - Jas 1:20.  
"For *the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.*" - Jas 1:20 KJV
- 4) We \_\_\_\_\_ annul God's judgment. - Job 40:8  
""Will *you* really *annul My judgment?* Will you condemn Me that you may be justified?" - Job 40:8

### 3. ...is \_\_\_\_\_ Rom 9:15

"For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION."" - Rom 9:15

#### 1) God's election is not based upon any man's \_\_\_\_\_ Rom 3:9

"What then? Are we better than they? Not at all; for we have already charged that both Jews and Greeks are *all under sin;*" - Rom 3:9

- 1) There was no innate \_\_\_\_\_ found in Jacob.
- 2) There was no special moral \_\_\_\_\_ in Jacob.

#### 2) God's mercy is given to those who have \_\_\_\_\_ to give back.

- 1) Unbeliever - \_\_\_\_\_ God I will be the master of my own destiny.
- 2) Believer - with God's \_\_\_\_\_ I will be the master of my own destiny.

### 4. ...is not accomplished by human \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 1) ...not human \_\_\_\_\_ Mat 22:14. "Many are called but **few accept Him.**"

""For many are called, but few [are] *chosen.*"" - Mat 22:14

#### 2) ...not human \_\_\_\_\_ Zec 4:6

"Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, '**Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,**' says the LORD of hosts." - Zec 4:6

### 3) ...but God's \_\_\_\_\_ . John 1:11-13

"He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, [even] to those who believe in His name, who were born, *not* of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of *the will of man, but of God.*" - Jhn 1:11-13

### 5) ...accomplishes His work through His \_\_\_\_\_ . Jhn 3:21

"But anyone who lives by the truth comes to the light, so that *his works* may be shown to be *accomplished by God.*" - Jhn 3:21 CSB

🕒 **Forsaking human works doesn't mean \_\_\_\_\_ .** - Rom 3:30-31; Rom 9:8

- "since indeed God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith is one. Do we then nullify the Law *through faith*? May it never be! On the contrary, *we establish the Law.*" - Rom 3:30-31
- "That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are *children of God*, but *the children of the promise* are regarded as descendants." - Rom 9:8

### 6) ...contrasts the superiority of God's \_\_\_\_\_ over man's. Hab 2:14

"For *the earth will be filled with* the knowledge of *the glory of the LORD*, As the waters cover the sea." - Hab 2:14

### Pharaoh contrasts man \_\_\_\_\_ and... Gen 3:5

"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and *you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*" - Gen 3:5

### 1) ...demonstrates God's \_\_\_\_\_ . Dan 4:34-35

"But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; For *His dominion is an everlasting dominion*, And *His kingdom [endures]* from generation to generation. "All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But *He does according to His will in* the host of *heaven And [among] the inhabitants of earth*; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, 'What have You done?'" - Dan 4:34-35

### The sovereign will of God...

### 1) ...gives mercy to His \_\_\_\_\_ . 1Pe 1:3

- "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who *according to His great mercy* has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," - 1Pe 1:3
- "for though [the twins] were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so *that God's purpose according to [election] choice would stand*, not because of works but *because of Him who calls*," - Rom 9:11

### 2) ...hardens the hearts of the \_\_\_\_\_ .

#### 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ hardens Pharaoh's heart. 9xs - Exo 7:3

"But *I will harden Pharaoh's heart* that I may multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt." - Exo 7:3.

#### 2) \_\_\_\_\_ hardens his own heart. 4xs - Exo 9:34

"But when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunder had ceased, *he sinned again and hardened his heart*, he and his servants." - Exo 9:34

#### 3) Man is \_\_\_\_\_ to God and responsible for his actions. - Rom 1:18

- "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of *men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness*," - Rom 1:18
- "For even though they knew God, *they did not honor Him* as God *or give thanks*, but they became futile in their speculations, and *their foolish heart was darkened.*" - Rom 1:21

#### 4) Do not harden \_\_\_\_\_ heart. 4xs - Heb 4:7

"He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before, "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, *DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS.*" - Heb 4:7