

Romans: Lesson 13

Lesson Text: Romans 9:1-10:4

Assignment: Read the lesson text (at least) 3-5 times prior to class; if possible, reference multiple translations. Questions are provided below as an additional aid to prepare for class discussion.

Study Guide Questions:

1. Why does Paul have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in his heart? How does the answer connect with chapters 1-8?
2. What are the differences between “children of the flesh” and “children of the promise?” (9:8)
3. In what way does Paul’s reference to the children of Abraham and Isaac show that the word of God has not failed in regard to the nation of Israel?
4. To what purpose did God raise up Pharaoh? How does this purpose behind God’s actions refute the suggestion that he is unjust?
5. What objection is raised in response to the assertion that God exercises his will to achieve his purposes? (9:19)
6. Paul’s response to this objection appears to have two parts, 9:20-21 and 9:22-24. In summary, what are the two points of his response?
7. What do the quotations from Hosea and Isaiah show God has always anticipated regarding the outcome of the nation of Israel?
8. Rather than some failure or injustice on God’s part, what was the cause of Israel’s condition before God? (9:32, 10:3)