

A Sovereign GOD & His Sovereignty in Election/Choosing

Israel's Past; Election Romans 9:1-29

The Doctrine of Election is easy to understand but hard to accept. But accept it we must!

Exercise in "Don's Logic" regarding the Doctrine of Election:

Q: From where do we get our sense of morality and justice?

A: Man is made in God's image. Body, Soul & Spirit. Genesis 1:26-27 & 2:7

Our "Spirit" component embodies our conscience and sense of morality and justice.

Therefore, our sense of morality & justice is modeled after God's sense of morality & justice.

Q: Whose sense of morality & justice is more righteous, more loving, more knowledgeable, more reliable? – The Sovereign God's or Ours (the created and fallen/sinful beings)?

Q: Is it not possible, and indeed logical, that where God's sense of morality & justice appears to conflict with Ours that **God's morality & justice should be the standard and not ours?**

Blessings enumerated demonstrating God's election/choosing of the nation of Israel. vs1-6

my kinsman, 4 Israelites, to whom belongs (1st) the adoption as sons and (2nd) the glory/shekinah and (3rd) the covenants (Abrahamic, Mosaic, Palestinian, Davidic) and (4th) the giving of the Law and (5th) the temple service and (6th) the promises, 5 whose are (7th) the fathers/patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac and Jacob), and from whom is (8th) the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

God's Sovereignty is Displayed in the Doctrine of Election. vs7-13

11 For though the twins were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, **in order that God's purpose according to His choice/election might stand**, not because of works, **but because of Him who calls**, 12 it was said to her, "the older will serve the younger." 13 Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

God's Sovereignty is Just, and His sovereign exercise of election is not debatable. vs14-18

14 What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! 15 For He says to Moses, **"I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."** 16 So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth." 18 **So then He/God has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.**

The Case for the Creator's absolute rights over all He created. vs19-29

19 You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will? 20 On the contrary, who are you, O man, to answer back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? 21 Does not the potter/God have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use, and another for common use? 22 What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and **to make His power known**, endured with much patience vessels of wrath PREPARED for destruction? 23 And He/God did so in order that **He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He/God PREPARED BEFOREHAND FOR GLORY**, 24 even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

(Healing of a man blind from birth – John 9:1-7 2 "Rabbi, who sinned?" 3 Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was in order that the works of God might be displayed in him.")

From both Israel & the Gentiles a remnant will be saved based on God's election & mans' faith.

25 As He says also in Hosea, "I will call those who were not My people, 'My people,' and her who was not beloved, 'beloved.'" 26 "And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, 'you are not My people,' There they shall be called sons of the living God." 27 And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved."