

## GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY IN WORLD MISSION

Romans 9:1-33  
Key Verse: 9:33

Lesson 9

### \* PAUL'S AGONY (1-5)

1. What is the reason for Paul's great anguish of heart? How does he show the depth of his concern for Israel?
2. What are the privileges which God had given Israel? List them and explain to what each refers. Which privilege is the greatest? Which privileges had they enjoyed and which had they refused?

### \* GOD'S PURPOSE IN ELECTION (6-18)

3. What problem is raised by Israel's failure? How does Paul answer? In his answer, what does he teach about God and his ways of working? (6-13)
4. What is the significance of God's promises in his redemptive history? (6-9)
5. What does Old Testament history teach about God's purpose in election?
6. How did God use Pharaoh in his world mission purpose?
7. What do verses 6-18 teach about God's basic relationship with Israel?

### \* THE SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF THE CREATOR (19-29)

8. What is the point of the parable of the Potter? What can we learn from this parable about the Creator's purpose in each act of creation? Why is it important to accept God's sovereignty in history and in our own lives?
9. In this context (22-29), who are the "objects of wrath--prepared for destruction"? Who are the 'objects of his mercy, prepared in advance for glory'?
10. Is God's sovereignty so limited that he must destroy all the objects of wrath and must save all the objects of mercy? How is his sovereignty different from fatalism?
11. How did God use his sovereignty and make the riches of his glory known? What did Hosea prophesy about this?
12. What did Isaiah prophesy about Israel's future? What is the place of the remnant in God's redemptive history? In what respect can we say that God's salvation of the remnant of Israel is by grace alone?

\* THE STUMBLING STONE (30-33)

13. Why did the Gentiles obtain righteousness, while the Jews failed to obtain it?
14. In what respect does Jesus fulfill the prophesy of Isaiah 8:14 and 28:16?
15. What was the Jews' problem? Why did they stumble over the stumbling stone?
16. What does this chapter teach about God's sovereignty? About his grace?