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The Epistle to the ROMANS

God's Sovereign Plan and Moses
Romans 9:14–16



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1. The word of God, that is the promise God made to Abraham, has not failed (9:6a).

2. Why can he say this? Because of principle #1, not all who descend from Israel (Jacob) are (spiritually regenerate) Israel. (9:6b).

3. In addition to the fact that not all Israel is regenerate, not all who are physical descendants (SPERMA) of Abraham are Abraham's children (TEKNA) (9:7).

4. Children of the flesh [i.e., Ishmael, the 6 sons of Keturah (Gen. 25:1–4)] are children of Abraham, but were not of the promised or selected line through the “seed,” Isaac.

5. The phrase “children of God” is not the same as regenerate.

“Children of God” are those born through divine intervention in that the matriarchs of Israel were barren (Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel).

6. To be simply a physical descendant of Abraham doesn't qualify for the line of blessing. One had to be a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

7. The second illustration that God's sovereign plan for the covenant line of Abraham is determined by God, who knows best. His second illustration is the selection of the line of Jacob over Esau (Gen. 25:23) which is not based on their works, or regeneration, but divine planning.

8. Thus, God's plan for the nations is based on His grace and His decision, not on the individual or their works.

Isa. 55:8, “ ‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,’ says the LORD.

Isa. 55:9, “ ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.’ ”

Isa. 55:6, “Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near.

Isa. 55:7, “Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.”

Rom. 9:14, “What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Certainly not!”

Ezek. 18:23, “ ‘Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?’ says the Lord GOD, ‘and not that he should turn from his ways and live?’ ”

1 Tim. 2:3, “For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

1 Tim. 2:4, “who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

Rom. 9:15, “For He says to Moses, ‘I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.’ ”

Ex. 33:19, “And He said, ‘I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.’ ”

Ex. 32:7, “And the LORD said to Moses, ‘Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

Ex. 32:8, “ ‘They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!” ’

Ex. 32:9, “And the LORD said to Moses, ‘I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people!

Ex. 32:10, “ ‘Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.’ ”

Ex. 7:3, “And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.”

Ex. 13:15, “And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.”

קָשָׁה *qasheh* **hard, stubborn,**
obstinate

Ex. 33:11, “So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.”

Ex. 33:12, “Then Moses said to the LORD, ‘See, You say to me, “Bring up this people.” But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, “I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.” ’ ”

Ex. 33:13, “Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people.”

Ex. 33:14, “And He said, ‘My Presence will go with you (pl), and I will give you (sg) rest.’ ”

Ex. 33:15, “Then he said to Him, ‘If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.

Ex. 33:16, “ ‘For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.’ ”

Ex. 33:18, “And he said, ‘Please, show me Your glory.’

Ex. 33:19, “Then He said, ‘I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.’ ”

Ex. 34:9, “Then he said, ‘If now I have found grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord, I pray, go among us, even though we are a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your inheritance.’ ”

Rom. 9:16, “So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.”