

# ROMANS







**DO PEOPLE CHOOSE GOD,  
OR DOES GOD CHOOSE PEOPLE?**



**GOD CHOOSES  
PEOPLE**



## **Romans 9:10-16 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup> though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls—<sup>12</sup> she was told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>13</sup> As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

<sup>14</sup> What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! <sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." <sup>16</sup> So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.



## **Romans 9:17-18 (ESV)**

<sup>17</sup> For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." <sup>18</sup> So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.



## **Romans 9:19-21 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" <sup>20</sup> 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?" <sup>21</sup> 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?



## **Romans 9:22-24 (ESV)**

<sup>22</sup> 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, <sup>23</sup> in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— <sup>24</sup> even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?



## **Romans 9:20 (ESV)**

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The background is a dark, textured surface with a torn paper effect at the top. The text is centered and reads:

**WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO  
QUESTION GOD ABOUT  
ANYTHING**





**YOU CAN ASK GOD QUESTIONS,  
BUT YOU CAN'T QUESTION GOD**



## Job 38:1-41 (ESV)

- <sup>1</sup>Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:  
<sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?  
<sup>3</sup>Dress for action like a man;  
I will question you, and you make it known to me.  
<sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.  
<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?  
<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk,  
or who laid its cornerstone,  
<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?  
<sup>8</sup>"Or who shut in the sea with doors  
when it burst out from the womb,



9 when I made clouds its garment  
and thick darkness its swaddling band,  
10 and prescribed limits for it  
and set bars and doors,  
11 and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

12 "Have you commanded the morning since your days began,  
and caused the dawn to know its place,  
13 that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,  
and the wicked be shaken out of it?

14 It is changed like clay under the seal,  
and its features stand out like a garment.

15 From the wicked their light is withheld,  
and their uplifted arm is broken.

16 "Have you entered into the springs of the sea,  
or walked in the recesses of the deep?



- 17 Have the gates of death been revealed to you,  
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
- 18 Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?  
Declare, if you know all this.
- 19 "Where is the way to the dwelling of light,  
and where is the place of darkness,  
20 that you may take it to its territory  
and that you may discern the paths to its home?
- 21 You know, for you were born then,  
and the number of your days is great!
- 22 "Have you entered the storehouses of the snow,  
or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,  
23 which I have reserved for the time of trouble,  
for the day of battle and war?
- 24 What is the way to the place where the light is distributed,  
or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth?



25 "Who has cleft a channel for the torrents of rain  
and a way for the thunderbolt,

26 to bring rain on a land where no man is,  
on the desert in which there is no man,

27 to satisfy the waste and desolate land,  
and to make the ground sprout with grass?

28 "Has the rain a father,  
or who has begotten the drops of dew?

29 From whose womb did the ice come forth,  
and who has given birth to the frost of heaven?

30 The waters become hard like stone,  
and the face of the deep is frozen.

31 "Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades  
or loose the cords of Orion?

32 Can you lead forth the Mazzaroth in their season,  
or can you guide the Bear with its children?



- 33 Do you know the ordinances of the heavens?  
Can you establish their rule on the earth?
- 34 "Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,  
that a flood of waters may cover you?
- 35 Can you send forth lightnings, that they may go  
and say to you, 'Here we are'?
- 36 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts  
or given understanding to the mind?
- 37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom?  
Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
- 38 when the dust runs into a mass  
and the clods stick fast together?
- 39 "Can you hunt the prey for the lion,  
or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,



40 when they crouch in their dens  
or lie in wait in their thicket?

41 Who provides for the raven its prey,  
when its young ones cry to God for help,  
and wander about for lack of food?



## **Job 40:3-5 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> Then Job answered the LORD and said: <sup>4</sup> "Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you? I lay my hand on my mouth. <sup>5</sup> I have spoken once, and I will not answer; twice, but I will proceed no further."





**DO YOU QUESTION GOD?**



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