

NOT A TAME LION

Romans 9:14–29

- God's mercy is given FREELY and SOVEREIGNLY. *Romans 9:14–18*
- God is FREE to use hardened peoples for His purposes, and this does not remove our ACCOUNTABILITY. *Romans 9:19–24*
- God is utterly TRUSTWORTHY, and His Word never FAILS. *Romans 9:25–29*



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What are some ways that we domesticate God in our thinking, in our behavior, in how we act towards Him?
2. Read Romans 9:14-16. How does the context of Exodus 33:18-19 help you understand this passage?
3. How do you understand God's hardening of Pharaoh's heart to work? (see Rom 1:24, 26, 28) What does it look like for you to harden your heart to God? (see Heb 3:7-9, 12-15)
4. What difference does it make that God's mercy is given freely and sovereignly? What are some ways that we presume upon God's mercy at times?
5. Read Jeremiah 18:1-11, Isaiah 29:16, 45:9, 64:8-9. How does the Old Testament context help you understand what Paul is saying in Romans 9:19-24?
6. Do you see this passage as primarily about how God is working through Israel, or primarily about individual salvation? Why?
7. Read Romans 9:22-23. How has God shown you patience? How does it impact you to know that God's patience is not infinite?
8. Read Romans 9:25-29. How do these Old Testament verses explain God's plan for Israel?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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