

"IS GOD'S ELECTION MONSTROUSLY UNFAIR?"
ROMANS 9:14-18

I. PAUL CUTS OFF THE POTENTIAL BLASPHEMOUS ACCUSATION AGAINST GOD WITH AN EMPHATIC DENIAL (9:14)

A. Which Promotes The Fact Of A Divine Impossibility

B. Which Promotes The Fact That If God Is Truly Unrighteous Then The Whole Universe Will Eventually Collapse

II. PAUL CUTS OFF THE POTENTIAL BLASPHEMOUS ACCUSATION AGAINST GOD WITH YET TWO MORE OLD TESTAMENT QUOTATIONS (9:15-18)

A. The Moses Section [Exodus 33:19] (9:15-16)

1. God's Statement To Moses (9:15)

2. Paul's Conclusion Regarding The Matter (9:16)

a. Stated Negatively: People Are Not Shown Mercy Because Of Human Will Or Work

b. Stated Positively: God Is Completely Sovereign Regarding Who Receives Mercy And Who Does Not

B. The Pharaoh Section [Exodus 9:16] (9: 17- 18)

1. God's Statement To Pharaoh (9:17)

2. Paul's Conclusion Regarding The Matter (9:18)

**"A SAMPLING OF GOD'S SOVEREIGN OPTION
TO
WORK NEGATIVELY WITHIN HIS CREATION"**

Deuteronomy 2:30 "But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by *him: for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate*, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as appeareth this day."

Joshua 11:20 "For *it was of the LORD to harden their hearts*, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly and that they might have no favor..."

I Samuel 2:25 "If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, *because the LORD would slay them.*"

I Kings 22:22 "And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. **22:23** Now therefore, behold, *the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.*"

II Thessalonians 2:11 "And for this cause *God shall send them strong delusion*, that they should believe a lie: **2:12** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Romans 1:24 "Wherefore *God also gave them up...*

1:26 "For this cause *God gave them up...*

1:28 "... *God gave them over...*