

Scripture Reading: **Romans 9:24-33 (NKJV)**

Roamin' Thru Romans-Part 39

Remember, the Book of Romans is primarily about the Gospel though it includes many individual “doctrines and duties” related to the Gospel (wrath of God, Justification, Grace, Righteousness, Sovereignty, Service, Unity...).

Synopsis of Romans: We now move to the THIRD section of the Book of Romans:

1. **Chapter** 1—4 The Gospel Reveals God’s Righteousness
2. **Chapters** 5—8 The Gospel Creates a New Humanity
3. **Chapters** 9—11 The Gospel fulfills God’s Promise to Israel (Past, Present, and Future).
4. **Chapters** 12—16 The Gospel Unifies the Church

This morning, begin our study of chapter 9:

Now let me remind you about Romans 9:

Romans 8 may be divided into 13 major parts as follows:

- A. Israel and Divine Sovereignty (Romans 9:1-13)
- B. Independence of Divine Sovereignty (Romans 9:14-23)
- C. Illustrations of Divine Sovereignty (Romans 9:24-33) (**today**)

Subject: “**Illustrations of Divine Sovereignty**”

Introduction:

Two messages by two different prophets, **Hosea** and **Isaiah**, are used to further address this subject of the sovereignty of God regarding the Gospel.

The *illustrations* were to give support to giving the Gentiles the Gospel...

I. **The Prediction of Hosea (Romans 9:25, 26)**

(Romans 9:25, 26; cp. Hosea 1:10 and 2:23).

Romans 9:25-26 (NKJV)

²⁵ As He says also in Hosea: *"I will call them My people, who were not My people, And her beloved, who was not beloved."*

²⁶ *"And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' There they shall be called sons of the living God."*

Hosea 1:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ *"Yet the number of the children of Israel Shall be as the sand of the sea, Which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' There it shall be said to them, 'You are sons of the living God.'*

Hosea 2:23 (NKJV)

²³ *Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, And I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I*

will say to *those who were* not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my God!'

II. **The Proclamation of Isaiah (Romans 9:27-33)**

Isaiah spoke of the limiting in their response and the liability in their response.

• **The limiting in their response.**

Israel did not respond to the Gospel message well at all.

First, the multitude for the limiting.

Romans 9:27 (NKJV)

²⁷ Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: *"Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, The remnant will be saved.*

Second, the minority in the limiting.

"A remnant shall be saved" (Romans 9:27).

Third, the moment in the limiting.

Romans 9:28 (NKJV)

²⁸ *For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, Because the LORD will make a short work upon the earth."*

Fourth, the mercy in the limiting.

Romans 9:29 (NKJV)

²⁹ And as Isaiah said before: *"Unless the LORD of Sabaoth had left us a seed, We would have become like Sodom, And we would have been made like Gomorrah."*

• **The liability in their response.**

In our text, Paul does not speak of the sovereignty of God regarding the rejection of Israel of Christ but rather he speaks of human responsibility.

Why they failed to believe is stated here in at least three ways.

First, failure in faith.

Romans 9:31-32 (NKJV)

³¹ but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.

³² Why? Because *they did not seek it* by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.

Second, failure in fruit.

"But as it were by the works of the law" (Romans 9:32).

When faith is rejected, works will be substituted for it.

Third, failure in falling.

Romans 9:32-33 (NKJV)

³² *Why? Because they did not seek it by faith, but as it*

were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.

³³ As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and rock of offense, And whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

The Jews stumbled over that which was a steppingstone to heaven.

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

If not, will you accept Him today?

Will you make Him your "choice" today seeing that He has already "chosen" you?

When you "choose" to repent and receive Christ.

So, we will stop here for today!

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