



GOD'S WORK IN EVANGELISM

Perspectives on Fairness, Justice & Grace

PART 2 - ROMANS 9:19-24

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1. Keep _____ (vv.19-20)

2. Distinguish _____ (v.21)

3. Appreciate _____ (v.22)

4. Celebrate _____ (vv.23-24)

19 You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?"

20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, "Why have you made me like this?" **21** Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?

22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, **23** in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— **24** even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. How easy is it for people to "question God" as though he were answerable to us? What are the related dangers associated with thinking God must meet our perceived standards of "equity" or "fairness"?
2. Read **Job 40:1-9**. How does God's approach to Job's previously stated complaints help us when we are tempted to "put God on trial"?
3. Read **Psalms 50:7-23**. In what ways have you been tempted to foolishly think like the people described in Psalm 50 (like you were doing God a favor or that God's standards mirrored your own)?
4. How will the distinction made in the second point of the sermon help you to better understand the various passages which mention "God's will"?
5. Read **Romans 3:9-12**. In light of this passage, why is impugning God for not saving everyone an unwise accusation?
6. How should a growing and deepening understanding of grace change the entire discussion regarding predestination and election?

The Compass "Bible Reading" Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (*Reading Plans: Through the Bible*) for schedule prompts.

July 18th

Ps.25-27 & Ac.20:17-38

July 19th

Ps.28-30 & Ac.21:1-14

July 20th

Ps.31-33 & Ac.21:5-40

July 21st

Ps.34-35 & Ac.22

July 22nd

Ps.36-37 & Ac.23:1-11

July 23rd

Ps.38-40 & Ac.23:12-35

July 24th

Ps.41-43 & Ac.24

July 25th

Ps.44-46 & Ac.25

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 0215-0218 – **All You Need** (a four-part series on the nature of grace)

CD # 0909 – **Reading Scripture in Light of Redemption**

CD # 0907 – **Scripture's Overarching Theme of Grace**

CD # 0027 – **If God is So Good, Why's the World So Bad?**

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Archer, Gleason. **The Book of Job**. Baker Books, 1982.

Bridges, Jerry. **Is God Really in Control? Trusting God in a World of Hurt**. NavPress, 2006.

Carson, D. A. **How Long, O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.

Helm, Paul. **The Providence of God (Contours of Christian Theology Series)**. InterVarsity Press, 1994.

Kelly, Douglas. **If God Already Knows Why Pray?** Christian Focus, 1969.

Mack, Wayne. **"It's Not Fair!" Finding Hope When Times are Tough**. P & R Publishing, 2008.

Murray, Iain. **The Cross: The Pulpit of God's Love**. Banner of Truth, 2008.

Owen, John. **Death of Death in the Death of Christ**. Banner of Truth, 1959.

Packer, J. I. and Mark Dever. **In My Place Condemned He Stood**. Crossway Books, 2008.

Piper, John and Justin Taylor. **Suffering and the Sovereignty of God**. Crossway Books, 2006.

Poole, G. & J. Poling. **How Could God Allow Suffering and Evil?** Zondervan, 1998.

Scott, Stuart. **From Pride to Humility: A Biblical Perspective**. Focus Publishers, 2003.

White, James R. **The Potter's Freedom: A Rebuttal of Chosen But Free**. Calvary Press, 2000.