

Session #34: “CHILDREN OF PROMISE”— *Romans 9:6-13*

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- Do you believe that God has the right to choose what He wants to do?
- Does God’s purpose for Israel exclude the need for any Israelite or Jew to come to eternal salvation apart from accepting Jesus Christ? Do Jews have another way?
- Who does the Bible refer to as “all Israel”? “of Israel”?
- Does Esau fit into “of Israel”? Does God’s plan of salvation include “all Israel”?
- Who is included in “the children of promise”?
- How important is Spiritual commitment to be included in the “children of promise”?
- V. 7 – What or who does the “the seed of Abraham”; “seed of Isaac”, include?
- Can you find any condemnation of Rebecca and Jacob in the Bible regarding Jacob’s receiving the birthright?
- How many years have passed between verses 12 & 13?

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

• THE PROBLEMS OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 9:1-11:36

#1 - THE REJECTION OF ISRAEL - 9:1-33

#2 - THE RECEPTION OF THE GENTILES - 10:1-21

#3 - THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL - 11:1-36

• #1 - THE REJECTION OF ISRAEL - Romans 9:1-33

1A. SEEN IN THE SORROW OF PAUL - 9:1-5

• 2A. SEEN IN THE SELECTION OF THE SEED - 9:6-13

- 1B. The case of ISAAC & ISHMAEL - 6-9 - cf. Gen. 17:18-21; 21:10-12

*Rom 9:6 **But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel,***

*Rom 9:7 **nor are they all children** because they are the seed of Abraham; but, **"IN ISAAC YOUR SEED (The Messiah) SHALL BE CALLED."***

1C. The Plan of God does not include all - 6-7 - "they are not all Israel, which are of Israel" - cf. *Rom. 11:26*

1D. God’s Word has not failed – "But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect"

NIV - “not as though God’s word had failed” - The argument of Rom. 9:4-5 and God’s choice of Israel - Deut. 7:6-9

2D. God’s will was clearly revealed - "in Isaac shall your seed be called" – Heb. 11:17-19;

Gal. 3:16 We are predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son! The Islamic holiday, *Qurbani Id* (or *Id Al-Adha*), is known as the “Sacrifice Festival.” Muslims celebrate this “great feast of sacrifice” on the tenth day of the last month of the Muslim year. According to their doctrinal scheme, this day celebrates the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his son by Hagar, *Ishmael*. If you remember the Old Testament account, you will be somewhat perplexed. Was not *Isaac* the one whom God instructed Abraham to offer? The difference is this. Christians accept the testimony of the Bible. Muslims reject the Bible and believe the Koran (or Qur’an) contains the inspired, uncorrupted record. Who is right? Although the Koran does not name the child whom Abraham was to sacrifice, Muslims believe it was Ishmael, and they believe that idea is supported by the Koran. One Muslim scholar, after citing a number texts from the Koran, concludes: It is quite clear that Ishmael was the son to be sacrificed and not Isaac, peace be upon both of them. We also saw how corrupt the Bible is. The Bible is not reliable. It was badly tampered with by man’s alterations and narrations, that we no longer can tell which parts of it are the True Living Words of GOD Almighty, and which aren’t. Ishmael was 13 years older than Isaac, and Abraham loved GOD Almighty very much that he wanted to sacrifice his own son for Him. If Ishmael’s name represents Abraham’s gratefulness to GOD Almighty after a desperate

long wait to have a son, then it makes perfect sense that Abraham wanted to sacrifice Ishmael to GOD Almighty by giving Him the most precious thing he ever had. (http://www.answering-christianity.com/isaac_and_ishmael.htm)

Rom 9:8 *That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.*

Rom 9:9 *For this is the word of promise: "AT THIS TIME I WILL COME AND SARAH SHALL HAVE A SON."*

2C. The **Promise of God made it clear** - 8-9

1D. **Physical connection or descent is not enough** - "*the children of the flesh - these are not the children of God*" - cf. **John 1:11-13 and 8:31-40**

2D. **Spiritual commitment is absolutely necessary** - "*but the children of the promise are counted as the seed*" - we must believe God's Word about Who this descendant is (The Seed)!

- 2B. **The case of JACOB & ESAU** - 10-13 - "*And not only this; but...*"

Rom 9:10 *And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac*

Rom 9:11 *(for the children not yet being born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election (choice) might stand, not of works but of Him who calls),*

1C. The **Cause behind it** - 10-11 - "*the purpose of God*"!! More important than the causes of man!

1D. The **point at which the decision was made** - "*not yet being born*" - we are chosen before we come into existence! - cf. **Eph. 1:4**

2D. The **presence of good or evil was not a factor or influence** on God's choice! - "*nor having done any good or evil*"

3D. The **performance of good deeds was not a factor** either! - "*not of works*" - cf. **Eph. 2:8-9; Gal. 2:16**

2C. The **Call of God is what fulfilled the promise** of God - "*but of Him who calls*" - cf. **Rom. 8:28-30; 1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Tim. 1:9**

Rom 9:12 *it was said to her, "THE OLDER SHALL SERVE THE YOUNGER." (2000 B.C.)*

Rom 9:13 *As it is written, "JACOB I HAVE LOVED, BUT ESAU I HAVE HATED." (400-500 B.C.)*

3C. The **Choice was God's alone!** - 12-13 - v. 11- "*that the purpose of God according to election might stand*"

1D. His **decision was not** what was expected - "*the older shall serve the younger*" - **Gen. 25:23**

1E. The case of **Judah - he was not the oldest son of Leah (Reuben) but the fourth** - cf. **Gen. 49:3-4, 8-10**

2E. The case of **David - he was not the oldest son of Jesse (Eliab), but the eighth** - cf. **1 Sam. 16:6-7, 9-13**

2D. The **deeds of the two sons revealed God's choice** - "*Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated*" - said after they were born, lived, and died - cf. **Malachi 1:2-5 and Obadiah 1:3-4** God hates (righteous anger) the things of the flesh but loves the things of the Spirit.

God wants to use you and me, but it God who is in charge!!!! God is sovereign!!!! Gal 6:14-16; Eph. 2:8-9;

LET'S THANK HIM AND PRAISE HIM EVEN IF WE DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM!!