

TRUTH UNASHAMED

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Part 4: The Sovereign Lord

Week 3

This weeks focus scripture: Romans 9:22-33

This weeks extra reading: All of Romans 9

This weeks memory challenge: Romans 9:33 Note! If you've missed part one or two of this series, you need to catch up, as these messages all 'hang together'.

Study and Reflection

Day 1: Read Genesis 12:1-3, and Genesis 15:1. Even though Israel (as a nation) rejected Jesus as the Messiah, how has God's promise to Abraham still been fulfilled in Christ?

Reading back through all of Romans chapter nine, summarize the main points Paul has made through his stories of:

- Isaac and Ishmael (vs 6-9)
- Jacob and Esau (vs 10-13)
- Pharoah (vs 14-18)
- The Potter and the clay (vs 19-21)

Day 2: Read Romans 9:22. How do you personally respond to the truth that God will, in his sovereignty and timing, bring His wrath against the sin of mankind? How do you see God's mercy alongside God's intention to punish sin? (read 2 Peter 3:8-9). How does God express his patience with the sin of mankind? What would it mean for us if God was not patient with us?

Day 3: Read Romans 23-26. How do these verses contrast with verse 22? Write out, in your own words, the essential points of these verses, and their implications for your life? What do they say about who God is, His relationship to you, and who you are as a ‘vessel of His Mercy’?

Day 4: Read Romans 9:30-33. What are ways people may ‘stumble’ over the message of the Gospel?

Verse 33 ends with an incredible promise. How is God working out this promise in your life?

Notes from Sermon Outline

† Created in Mercy
Genesis 12:1-3
Genesis 15:1

† Vessels of Wrath
Romans 9:22
2 Peter 3:8-9

† Vessels of Mercy
Romans 9:23-24

† Vessels of Glory
Romans 9:25-26

† A solemn reminder
Romans 9:27-29

† In conclusion... for now
Romans 9:30-33