

Is God Really Fair?

(Romans 9:14-29)

Intro: Is it fair for God to draw some people to Himself and not others? That's the question Paul is wrestling with here in Romans 9. **Is God really fair?** I mean, if He chooses or elects those who believe in Christ, is it fair for Him to condemn all those who reject His offer of salvation in Christ? The passage is built around two questions. Question number one, v. 14 "There is no injustice with God, is there?" In other words, *Is it fair for God to choose?* The second question is in verse 19 "Why does He still find fault? For who can resist His will?"

I. First Question: "There Is No Injustice With God, Is There?" (v. 14)

A. The answer from Moses (v. 15)

Mercy is defined as a quality intrinsic to the nature of God.

B. The answer from Pharaoh (vv. 17-18)



II. Second Question: "Why Does He Still Find Fault? For Who Can Resist His Will?" (v. 19)

A. First answer: *God is the Sovereign Potter* (vv. 20-21)

B. Second answer: *Derived from two Old Testament prophets* (vv. 25-29)

Conclusion: The amazing thing is not that God fails to extend His mercy to everybody, but that He extends it to anybody. That's the amazing thing. Why? Because none of us deserve anything from

God, but His wrath and judgment. It is faith, not national origin, that brings a person into the family of God.