

The Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ
A Survey of the Book of Romans
God's Sovereignty in Salvation (part 2)
Romans 9

Review: God Always does what is Right

God always acts in accordance with what is right and He, Himself, is the final standard of what is right.

God's Prerogative to Show Mercy or to Harden is Ultimately Based on His Purposes. Romans 9:14-18

Pharoah's Hard Heart as an Example
(See *Digging Deeper* for more info)

God's Sovereign Choice and My Need for an Explanation
Romans 9:19-24

Two Closing Questions:

- *What is God's Purposes for Israel and the Gentiles?*
- *What about Free Will?*

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1. Let's break into groups of 3-4 and look up the following verses from Exodus. Write the verse under the appropriate categories below: 3:19-22; 4:21-23; 5:1-2; 6:1; 7:3-5, 13, 22; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7, 12, 15-17, 29-35; 10:1-2, 20, 27; 11:9-10; 14:4, 17. As you are doing this study, look for God's purposes in all that happens.

God Hardened

Pharaoh Hardened

It was Hardened (passive)

Purpose of Hardening

Discussion Questions:

- What do we make out of the fact that God hardened Pharaoh's heart first?
- Discuss what you discovered was God's purpose(s) in all these verses. Could God have accomplished these purposes without hardening Pharaoh's heart and creating devastation in Egypt? Why didn't He?

2. Let's discuss the concept of *Free Will*.

- *First, let's define what the "will" is.*
- *What do we mean when we say it is "free"? Free from what?*