

ROMANS 35 – 9:9-18

The Will of God

1. 9:8-9

- a. Remember the will of God defined for Israel in Rom 9:4-5, what happened?
- b. Abraham's seed > Isaac's promise > election of Jacob > not all these are Israel
- c. Being born of the flesh was not sufficient to be children of God – John 3:5-7
- d. Child of the flesh = of Abraham; Child of promise = of God. Gen 17:19 & 18:10-14
- e. *"This is the word of promise"* = Flesh fails, but the Lord performs his will

2. 9:10-12

- a. *"when Rebecca conceived..."* – Note the time reference is not before the world
- b. *"our father"* – Paul was a Jew, but also could speak to Jews – Rom 2:17, 4:1, 7:1
- c. *"being not yet born"* – but were conceived, not before the world – Gen 25:21-24
- d. The election is about choosing how his purpose will be fulfilled – Eph 1:11
- e. Why did God say this before their birth? That His will be done not of their works
- f. *"but of him that calleth"* – How does he call? With his words, not invisible coercion
- g. Esau had the choice to heed God's call and get into God's purpose or not

3. 9:13

- a. God chose (elected) Jacob, which is the nation Israel: Isa 45:4; Deu 7:7-11, 10:14-15
- b. *"Jacob have I loved"* – is a quote from Mal 1:2-3 long after both men are dead
- c. *"Esau have I hated"* – not him individually, but his nation as explained in Obad 10
- d. God's purpose was through Jacob, though even Isaac willed it to Esau- Gen 27:10
- e. We don't make up God's mind, he chooses who receives his promised purpose

4. 9:14-17

- a. Unrighteousness because God chose Jacob who deceived – Gen 27:33-35, 28:13
- b. *"God forbid"* – God chooses who will get mercy and how – Exo 20:5-6, 33:19
- c. God said this when the rest of the nation was disobedient! – Exo 32:9-10, 33:1-3
- d. *"So then it..."* what is it? It is NOT salvation, it is the purpose of God ... for Israel
- e. It was God's will and work that provides mercy, not Israel's - Eze 36:20-24

5. 9:17-18

- a. *"same purpose"* – what purpose? To declare his name in the EARTH! - Exo 9:16
- b. It was about God's purpose getting done, whether they receive mercy or not
- c. By the same purpose that generation died in the wilderness – Psa 95:8
- d. *"whom he will he hardneth"* - by a strong hand, not damning to hell - Exo 3:18-20
- e. The truth can harden or soften, God's hand can plead or threaten – Exo 4:21-23
- f. God is like a matador waving red before the bull – Exo 5:2, 2, 7:1-4, 7:13, 7:22, 8:15
- g. Pharaoh repented... but then hardened his heart, again – Exo 9:27-28, 9:33-35
- h. God uses the wicked for his purpose, not to glory in death – Psa 10:2, Eze 18:23-32