

## The Book of Romans 9:19-29

### Key Phrases

- ✓ *Why does He still find fault?* An attempt to place blame on \_\_\_\_\_ for the sinfulness of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ *Who are you to reply against God?* The creature has no right to sit in \_\_\_\_\_ on the Creator.
- ✓ *Potter and Clay:* An analogy used to illustrate God's power over His creation, highlighting that God has the right to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for His purposes.
- ✓ *Longsuffering:* God's patience and endurance in dealing with sin and rebellion, allowing time for \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ *Vessels of Wrath:* Individuals who are objects of God's divine displeasure and judgment due to their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ *Vessels of Mercy:* Individuals who are objects of God's divine kindness and love because of their \_\_\_\_\_ and allegiance to Him.
- ✓ *I will call them people who were not my people:* A reference to the \_\_\_\_\_; Non-Jewish people, nations not traditionally part of the covenant with God through Israel.
- ✓ *Remnant:* A small, faithful group within a larger population that remains true to God despite prevailing \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓ *Sabaoth:* A Hebrew word meaning “\_\_\_\_\_” or “\_\_\_\_\_.” In the context of the Old Testament, it often refers to God as the Lord of all the heavenly hosts, emphasizing his power and authority.
- ✓ *Sodom and Gomorrah:* Ancient cities destroyed by God for their great wickedness, symbolizing \_\_\_\_\_ and the consequences of \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Discussion Questions**

1. According to Paul, why is it inappropriate for humans to question God?
2. How does Romans 9:19-29 balance God's control with human responsibility?
3. What is the significance of the potter and clay analogy in the passage? What does it illustrate about God's power?
4. Discuss the implications of the potter and clay analogy in relation to free will. Does the analogy negate human choice or free will, or does it complement it?
5. What are "vessels of wrath" and "vessels of mercy," and how does God use each, according to the text?
6. Consider the themes of God's mercy and wrath as presented in the passage. How are these two attributes of God related and how do they work together?
7. How do verses 25 and 26, quoting Hosea, relate to God's plan of salvation?
8. Explain how Romans 9:19-29 addresses the question of God's fairness in choosing some for salvation and others for destruction. Is God just, based on what the text claims?

9. Reflect on the broader message of Romans 9:19-29 in the context of the entire Bible. How does the text support and connect with overall themes of salvation, judgment, and God's purpose?