

# The God of Great Mercy

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## Romans 9:14-23

What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 So then He has mercy on whom-ever He wills, and He hardens whomever He wills. 19 You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who can resist His will?" 20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? 22 What if God, desiring to show His wrath and to make known His power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—

I. \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ treat anyone unfairly.

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II. If \_\_\_\_\_ is deserved, it is not \_\_\_\_\_.

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III. We must allow \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Discussion Questions:

1. When you read Romans 9 do your thoughts agree with the Apostle Paul, or do your thoughts sound like the objections presented?
2. Do you struggle with the thought that God chooses to give His mercy to some and not to others?
3. Have you ever seen the Gospel soften (or harden) someone's heart? Share your story.
4. What have you learned about God's mercy and justice in these verses?
5. Are there any areas in your life where you need to acknowledge God's sovereignty and give Him control?
6. What does it personally mean to know that you are a "vessel of mercy, which He has prepared beforehand for glory"?

**Next Week:** Romans 9:24-29