

Bible Study of Romans
Romans 9:14-18

INTRODUCTION

In this section (from 6-24) Paul dealt with the subject of the rejection of Jews and the calling of the Gentiles instead. That God had determined to reject His ancient covenant people (for the time being) and to extend the call of the Gospel indiscriminately to all men, is the point he is seeking to establish from the Old Testament Scriptures. His method is first to show that God is absolutely free to do what He did and is doing (vs. 6-24) and secondly to show from the prophets that this always was His intention (vs. 25-33). Both strengthen the grounds for hope that His promises are yea and Amen!

Vs. 14

1. What are some likely background reasons of this objection question to God's own good pleasure?

Vs. 15

2. How does Paul support his strong denial in the previous verse?
3. Though this verse is a doctrinal position, how does it have a practical application or direction?

Vs. 16

4. What is taught in this verse as the only answer why one is saved? Is this verse to encourage or discourage evangelism?

Vs. 17-18

5. Is this question connected to vs. 16 or reaches back to vs. 13-14?
6. What does this Scripture say about God's purpose in making Pharaoh the power man of Egypt?
7. What is the significance of the words 'For the Scripture saith unto Pharaoh'?
8. What Biblical doctrine is taught in the conclusion of vs. 18?
9. Ponder about what the differences are between mercy and justice.
10. How do we understand the words 'He hardeneth'? How can God harden the heart of a sinner as hardness of heart is sinful?