



Bible Study Notes

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Romans 9:19-33

¹⁹ One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who is able to resist his will?" ²⁰ But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" ²¹ Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?

²² What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction? ²³ What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory— ²⁴ even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles? ²⁵ As he says in Hosea:

"I will call them 'my people' who are not my people;
and I will call her 'my loved one' who is not my loved one,"

²⁶ and,

"In the very place where it was said to them,
'You are not my people,'
there they will be called 'children of the living God.'"

²⁷ Isaiah cries out concerning Israel:

"Though the number of the Israelites be like the sand by the sea,
only the remnant will be saved.

²⁸ For the Lord will carry out
his sentence on earth with speed and finality."

²⁹ It is just as Isaiah said previously:

"Unless the Lord Almighty
had left us descendants,
we would have become like Sodom,
we would have been like Gomorrah."

³⁰ What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹ but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. ³² Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. ³³ As it is written:

"See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall,
and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame."

Romans 9:14-18

¹⁴ What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses,



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*"I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."*

¹⁶ It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy. ¹⁷ For Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." ¹⁸ Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

If everyone is predestined to either be a Christian or not, then does it matter what we do?

We each have a great destiny in the Lord - if we choose it.

Genesis 3:6

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Joshua 24:15

¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Romans 4:18

¹⁸ Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

We partner with God in His miraculous plan for our lives through belief and obedience.

We must choose belief and obedience.

Israel had no justification in blaming God for their rebellion.

Isaiah 29:16

¹⁶ You turn things upside down,
as if the potter were thought to be like the clay!
Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it,
"You did not make me"?
Can the pot say to the potter,
"You know nothing"?



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Isaiah 45:9-10

⁹ *“Woe to those who quarrel with their Maker,
those who are nothing but potsherds
among the potsherds on the ground.*

*Does the clay say to the potter,
‘What are you making?’*

*Does your work say,
‘The potter has no hands’?*

¹⁰ *Woe to the one who says to a father,
‘What have you begotten?’*

*or to a mother,
‘What have you brought to birth?’*

God called Israel His chosen race because He wanted to use them to take the message to the world.

Romans 9:25 (The Message)

*I’ll call nobodies and make them somebodies;
I’ll call the unloved and make them beloved.
In the place where they yelled out, “You’re nobody!”
they’re calling you “God’s living children.”*

Remnant: a small remaining portion.

In a Biblical sense, a remnant represents a remaining group of faithful ones who were once part of a much larger group.

God works through remnants.

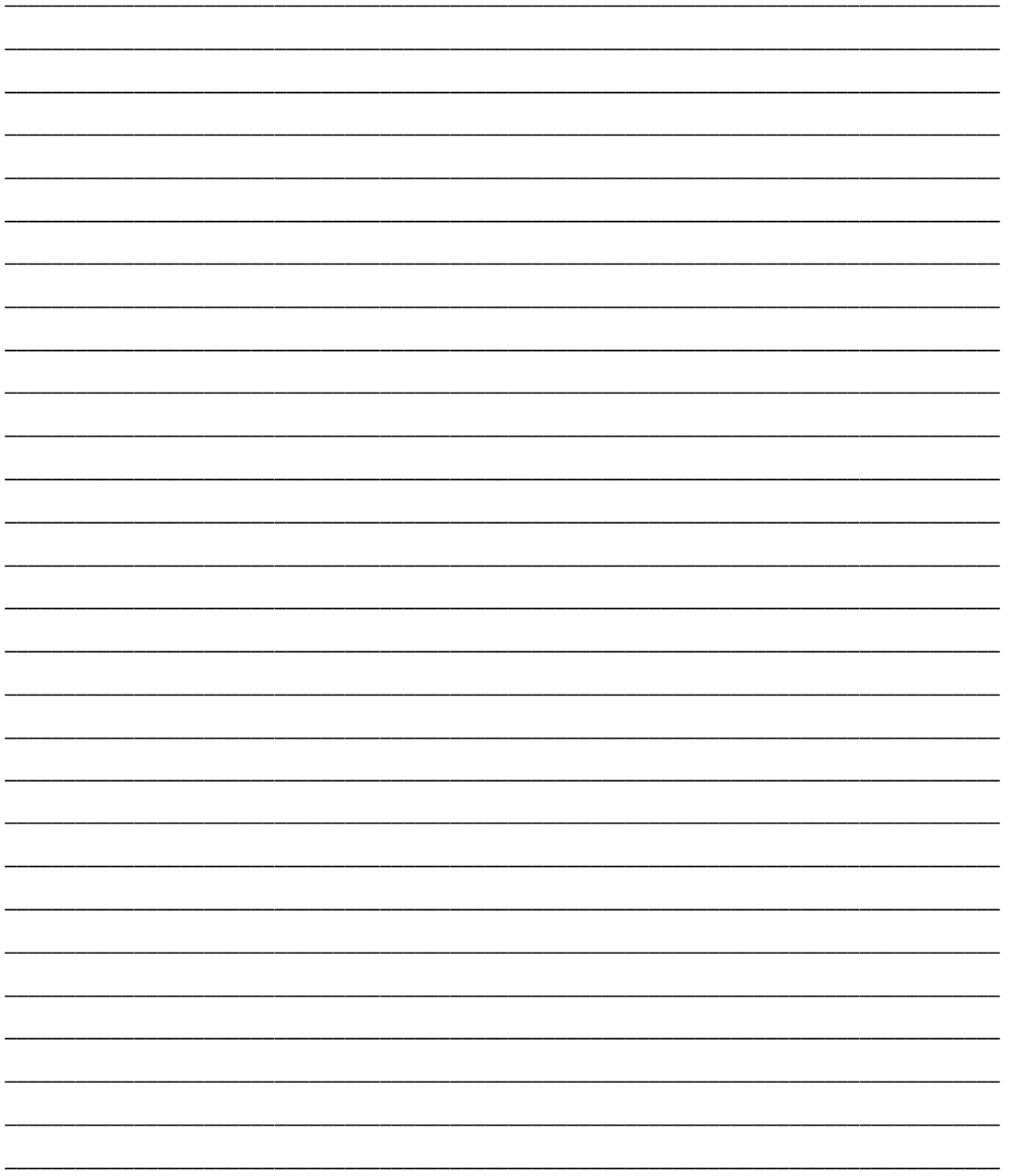
Romans 11:5-6

⁵ *So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. ⁶And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.*

2 Kings 19:30-31

³⁰ *Once more a remnant of the kingdom of Judah
will take root below and bear fruit above.*

³¹ *For out of Jerusalem will come a remnant,
and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors.
“The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.*



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