

Christian World View
Sovereignty & Responsibility
Salvation

The Doctrine of Salvation

God's sovereignty and man's responsibility

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EXAMPLE: "the church" • Ephesians 3:1-13

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God-centered vs. man-centered theology

God



God-centered theology

the biblical revelation of God

**mystery · the sovereignty of God and
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man-centered theology

man



man

the human experience

synergism · God and man working together

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Romans 9 · sovereignty and responsibility

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the CONTEXT of Romans 9-11 · the love of God never fails

Romans 8:18-39 · the promise of glorification

Romans 8:35 · *“Who can separate us from the love of Christ?”*

Romans 8:35 · *“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

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What happened to Israel ???

 **Jeremiah 31:3** · the LORD to Israel: *“I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.”*

Did God’s love for Israel fail ??? Will God’s love for the church fail ???

- 1** **Romans 9** · God’s love is according to God’s will
- 2** **Romans 10** · prayer to God for the salvation of Israel
- 3** **Romans 11** · God’s will is for the restoration of Israel

God’s will is always accomplished !!! God’s love never fails !!!

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Romans 9 · sovereignty and responsibility

the three key statements

Romans 9:1-5 · the Apostle's sorrow and grief for Israel

- 1 Romans 9: 6-13**
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- 2 Romans 9:14-18**
(14) There is no injustice with God, is there?

- 3 Romans 9:19-24**
(19) Why does God still find fault? Who can resist His will?

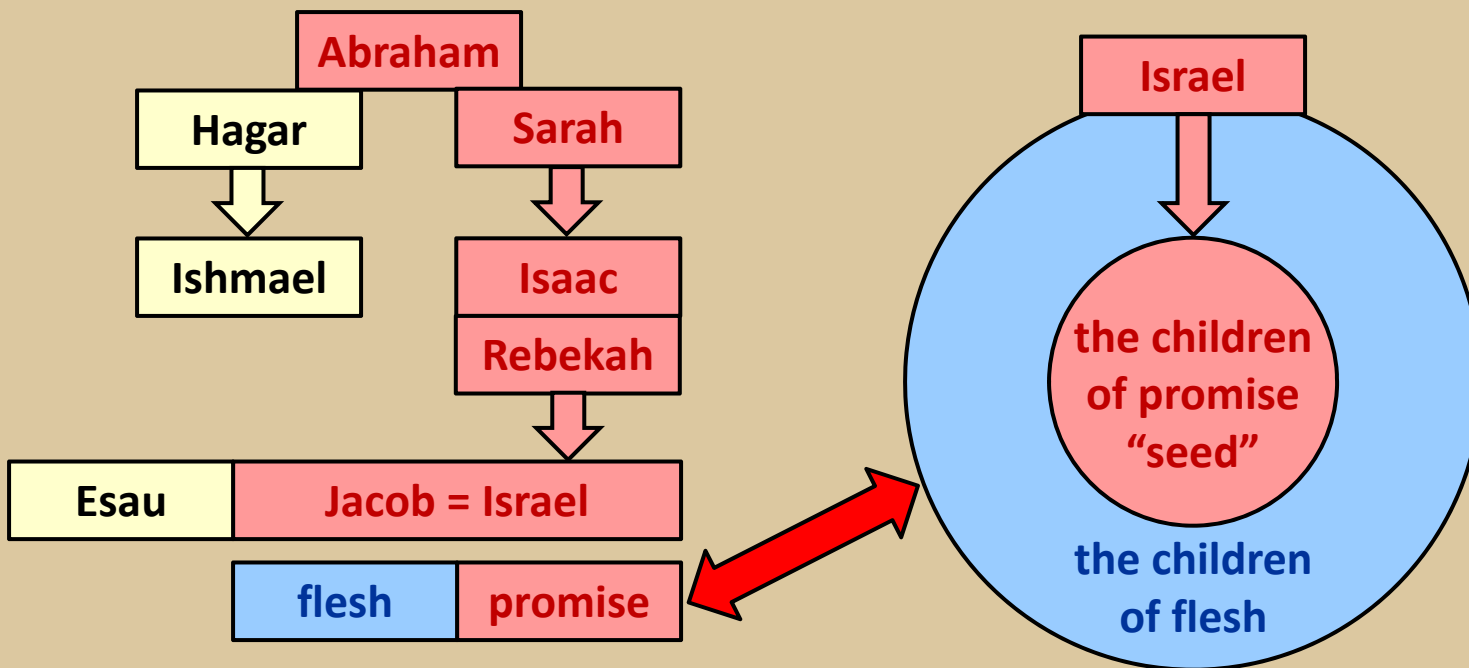
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God's word (call) is according to God's will (choice)

(8) It is not the children of flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants/seed.

God's word (call) is not according to man's person or works

(11-13) this is a word of promise (9) ... for though *the twins* were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, in order that God's purpose according to *His* choice might stand, not because of works, but because of Him who calls, it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger" (Genesis 25:23). Just as it is written, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau I hated" (Malachi 1:21).

God's word is always true · God always keeps His word

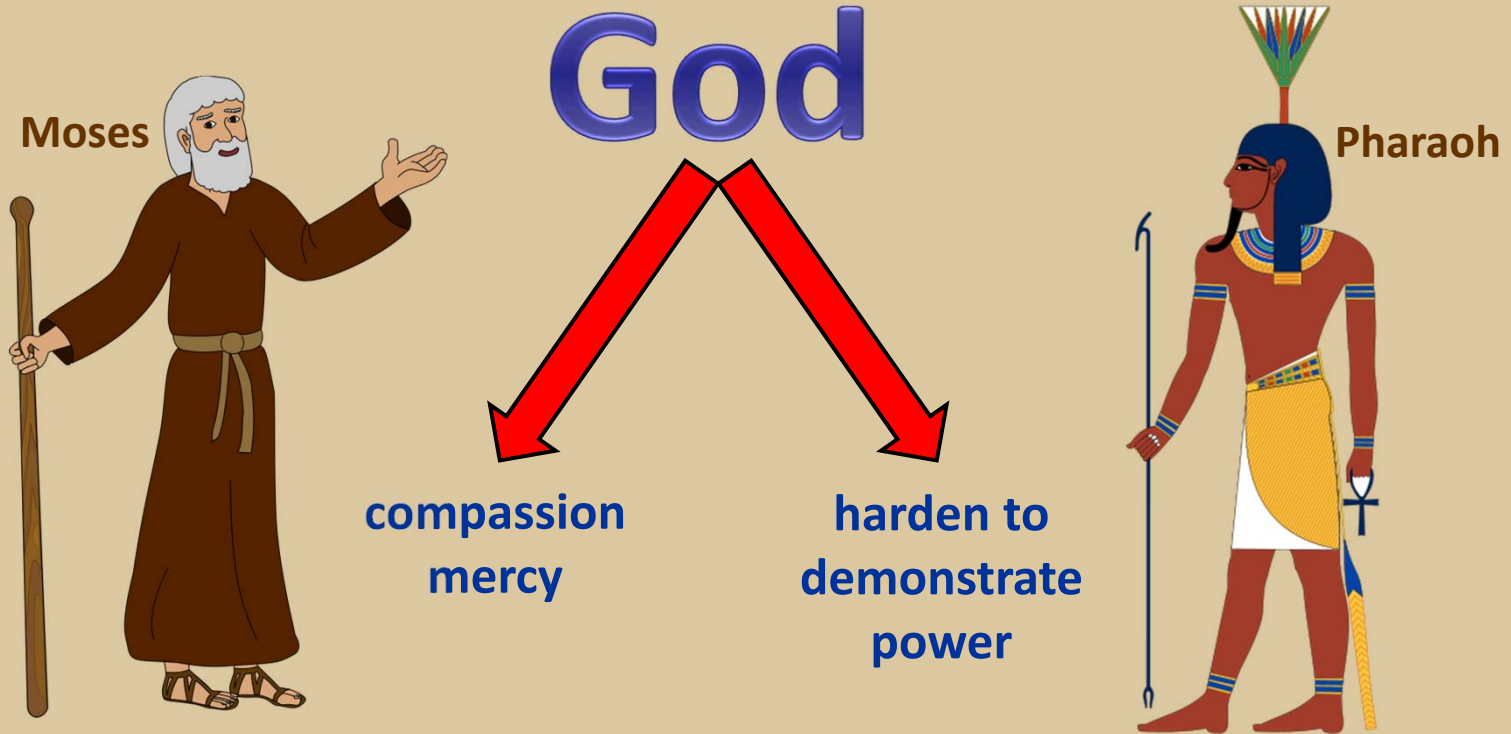
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God's word is not according to man's will or action

(15-16) For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion" (Ex. 33:19). So then it *does not depend* upon the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.

God's word is according to God's will (desire)

(17-18) For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth" (Ex. 9:16). So then He has mercy on whom He desires and He hardens whom He desires.

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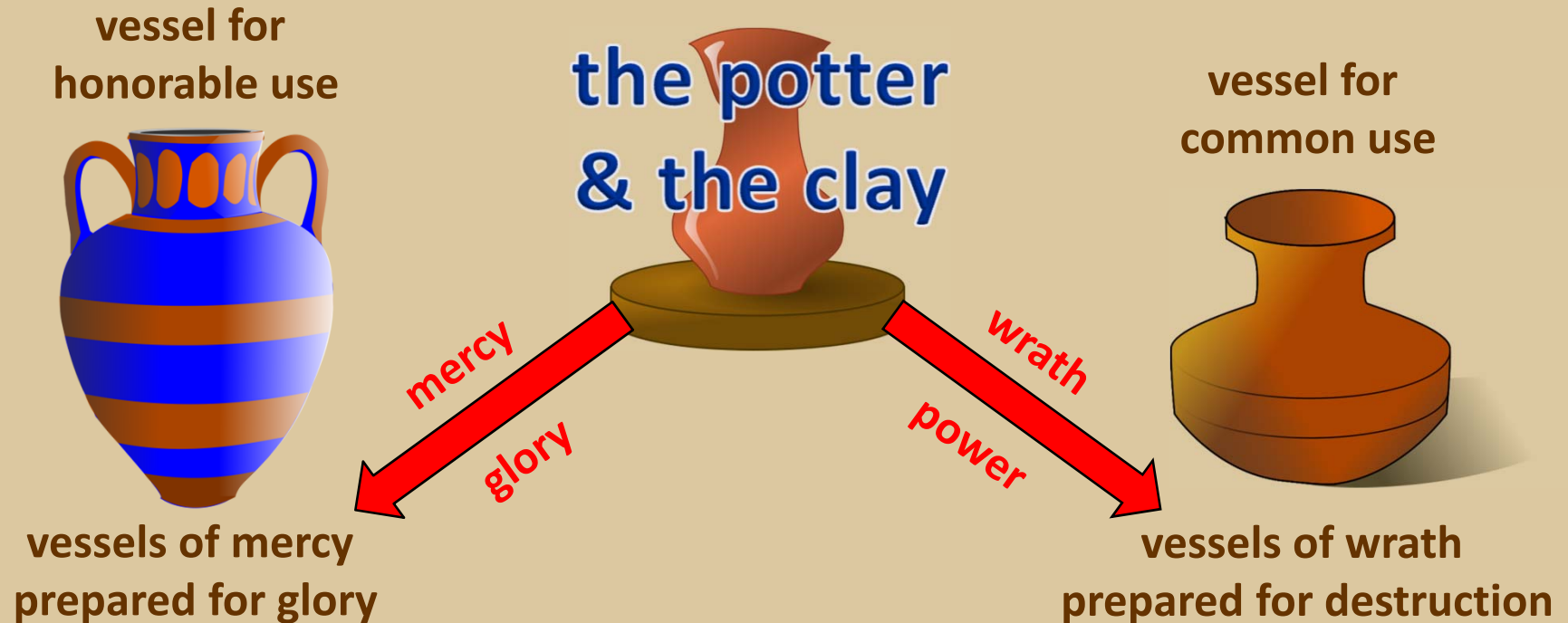
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God's authority · God's will · God's word

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God's word is authoritative · God is not answerable to man

(20) On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the thing molded, "Why did you make me like this, will it?"

God's word is according to God's will (purpose)

(22-24) What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And *He did so* in order that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared before hand for glory, even us, whom He also called ... [Gentiles].

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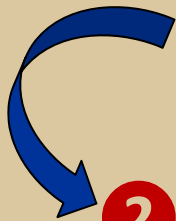
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(10:1) Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

(10:11) For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed" (Isaiah 28:16).

(10:13) ... for "Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved" (Joel 2:32).

(10:14-15) How then shall they call upon Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things" (Isaiah 52:7).

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