

GOD'S ELECTION AND ISRAEL

(#1) - The Father wants everyone in the whole world saved.

a. Which that took us off into Calvinism.

His first 4 points deal with the thought that what I just said isn't true.

b. Calvin believed:

***** Summary:

#1 - You can't do anything to get saved, God has to do everything for you,

#2 - God chooses who will be saved,

#3 - Jesus only died for the ones God has chosen,

#4 - They have no choice on salvation - can't resist.

#5 - Once we are saved, we cannot be lost.

(#2) - Romans 9 - 11. (Questions on God's election, and hardening some, etc.)

God's Sovereignty and Election. (Romans 9)

- Isaac and Ishmael (Genesis 17:15-22)
- Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:20ff)
- > God did elect there..... (But not for salvation)

- Pharaoh - raised up to display God's power and name through him to all the earth.
- the route it went was the hard way, and Pharaoh became hard....

(Ex. 4 - 11)

REMEMBER: A HUGE KEY IN THIS
CHAPTER is v. 15.

Romans 9:15-16 (NKJV)

[15] 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." [16] So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

- > v. 16a - shows up in connection to election.
(Isaac & Ishmael - v. 7-9)
(Jacob & Esau - v. 11)
(Pharaoh - v. 17 > explained right after v. 15-16.....)
- > Election is an act of either Mercy or Compassion

Exodus 33:19 (NKJV)

[19] Then He said, "I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

Going back to Pharaoh:

- Exodus 4:21-23 (God's announcement to Moses was speaking of the end)
- Pharaoh hardens himself (9 times):

Ex. 5:2, 6; 7:13-14, 22; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7, 34-35;

- God tells Moses where this thing is going and what he will do with it. (Ex. 7:1-5)
- God hardens Pharaoh's heart: (5 times)

Ex. 9:12; 10:1, 20, 27, 11:10.

- It started with Pharaoh hardening himself,
- and then God helped him along in the process.

OBSERVATION #1

- We tend to interpret - Ex. 9:16
 - Rom. 9:17
- > in the negative sense, when.....

OBSERVATION #2

- Pharaoh hardened himself (9 times)
- God hardens.... (5 times)

OBSERVATION #3

- Causative vs. Permissive (Hebrew)
- > which may make the #2 observation a mute point.
- > In the original language, it's just as correct to say:
 - God hardened Pharaoh's heart (as it is to say)
 - God allowed Pharaoh's heart to be hardened.

> Robert Young. (PDF Article)

> Book: "Hints and Helps to Bible Interpretation"