

## Roamin' Thru Romans-Part 11

### A detailed study/analysis of the Book—Sunday Morning Series

May we stand please...

Scripture Reading: Romans 3:1—9

#### Prayer:

Paul's argument **continues** in this chapter about the sin of man, but he also **begins** to speak about the *way of salvation*.

Romans 3 may be divided into three major parts as follows:

- A. The **Whys** for Sovereignty (Romans 3:1-9) (Today)
- B. The Wickedness of Sinners (Romans 3:10-18)
- C. The Way of Salvation (Romans 3:19-31)

#### Today's Subject: The Whys for Sovereignty

Paul deals with some pertinent questions that have arisen regarding the Gospel.

These questions challenge the wisdom of the Sovereign God Who planned salvation, but Paul's answers show that the questions are the problem, not God.

- I. **The Why of Inheritance** (Romans 3:1, 2)

"What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision?" (Romans 3:1).

The first question focuses on the spiritual privileges of the Jews which the Jews inherited from their father Abraham whom God gave the covenant of blessing.

We will use the same "two" subpoints on each main point!

- A. **The reason for the question.**

Many Jews looked upon their spiritual privileges as their ticket to heaven.

- B. **The reply to the question.**

"Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God" (Romans 3:2).

The advantages that the Jews had were chiefly in the fact that they had the Scriptures.

- II. **The Why of Invalidation** (Romans 3:3, 4)

"What if some did not believe?" shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?" (Romans 3:3).

This second question would challenge the Gospel from the standpoint that not everyone who hears the Gospel believes in it.

A. **The reason for the question.**

The thought is that God should have given a Gospel that man would have readily accepted, and that if man rejects the Gospel, then this makes God faulty and His Gospel invalid.

B. **The reply to the question.**

*"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged" (Romans 3:4).*

Paul's answer is very forceful.

His language is very strong.

The idea that God is deficient because man rejects the Gospel is absurd.

III. **The Why of Inference (Romans 3:5-8)**

*"If our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God righteous who taketh vengeance?... if the truth of God hath more abounded through my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged a sinner?" (Romans 3:5, 7).*

This question challenges the fairness and righteousness of God in condemning sinners.

A. **The reason for the question.**

The issue here is that if the sinfulness of man causes God to be glorified through saving sinful man, does that not condemn God for judgment upon sin?

B. **The reply to the question.**

*"God forbid" (Romans 5:6).*

Paul's answer is again forceful.

The reply focuses on two issues in the question.

**First**, it stops God's judgment.

*"Then how shall God judge the world?" (Romans 3:6).*

**Second**, it slanders God's servant.

*"As we be slanderously reported... Let us to evil, that good many come" (Romans 3:8).*

But Paul gets in the final word with *"whose damnation is just"* (Romans 4:8).

Christ-rejecters may invent many reasons for their rejection, but when it is all said and done, their *"damnation"* will be justified.

Eternal hell is their justified destiny.

IV. **The Why of Inequality (Romans 3:9)**

"What then? are we better than they?" ([Romans 3:9](#)).

This fourth question addresses the problem of the Jews considering themselves better than the Gentiles.

A. ***The reason for the question.***

The Jews were given spiritual privileges which were not given the Gentiles.

B. ***The reply to the question.***

"No, in no wise; for we have before proved [that] both Jews and Gentiles... are all under sin" ([Romans 3:9](#)).

Paul's answer was again forceful with the "No, in no wise."

The Gospel message does not favor the Jew or Gentile.

They are both (as Paul has proven) in the same boat of sin and it is sinking fast.

Unless they (Jew or Gentile) turn to Christ they will be lost for eternity.

**Closing:** So, we will stop here for today!

Christ argued this truth with the religious leaders during His earthly ministry when He said, "*If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham... If God were your Father, ye would love me*" ([John 8:39, 42](#)).

Do you know this Jesus that the Book of Romans so clearly teaches us about?

If not, will you accept Him today?

Are you willing to forsake your sin (of judging others) and thank God for His wonderful grace?

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