

Journeying Through the Book of Romans

Season 6: He Chooses Patience

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Scripture

- **Romans 9:10-24**

And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls, it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger." Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth." So, then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires. You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor? What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

- **2 Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

- **I Timothy 2:1,4**

...prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority. Who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Other Scriptures

- Exodus 7:3
- Romans 1:18
- John 6:53-65
- Ephesians 1:4; 2:3-5
- John 10:26-28; 17:9

Main Points

- God is good and He has the right to choose vessels He wanted to show His mercy to in Jesus.
- Rebellion refers to when mankind lives as an island unto himself.
- When people are not worshipping God, they have set themselves up as an idol, as if they are God.
- God will use your witness by anointing you with the Holy Spirit to reach those that He wants to reach.

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to be in rebellion against God? Who is in rebellion and what is going to happen to those people?
2. Why has this not happened yet?
3. What does Paul in Romans 9 say about the remnant chosen to receive God's mercy before the foundation of the world?
4. How should we interpret the verses that seem to indicate something different from Romans 9?
5. Does this impact our sharing of Jesus with the world? How so?
6. Has this teaching been difficult for you to reconcile with your understanding? Write about this.