

## ROMANS-Part 63

### Romans 9:13-18

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1. 9:14 Paul offers no 'logical' explanation for the compatibility of God's sovereignty with the equally biblical teaching that God is meticulously fair and that human beings are justifiably blameworthy for their actions. We would do well to follow Paul's approach: affirm the truth of these amazing doctrines without weakening them (Jeremiah 9:23-24).
2. 9:14 God has always been and always will be righteous and just (Malachi 3:6).
3. 9:14 God is holy, therefore He punishes sin. God is love, therefore He saves sinners.
4. 9:15 God's sparing and protecting the Israelites was purely of His mercy and grace...none deserved His mercy! He had the right to act as He saw fit.
5. 9:15 God's sovereignty and grace are not only harmonious but are inseparable.
6. 9:16 All human effort only leaves us condemned; if we are saved it is only because God chooses to show mercy on us.
7. 9:16 God's sovereignty does not set aside human responsibility (Hebrews 11:20-21).
8. 9:17 The God of history puts a king into a position in order to demonstrate a far greater purpose...to bring glory to His name throughout the whole earth.
9. Remember: God's decisions on these matters are not revealed to us and are not meant in any way to cause despair.
10. The Bible makes it plain; God will never refuse to accept anyone who comes to Him.
11. 9:18 To fault God for showing mercy to some while hardening others is to require that He conform to our flawed concept of justice.

