

Is God Fair?
Romans 9:13-18
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"And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac (for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), it was said to her, 'The older shall serve the younger.' As it is written, 'Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.' What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not! For He says to Moses, 'I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.' So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy. For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, 'For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.' Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens." (Romans 9:10-18; NKJ)

V. Paul's Thesis: Your salvation is initiated by _____! (v13)

(Malachi 1:2-3)

A. The objection to God's choosing: "That's _____, God!"

"What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not!" (v14)

B. God's Choosing: the "_____ of the Game".

(2 Timothy 2:5)

1. All people are under a thoroughly _____.

"As it is written: 'There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside;...'" (Romans 3:10-12; NKJ)

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6; NKJ)

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:17-18; NKJ)

2. God is under _____ to show mercy to anyone at all. (v15)

3. God is _____ to show mercy on _____ He chooses. (v15)

4. Our _____ -choice of God is dependent on God's _____ -choice of us. (v16)

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." (Romans 2:8-9; NKJ)

5. God always acts consistent with his _____ and _____. (vv 17-18)

"But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the Lord had said." (Exodus 8:15; NKJ)

"But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go." (Exodus 10:20; NKJ)

"...'For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.' ..."

"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Your name give glory, because of Your mercy, because of Your truth. Why should the Gentiles say, 'so where is their God?' But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases." (Psalm 115:1-3; NKJ)