

Romans 9:1-13

TRUE COMPASSION & THE HOPE FOR ISRAEL



Paul doesn't leave any loose threads. His argument is clean. He doesn't give us the option of saying, "That is your interpretation." He is forcibly carrying two arguments in these 13 verses.

★ God is Just (Ro 9:1-5)

Israel's guilt -> Paul's compassion -> Intercession

God is just and Israel is guilty. Therefore Paul weeps. It would be wrong for us to miss the mark of God's judgment on Israel. This judgement brought tears to Paul. Paul's compassion showed itself in an intercessory heart. This intercession helped producing prayers which in turn brought promise that God's true Israel would be saved.

Favoritism

★ God is Faithful (Ro 9:6-13)

God is faithful. God's Word did not fail.

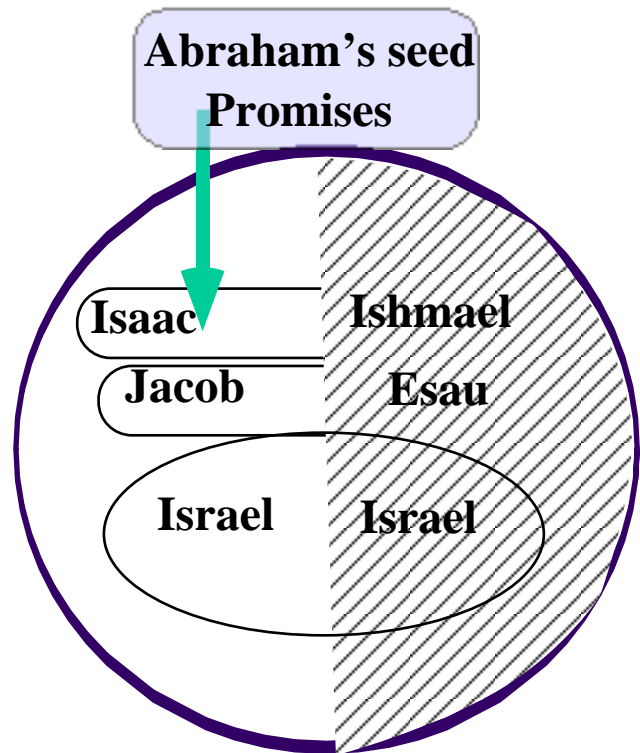
Is God's faithfulness dependent on man? If so, then would He not be faithful to His calling of Israel? Did He not promise? How can Paul say these wonderful things about God's people in Romans 8 if God did not prove faithful to His people in the Pentateuch? But God is faithful.

Responsible

Pardon

True intercession: When we stand so closely to another person in his troubles and predicament that that person is released from it horrible outcome.

- Christ {Romans 5}
- Moses {Ex 32:32}
- Nehemiah {1:6-7}
- Paul the apostle {Ro 9:1-5}



There is a law of intercession I am just beginning to understand. Paul referred to it earlier in Romans chapter 5 where Christ took Adam's place. In order to do this, Christ had to identify with us and assume our predicament. He did this by dying for our sins. This released us from that former predicament of death hanging over our lives. We saw it in Moses life when he prayed God would curse him and spare Israel. When a person so identifies with that person's predicament that he suffers and identifies with their predicament, then that person or group is released for a new calling. In this case Paul considered himself accursed for the sake of Israel and by such an intercessory life, Israel was saved. We can't say Israel's fate turned only because of Paul but we do know he was one key instrument in God's promises to Israel.