

God's Sovereign Right

Romans 9:19-29

Main idea: God has the sovereign right to display his power and glory as he pleases, so he was pleased to demonstrate His glory by calling an undeserving remnant, putting His mercy on display.

Intro:

The nagging question continues... - **v.19**

Paul's argument is simple: God is the creator, and we are the creation. God doesn't owe us an explanation for his actions.

Three Sovereign Rights of the One True God

1. God has all rights over His creation - (**vv. 19-20**)
 - Our American rights versus God's rights
 - If you're so sovereign, why blame me?
 - Two facts, one Illustration
 - You are created (a lump of clay)
 - **Isaiah 45:9-13**
 - God is the Creator (He is the Potter)
 - **Jeremiah 18:6**
2. God has the right to demonstrate His glory (**vv. 21-23**)
 - Two pots, one lump - **v. 21**
 - Two wills, one God (Preceptive and decretive) - **v. 22**
 - **2 Peter 3:9**
 - One God, two vessels (Patience, purpose, preparations) - **vv. 22-23**
 - **Philippians 1:28; Romans 6:23**
3. God has the right to call the undeserving (**vv. 24-29**)
 - The river of all life leads to Judgment
 - But God adopts a people who are far from Him - **vv. 25-26**
 - **Hosea 1:10; 2:23**
 - But God chooses only a remnant to be saved - **vv. 27-29**
 - **Isaiah 10:22-23; 1:9**

So What?

- How am I putting God's power and glory on display?
 - **Psalms 8**

Now What?

- **Read Isaiah 26. How does Isaiah 26:3 connect God's sovereignty with our experience of peace?**
 - What does it mean to have a "steadfast mind" or a "mind stayed on Him"?
 - How does trusting God's rule over all things help us remain at peace during uncertainty, suffering, or change?
 - How might God's past action bring up present peace?
- **According to Isaiah 26:4, why is God's unchanging character essential for lasting peace?**
 - How does God's eternal nature differ from the worldly securities we often rely upon?
 - What practical situations in your life challenge your trust in God as your "everlasting Rock"?
- **How do verses 7–9 show that peace comes from submitting to God's sovereign purposes rather than demanding our own way?**
 - Why is it difficult to trust God's timing and direction when we do not understand or even see His plans?
 - How can recognizing God's sovereign direction reshape our response to disappointment or hardship?
 - According to Isaiah, what should be our greatest desire in life?
- **What hope does Isaiah 26:19 give believers who trust in God's sovereign rule?**
 - How does the promise of resurrection provide peace in the face of uncertainty, death, and suffering?
 - In what ways does God's sovereign control over life, death, and eternity strengthen our confidence and free us to live today with confidence?

Takeaway

- Isaiah 26 teaches that true peace is not found in an easy life but in a confident trust that the sovereign Lord reigns and governs all things wisely, and will ultimately fulfill His saving purposes in our lives and his world.

