

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for April 21, 1991**

**“Vindication of God’s Faithfulness”**  
**Romans 9: 6-13**  
**Part 2**

Introduction - A difficult passage; God’s complete sovereignty.

Body:

1. Promise: God has not violated His word (vv. 6-13).
2. Mercy: God has the right to choose to whom He will show mercy (vv. 14-29).
3. Salvation: Who is saved and who is not saved. Not only found in Romans but in Jn. 15:16, Acts 13:48, Eph. 1:4-5, 2 Thess. 2:13 and 2 Tim. 1:9.

The sovereignty of God in salvation. Why do we come to this point? Because the nation of Israel, the chosen people, have rejected Jesus the Messiah.

Israel was chosen as a nation to be a light to the nations, with the Law, with covenants and prophets. They were not chosen as a nation for salvation.

God has the right to make choices! “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy...” “For this reason I raised up (Pharaoh) to demonstrate my power...”

Is it fair? How can God find fault for what He has purposed to be? Verse 20, “...who are you, O man, who answers back to God?...” Compared to God, who are you? How holy, intelligent, powerful are you compared to God? The question to question God is unacceptable, blasphemous! God is God and God is good.

The absurdity of man bringing accusation against God. Does not the potter have the right over the clay? Vessels of honorable use for mercy, vessels of common use for destruction?

James 1:13-14, God is not responsible for temptation to sin or for sin.

Conclusion:

We cannot exalt ourselves to God’s understanding. We have to accept our position before God and accept the truth of His Word.