

God is God! (And I Am Not)
Romans 9:19-26
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"You will say to me then, 'Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?' But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, 'Why have you made me like this?' Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As He says also in Hosea: 'I will call them My people, who were not My people, and her beloved, who was not beloved.' 'And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' There they shall be called sons of the living God.'" (Romans 9:19-26; NKJ)

VI. Paul's thesis: Salvation is completely _____!

A. The Objection: Why does God _____ us? (_____ us?) (v19)

B. Objection Overruled! Because _____! (v20)

(Job 38:1-4)

1. God is God! His _____ is _____ beyond ours.

"... 'For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,' says the Lord. 'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.'" (Isaiah 55:6-9; NKJ)

2. God is God! He has the _____ and _____ of creation. (v21)

"You have turned things around, as if the potter were the same as the clay. How can what is made say about its maker, 'He didn't make me'? How can what is formed say about the one who formed it, 'He doesn't understand what he's doing'?" (Isaiah 29:16; CSB)

"But now, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our potter; and all we are the work of Your hand." (Isaiah 64:8; NKJ)

3. God is God! He has the right of _____ in _____ . (vv 22-24)

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9; NKJ)

4. God is God! His _____ is infinitely greater than ours! (vv 25-26)

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8; NKJ)

"... who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy." (1 Pet 2:9-10)

C. What the objection exposes: the state of _____!

1. Let us rekindle the _____ of the _____!

"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:28-29; NKJ)

2. Let us leave room for _____!

3. Let us check our _____ and _____!

4. Let us get in on _____!