

Learning and Living the Bible Together

Romans 9

1. Paul's CARE and passion for the people of Israel. (vv. 1-3)

-> we should have a SINCERE & CONTINUAL BURDEN for the lost

2. God's COVENANT with Israel. (vv. 4-5)

3. Paul addresses the CONCERNS that Israel and others might have about God. (vv. 6-33)

a) Is God faithful to keep His promises? (v. 6)

- God is FAITHFUL and RELIABLE. He keeps His promises. (vv. 6-9)

- God is PURPOSEFUL. (vv. 10-13)

- God is SOVEREIGN. He does what He pleases. (vv. 10-13)

- God works through whom He CHOOSES. (vv. 10-13)

b) Is God just? Is God fair? (v.14)

- Justice says all are CONDEMNED due to our sin. (Rom. 3:1-20; John 3:17-19,36)

- God is MERCIFUL and COMPASSIONATE but sometimes we can fail to see it. (vv. 15-16)

- God is SOVEREIGN, RIGHTEOUS, and POWERFUL. He WORKS perfectly way to accomplish His will. (vv. 16-18)

* for our GOOD and His GLORY

* sometimes MISUNDERSTOOD by us

c) Is God righteous? Is it right for God to judge me if He is in control? My destiny is not my fault. (v.19)

NOTE: Paul visits this again in chapter 10 but first mentions God and who He is.

- God is THE AUTHORITY. He is the Boss of all things, including us. (vv. 20-24)

- God is CREATOR. Who are we to questions Him? (vv. 20-21)

- God is SOVEREIGN. This is a key message throughout this text. (vv. 20-24)

- God is NOT SURPRISED and knows exactly what He is doing. (vv. 25-30)

- God FULFILLS His Word and is always FAITHFUL to keep His promises. (vv. 25-30)

-> We must SUBMIT to His sovereignty.

-> God CALLS PEOPLE to Him. He has called Jews and Gentiles. God does the saving.

- * Christians should have JOY AND GRATITUDE over His grace and say “why me?”
- * Christians should have SECURITY in knowing our salvation is solely in Him and through Him.
- * Christians should be in AWE of God. He is way beyond our understanding and to be worshiped.

-> We should take great COMFORT on seeing God and His attributes. He is perfectly in control of all.

d) Did God’s Word to Israel fail? No! (9:30-33)

- GENTILES are included in His extension of grace.
- God saves (9:6-29) but RIGHTEOUSNESS is required to be saved. (9:30-33)
- Righteousness for salvation comes by FAITH. (9:30)
- Israel made the MISTAKE that many make today — they pursued righteousness based upon works and not by faith in Christ. (9:31-33)

-> People are all sinners destined for hell but SOME are saved by GRACE through FAITH. (vv. 30-33; also see 10:1-4)

Our Response

- * Christians should SHARE THE GOSPEL with great passion. Sovereignty and election are mentioned but we must share the Gospel with passion. We must serve with a burdened heart and bruised knees [J. D. Greear] (9:1-3; see also 10:1)
- * People need to be shown that righteousness is not achieved via RELIGIOUS activity. (10:2-3)
- * People need to KNOW AND LEARN about the true God. We must tell them about God and His solution for them.