

Romans

God's Sovereign Choice ([Romans 9:1-29](#)) (2/2)

Introduction

Week 25 homework:

- Write down what [Romans 9:14-29](#) says and think about the implications
- Extra credit homework: review [Exodus 33; 8-9; Isaiah 28-29; Hosea](#)
- Thought to keep in mind: God never got off His path

Read: God's Sovereign Choice (9:1-29)

Explain: God's Sovereign Choice (9:1-29) (2/2)

What do the words mean?

14 **What shall we say** [future active indicative] **then? Is there injustice** [legal injustice, moral wrongfulness, iniquity, unrighteousness, wrong] **on God's part? By no means** [second aorist active optative]! **15** **For he says** [present active indicative] **to Moses, "I will have mercy on** [future active indicative] **whom I have mercy** [present active subjunctive], **and I will have compassion** [future active indicative] **on whom I have compassion** [present active subjunctive]." **16** **So then it depends not on human will** [present active participle] **or exertion** [present active participle], **but on God, who has mercy** [present active participle]. **17** **For the Scripture says** [present active indicative] **to Pharaoh, [Exodus 9:16] "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power** [*dynamis*] **in you, and that my name might be proclaimed** [second aorist passive (Robertson) subjunctive; declared, preached, signified] **in all the earth."** **18** **So then he has mercy on** [present active indicative] **whomever he wills, and he hardens** [present active indicative; renders stubborn, harden] **whomever he wills** [present active indicative].

19 **You will say** [future active indicative] **to me then, "Why does he still find fault** [present middle indicative]? **For who can resist** [perfect active indicative; resist, stand against, oppose, withstand] **his will** [resolve, purpose, will]?" **20** **But who are** [present middle indicative] **you, O man, to answer back** [present middle participle; contradict, dispute, answer again, reply against] **to God? Will what is molded say** [future active indicative] **to its molder** [aorist active participle; shaper, fabricator, former], **"Why have you made** [aorist active indicative] **me like this?"** **21** **Has** [present active indicative] **the potter** [*kerameus*] **no right** [authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength] **over**

the clay, to make [aorist active infinitive] **out of the same lump one vessel** [goods, sail, stuff, vessel] **for honorable** [value, money paid, valuables, esteem dignity, honor, preciousness, price] **use and another for dishonorable** [infamous, indignity, disgraceful, dishonorable, reproach, shameful, vile] **use? 22 What if God, desiring** [present active participle] **to show his wrath** [desire, violent passion, abhorrence, punishment, anger, indignation, vengeance, wrath] **and to make known** [aorist active infinitive; certified, declared, made known, made to understand] **his power** [able, could, mighty, possible, power, strong], **has endured** [aorist active indicative; borne, carried, endured] **with much patience** [longanimity, forbearance, fortitude, longsuffering, patience] **vessels of wrath prepared** [perfect middle participle; _____, framed, mended, made perfectly joined together, prepared, restored] **for destruction** [damnation, destruction, death, perdition, perish, pernicious ways, waste], **23 in order to make known** [aorist active subjunctive; certified, declared, made known, made to understand] **the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand** [aorist active indicative; ordained before, prepared before, _____ up in advance] **for glory— 24 even us whom he has called** [aorist active indicative], **not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles** [*ethnos*; race, tribe, foreigner, Gentile, heathen, nation, people]? **25 As indeed he says** [present active indicative] **in Hosea, [Hosea 2:23]**

“Those who were not my people I will call [future active indicative] **‘my people,’ and her who was not beloved** [agapao; perfect middle participle] **I will call ‘beloved** [agapao; perfect middle participle].”

26 “And in the very place [future middle indicative; spot, space, location] **where it was said** [aorist middle indicative] **to them, [Hosea 1:10] ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called** [future middle indicative] **‘sons** [child, son] **of the living** [present active participle] **God.”**

27 And Isaiah cries out [present active indicative; croak, scream, call aloud, shriek, exclaim, intreat, cry, cry out] **concerning Israel [Isaiah 10:22]: “Though the number of the sons** [child, son] **of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant** [remainder, few, remnant] **of them will be saved** [future middle indicative], **[Isaiah 28:22] 28 for the Lord will carry out** [present active participle; complete entirely execute, end, finish, fulfill, make] **his sentence** [*logos*] **upon the earth fully and without delay** [present active participle; contract by cutting, do concisely, cut short].” **29 And as Isaiah predicted** [perfect active indicative; said already, predicted, foretold, said before],

“If the Lord of hosts [armies] **had not left** [second aorist active indicative; left behind, let remain over, desert, forsake, left] **us offspring** [*sperma*; seed, offspring, remnant, issue],

we would have been [aorist middle indicative] **like Sodom and become like** [aorist middle indicative] **Gomorrhah.”**

Are there any repeated words?

What are some observations of the text?

11 God's sovereign choice to save is based on God's sovereign choice and not on our future works

14 **Robertson's New Testament Word Pictures: There is a national election as seen in Romans 9:7-13, but here [Romans 9:14-] Paul deals with the election of individuals**

25 Hosea had a son (**Hosea 1:8-9**) named Loammi (not my people). Hosea had a daughter (**Hosea 1:6-7**) named Loruhamah (not pitied).

Hughes: The fact is, God is perfect. Perfect in knowledge, wisdom, power, presence, faithfulness, goodness, justice, mercy, grace, love, and holiness. Therefore he is perfect in His choices. . . . God does not answer to anyone, is not responsible to anyone. He is totally, absolutely sovereign.

Apply (What is the point?)

1. God is _____
2. God sovereignly _____
3. God _____ sovereignly choosing

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. _____ to His sovereignty
2. _____ to His present sovereign choices
3. _____ to His past sovereign choices

Next week: Israel's Unbelief (9:30-33)

Homework

Resources (our helps—order matters)

- Holy Spirit
- Bible: **Romans** (ESV)
- Church: bit.ly/FlemingSS
- Tools: bit.ly/romans2017

Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read (**Romans**)
- Talk (about **Romans**—bit.ly/romans2017group)
- Send (feedback to jim314@yahoo.com by Wed)