

# ROMANS 9:6-13

## THE PERFECTIONS OF GOD

*Big Idea: God's saving promises are perfect and have never failed because they were always based on His saving work, not human lineage or effort.*

### GOD'S PROMISE IS PERFECT *(Read Romans 9:6-8)*

- Consider this quote and question: Israel's rejection did not abrogate God's promise, but simply gave further evidence that His promise had always been to those who believed as Abraham believed. Why might some Jewish people in Paul's day have believed God's promise had failed?
- What does it mean that "not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel," and what is the difference between physical descent and being a child of promise? (Galatians 3:6-7)
- Why is heritage or family background not enough for salvation? (e.g. John 1:12-13)

### GOD'S PURPOSE IS PERFECT *(Read Romans 9:9-12)*

- Why does Paul emphasize God's choice of Isaac, and not Ishmael, and Jacob, and not Esau? (e.g. Genesis 17:19-21; 18:10-14)
- What does this passage teach about God's sovereignty? (e.g. Ephesians 1:4-5; 2 Timothy 1:9)
- How do these verses reinforce that true salvation is by grace and not by works? (e.g. Romans 3:10-12; Ephesians 2:8-9)

### GOD'S PURSUIT IS PERFECT *(Read Romans 9:13)*

- Why is it important to understand this verse in its Old Testament context, and what does it mean "Jacob I love and Esau I hated (e.g. Malachi 1:2-3; Luke 14:26)?"
- Why is God's love perfect and how does understanding His love change us? (e.g. 1 Corinthians 1:27-31; 1 John 4:7-12)
- How does knowing God is sovereign shape our attitude toward others who do not yet believe, and why does God's sovereignty not negate a believer's call to pray for and evangelize the lost? (e.g. Romans 10:1, 14-15; Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20)

*Key Takeaway: Salvation is the greatest miracle anyone could ever experience. It is not rooted in who we are or what we have done, but in God's incredible grace and faithful promise. The Gospel is simply the story of God saving sinners who could never save themselves.*