

TRUTH UNASHAMED

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Part 4: The Sovereign Lord

Week 2

This weeks focus scripture: Romans 9:14-21

This weeks extra reading: Ephesians 2:1-3, Isaiah 29:16, 64:8

This weeks memory challenge: Isaiah 64:8

Study and Reflection

Day 1: Read Romans 9:14. Do you struggle with Paul's question, do you at times wonder if God is just based on things you see in the world, maybe in your own experience? Be honest and journal your thoughts, taking them to God in prayer.

Day 2: Read Romans 9:15-16, Romans 3:23-24, and Ephesians 2:1-5.

- How have you experienced God's compassion and mercy in your life?
- What is the meaning of Romans 9:16? If everything about God's plan, purpose, work, presence... in our lives is a result of His mercy, what are the implications of this for us?

Day 3: Read Romans 9:17-18. This is a difficult passage for us to grasp, as it may seem to go against our sense of fairness and justice.

- What were key understandings from the message about this passage?
- Why is it good that God, in His sovereignty, is able to use both good and evil for His purposes?
- What are the implications that God is working in our lives even when we are 'hardened' or set against him?

Day 4: Read Romans 19:21 and Isaiah 29:16, 64:8.

- Have you had this conversation with God? What answers have you wanted God to give, and He has remained silent, only telling you to trust Him? How do you respond to His answer in these verses?
- Read again verse 21, and Isaiah 64:8. Why are these verses such an incredible source of hope in the midst of *life as it really is*? How is God working through His Spirit in you regarding this truth? What is He working to teach you, and what are the implications?

☞ *Notes from Sermon Outline* ☞

† Week 1 Recap: A few important things

† Is God unjust?

Romans 9:14

Romans 3:23

Ephesians 2:1-3

† The greater reality of God's MERCY

Romans 9:15-16

Romans 3:24

† The great mystery of God's mercy

Romans 9:17-18

† The answer we must hear!

Romans 9:19-20

Isaiah 29:16

† We are the clay, and why that is a good thing

Romans 9:21

Isaiah 64:8