

“Is There Injustice on God’s Part?” (Part 2)  
Romans 9:13-18; Exodus 9:13-35; Exodus 33:18-19

*“Sovereignty is God’s right and power to do all that He pleases. Providence is God using His sovereignty to bring about an ultimate purpose for the universe that cannot fail. The nature of God’s providence does not take away man’s will. His providence is formed by His wisdom, justice, and mercy.” (John Piper)*

- For this very purpose....
  - “I have raised you up that I might show my power”:
    - God raises up and removes kings and leaders according to His purposes (Daniel 2:20-21 & 4:35).
    - As God is demonstrating His power in this way it is always according to His wisdom in accomplishing His purposes (Romans 11:36; Ephesians 1:5 & 11-12).
    - All authority is under God’s rule and has been instituted by God for His purposes (Romans 13:1-2; Colossians 1:16).
    - We are not to be afraid of man’s power but we are to respect those in authority (Psalm 118:6-9; Matthew 10:28). But every knee will bow to the authority of Christ and we are to obey Christ above all else (Philippians 2:9-11; Acts 4:18-19 & 5:28-29).
    - God is sovereign over man’s decisions but He does not take away man’s will in accomplishing His purposes. So therefore man is fully responsible for His actions (John 19:10-11; Revelation 20:12-15).
  - “That my name might be proclaimed in all the earth”:
    - God’s purposes have always been salvific in nature (Genesis 22:17-18; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8). All that God allows and ordains is for the salvation of those that will believe (Romans 8:28).
    - The Egyptians and Pharaoh were powerful. The Israelites were afraid of the Egyptians and trusted in their might until they saw the power of God (Exodus 14:31) leading to worship of God’s power and His name being proclaimed (Exodus 15:1-13).
    - In the same way, the power of God has delivered us from all other powerful identifications that used to define us....
      - We walk in the newness of life (Romans 6:4). We are no longer enslaved to our sin or others’ sins toward us (Romans 6:7 & 10-11 & 14). We were once slaves to our sins, now we are slaves to righteousness to live for His glory (Romans 6:17-18). We are not victims, we are victors (Romans 8:28 & 37).
  - The Freedom and Supremacy of God:
    - God is not accountable to mankind, mankind is accountable to God.
    - God has supreme authority to do as He pleases, we are on trial not Him.
    - If God gave us what was “fair” we would all go to Hell. What is “unfair” is that we would go to heaven.
    - Wages are what we deserve; gifts are free to be given with no obligation (Romans 6:23).
    - People are in Hell according to their will; People are in Heaven according to God’s Will.
  - Romans 9:16 & 18:
    - God’s Will = His pleasure and desire
    - Mercy = To supply compassion on the afflicted (Action)
    - Compassion = Tender feelings toward the suffering (Attitude)

**Announcements:**

\***Fellowship:** EVERY Sunday, immediately following the service, we invite everyone to stay and join us for fellowship in the gym! Bring your dinner with you to church or go get dinner for yourself after the service and come back to join us for a time of fellowship together. We will be socially distancing as we sit together in the gym. Masks are required when you are up and moving around the gym.

\***Collecting Donations:** During the month of January we will be collecting donations for Heartbeats. The following items will be used to make COVID-friendly single use "activity packs" that will be used by children and families during supervised visits: gallon Ziploc bags, coloring books for all ages, stickers, small puzzles, and fun workbooks.

\*\*Next Sunday is our last Sunday to donate these items!

\***Volunteers Needed:** We have a wonderful opportunity for our church members to get involved in serving our church body in the CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. Our volunteers for the Children's Ministry serve once every five weeks. If you are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please talk to Kalen and Courtney!

\***Evangelism Class:** Our next round for the Evangelism Class will be February 20th and 27th (the last two Saturdays of February). If you didn't get to participate in the January class and want to sign up for the February one, the sign-up list on the back table! The class is limited to 10 people!

\***Revelation Class:** We are wanting to start our Revelation Class up again very soon. There is a sign-up list on the back table for anyone who is interested in participating in this class. Even if you signed up last year, please sign-up again so that we know you are still interested in participating!

\***Baptisms:** Our next Baptism Service will be Sunday, February 21st. If you are interested in or have any questions about being baptized, please see Pastor Jeremey, Pastor Joel, or one of the Elders!