

## SERIES: THE ROMAN ROAD

### **Romans 9:18-24**

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Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

God **wills** to have mercy on those who are humble and accepting of His ways.

God **wills** to harden those who have hard hearts and are unwilling to humble themselves to follow His ways.

*Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 42:1; Exodus 33:3-7*

**Mercy is when God temporarily holds back judgment from proud people who **deserve it** so as to give them time to repent.**

*2 Peter 3:9*

**Grace from the Lord is **not deserved** but is given to those who humble themselves with repentance and faith in His promise.**

*Ephesians 1:13*

**God has always **resisted** the proud and **given** grace to the humble**

*Proverbs 3:34; Isaiah 57:15; Matt. 5:3; Luke 14:11; James 4:6*

**God **wills** to have mercy on nations who are humble and accepting of His ways.**

**God **wills** to harden already hardened nations who are unwilling to humble themselves to follow His ways.**

#### **Romans 9**

**19** You will say to me then, “Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?”

**20** But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, “Why have you made me like this?”

*Isaiah 29:15-16; Isaiah 45:9-17; Isaiah 64:8-9*

*Jeremiah 18:1-17; 19:5*

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**21** Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?

**22** What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,

**23** and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,

**24** even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?