

The Authority of God

Romans 9

Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice.

Romans 1:28-29

*They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. **Rom. 1:30-31***

Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very

*things but also approve of those who practice them. **Romans 1:32***

*“There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one.” **Romans 3:10b-12***

“Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit.”

*“The poison of vipers is on their lips.” **Romans 3:13***

*“Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.” “Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark their ways, and the way of peace they do not know.” **Romans 3:14-15***

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, **Romans 3:23***

“There is no fear of God before their eyes.” **Romans 3:18**

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” **Proverbs 9:10**

***The sense of awe for the
Sovereignty of God is desperately
needed today.***

The Anguish of Paul

God’s authority in dealing with the nation of Israel.

I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. **Romans 9:2**

“Brothers and fathers, listen now to my defense.” When they heard him speak to them in Aramaic, they became very quiet.

Acts 22:1-2

*“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. Under Gamaliel I was thoroughly trained in the law of our fathers and was just as zealous for God as any of you are today. **Acts 22:3***

*“Then the Lord said to me, ‘Go; I will send you far away to the Gentiles.’ ” **Acts 22:21***

The crowd listened to Paul until he said this. Then they raised their voices and shouted, “Rid the earth of him! He’s not fit to live!”
Acts 22:22

For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, the people of Israel.
Romans 9:3-4

Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen. Romans 9:4-5

Paul's answer to that accusation was that they didn't understand the sovereignty, the authority of God. The Jews' accusation against Paul was that if Jesus really were the Messiah, then God was unfair.

Three answers Paul gives to Jewish accusations

- 1. God has been consistent in dealing with His people.**

Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

Romans 9:7

Not only that, but Rebekah's children had one and the same father, our father Isaac. Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger."

Romans 9:10-12

*Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." **Romans 9:13***

"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—he

cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:26-27

2. God is the ultimate authority and God has a right to do whatever He chooses to do.

Three answers Paul gives to Jewish accusations

*What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." **Romans 9:14-15***

But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?' " Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble

purposes and some for common use? **Romans 9:20-21**

God is Sovereign

For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden. **Romans 9:17-18**

3. God's purpose in all of His action is to save as many as possible.

Three answers Paul gives to Jewish accusations

What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction? **Romans 9:22**

*What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory—even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? **Romans 9:23-24***

As he says in Hosea: “I will call them ‘my people’ who are not my people; and I will call her ‘my loved one’ who is not my loved one,”
Romans 9:25

*Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea, only the remnant will be saved. **Romans 9:27***

***We are to acknowledge
the sovereignty of God in our own
lives.***

**When God is sovereign in my life,
it means:**

**1. I have a spirit of submission to
God's Holy Word.**

*All Scripture is God-breathed and
is useful for teaching, rebuking,
correcting and training in
righteousness, so that the man of
God may be thoroughly equipped
for every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

*Do not be yoked together with
unbelievers. For what do
righteousness and wickedness
have in common? Or what
fellowship can light have with
darkness? What harmony is there
between Christ and Belial? What
does a believer have in common
with an unbeliever?*

2 Corinthians 6:14-15

Self-Control

- Holy Spirit in your life,
Galatians 5:22-23
- Spiritual growth, 2 Peter 1:6
- Eternal rewards in heaven,
2 Cor. 9:25
- Alert to satan, needs in prayer,
1 Peter 4:7
- Relationships, against anger,
Proverbs 16:32
- Instead of sin, Gal. 5:16
- Before temptation, 1 Pet. 1:13
- Urgency, Jesus is coming soon!
1 Pet. 4:7

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received

*from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. **1 Corinthians 6:18-20***

*Abstain from all appearance of evil. **1 Thess. 5:22 (KJV)***

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. **Philippians 4:4-5***

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, And into his courts with praise: Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; And his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 100:1-5 (KJV)

Hypocrisy is not acting contrary to the way you feel.

Hypocrisy is acting contrary to the way you believe.

When God is sovereign in my life, it means:

- 1. I have a spirit of submission to God's Holy Word.**
- 2. I have an attitude of respect for God's delegated leaders.**

God has delegated authority to government leaders

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

1 Peter 2:13-14

Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.

1 Peter 2:17

God has delegated authority to business owners and employers

Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. 1 Peter 2:18

God has delegated authority in the home

Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives **1 Peter 3:1, 7**

Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.

Proverbs 22:15

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

God has delegated authority in the home **Psalm 14:1, 53:1, 10:4**