

Is Israel's Unbelief Inconsistent with God's Plan? Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 9:14-24.
- B. Many struggle with the idea of God's absolute sovereignty.
- C. God is absolutely in charge in creation and administration. (Psalm 15:3; 1 Timothy 6:16; Revelation 4:11; Proverbs 16:4; Zechariah 10:12; Job 23:13; Psalm 33; 103; Isaiah 14:27; 46:9-10; 1 Samuel 2; Acts 17)
- D. The Bible is most clear in God's sovereignty in salvation.
- E. Paul is trying to show that Israel's unbelief does not violate God's promise.
- F. The unbelief of Israel is not inconsistent with God's person.

II. Someone will say God is unfair because he chooses some men over others.

- A. Paul responds by saying that God has always been righteous. (Genesis 18:25; Psalm 7:9; 116:5; 119:137; 71:19; 48:10; Jeremiah 9:23-24)
- B. God only appears unrighteous to those who are weak in faith.
- C. Scripture says that God has the right to elect people. (Exodus 33:19)
- D. God's choice is confirmed by faith. (Exodus 9:16; 1; John 15:16)

III. Someone will say that God cannot find fault if he is sovereign.

- A. God has appointed some to wrath but others to salvation. (1 Thessalonians 5:9)
- B. God has a right because he has a right. No one deserves salvation. Salvation is God's mercy. (2 Peter 2:12)

Application Questions:

1. Why is the issue of God's sovereignty difficult?

2. Why is it important to defend the character of God in the midst of his sovereign choice?

3. Did you feel like the speaker did an adequate job addressing God's sovereignty? Explain.
