

**TRUSTING GOD'S**  
**SOVEREIGN MERCY**  
**Romans 9**

**Paul invites us to consider the merciful work and ways of God**

**I. GOD IS RESOURCEFUL (1-5)**

**- Though Israel deserved no attention**

**A. THE CIRCUMSTANCES (4-5)**

1. Israel's eight advantages
2. Yet they ignored and shunned the revelation they had

**B. THE PROVISION (1-3)**

- A passionate missionary

1. Paul's intense concern (1-2)
2. Paul's sacrificial concern (3)

**II. GOD IS FAITHFUL (6-13)**

**- Though Abraham deserved no favor**

**A. THE SITUATION (6b-8)**

1. A true Israelite need not be Jewish - See Rom. 2:28-29
2. Being God's child is based upon His promise and not one's parentage

**B. THE REALITY (9-13)**

1. God's Word did not fail (6a)
2. God's promises were wondrously performed (9-13)
  - a. Through Sarah's son Isaac and not Hagar's son Ishmael (9)
  - b. Through Rebekah's younger son Jacob and not her older son Esau (10-13)

**III. GOD IS JUST (14-18)**

**- And He doesn't need our help**

**A. THE TRUTH (16)**

1. Man's thoughts and actions don't matter when it comes to mercy
2. Mercy is totally under God's management and control

**B. THE FACTS (14-15, 17-18)**

1. Injustice is impossible with God (14)
2. Mercy is initiated by God (15) > See Ex. 33:19
3. God's decisions are final (17-18)

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#### IV. **GOD IS SOVEREIGN** (19-29)

- **And we deserve no explanations**

##### A. CONSIDER (19-21)

###### 1. Our Reasoning (19)

- It doesn't seem fair to us for God to harden someone and then condemn them for their hardness

###### 2. God's Ways (20-21)

- The Creator had absolute control over His creation

##### B. REMEMBER (22-29)

###### 1. God is patient with the unjust (22)

###### 2. God gives the privilege of sonship to a non-people (23-26)

###### 3. God preserves a Jewish remnant (27-29)

C. NOTE: God makes His glory known by His choices

#### V. **GOD IS COMPASSIONATE** (30-33)

- **Though we deserve no righteousness**

##### A. AMAZINGLY (30)

- Gentiles attained a righteousness by faith that they did not seek!

##### B. UNFORTUNATELY (31-33)

###### 1. Israel did not attain righteousness (31)

###### 2. They stumbled over the matter of faith (32-33)

#### **CONCLUSION:**

*Though confident about God, we sometimes question Him*

- God sees and hears our concerns (see Psalm 34:15)

- Here in Romans 9 He reassures us concerning His will and ways

**Might we rest in this reassurance and rejoice in His care!**

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