



POWER FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING

A STUDY OF ROMANS

#13: THE GOD YOU CAN TRUST—9:1-33 (PART 2)

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I. RECONCILING GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND MY FREE CHOICE

1. The Bible asserts that God is sovereign

The LORD has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything.

Psalm 103:19 (NLT)

Remember the first events, because I am God, and there is no other. I am God, and there's no one like me. From the beginning I revealed the end. From long ago I told you things that had not yet happened, saying, "My plan will stand, and I'll do everything I intended to do."

Isaiah 49:9-10 (GWT)

God also decided ahead of time to choose us through Christ according to his plan, which makes everything work the way he intends. He planned all of this so that we who had already focused our hope on Christ would praise him and give him glory.

Ephesians 1:11-12 (NLT)

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

You meant to hurt me, but God turned your evil into good to save the lives of many people, which is being done.

Genesis 50:20 (NCV)

That which should distinguish the suffering of believers from unbelievers is the confidence that our suffering is under the control of an all-powerful and all-loving God. Our suffering has meaning and purpose in God's eternal plan, and He brings or allows to come into our lives only that which is for His glory and our good.

Jerry Bridges, Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts

2. The Bible affirms that God has given me the freedom to choose to obey Him or not

Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NLT)

He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

John 1:11-12 (NLT)

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

Galatians 5:13 (NLT)

How do we explain this?

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

Romans 8:29 (NIV)

II. I CAN TRUST GOD BECAUSE—ROMANS 9:1-33

1. God is faithful (v.1-13)

The Lord's choice of Israel was not because of...

- **Who they were (v.6-10)**
- **What they did (v.11-13)**

2. God is righteous (v.14-18)

3. God is just (v.19-29)

- **We are not in a position to argue with God (v.19-21)**
- **He always has a transcendent purpose and plan (v.22-24)**

And that is to save as many people as possible!

“Do you think that I like to see wicked people die? says the Sovereign LORD. Of course not! I want them to turn from their wicked ways and live.

Ezekiel 18:23 (NLT)

- **This whole situation regarding Jews and Gentiles was predicted (v.25-29)**

4. God is gracious (v.30-33)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)