

The Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ
A Survey of the Book of Romans
God's Sovereignty in Salvation (part 1)
Romans 9

Our Starting Point: *Humility Before our Transcendent God*
Rom 11:33-36

Q. Is God Unfaithful to His Promises to Israel?
Romans 9:1-6a

A. *Not All Israel is Israel: The Remnant*
Romans 9:6b

God's Sovereign Choices and Fairness
Romans 9:7-14

- The Example of Isaac
- The Example of Jacob and Esau

Can God be Unjust?
Gen. 18:25; Deut. 32:4; Is. 45:19

Book Recommendations

- R.C. Sproul, ***Chosen By God: Know God's Perfect Plan for His Glory and His Children.*** (Tyndale Publishers, 1986)
- Roger Olsen, ***Arminian Theology: Myths and Realities.*** (IVP Academic, 2006)

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Digging Deeper into Romans 9

1. Let's start our discussion with reading Romans 11:33-36. What is the appropriate response from us to God's transcendent sovereignty?
2. Tony suggested that a definition of God's righteousness/justice is:

*God always acts in accordance with what is right and **He, Himself, is the final standard of what is right.***

If this is true, then God is incapable of doing something unjust. Survey through the following passages and discuss how they inform this truth (Gen. 18:25; Deut. 32:4; Is. 45:19).

3. Now Read Romans 9:1-14 and discuss God's sovereign plan for Israel as illustrated through Isaac and Jacob.
 - Specifically discuss the concept of "*unconditional election*" as presented in verse 11
 - What do we do with the phrase ". . . *Esau I hated?*" Doesn't this seem harsh of God?