



Book of Romans

Lesson 30

“He will have mercy on whom He will have mercy”

Romans 9:10-18

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As we read this passage in Romans, our hearts give the very objection that Paul speaks against: “that’s not fair.”

Read Exodus 34:5-7. How does God describe *Himself* here?

Remembering the last couple of days lessons, is God trustworthy?

What should that tell us about how we should react when we see these verses?

Read Psalm 119:137-144. How is God described here?

What is the source of joy and delight and hope for the Psalmist? (Verses 140-143)

According to this passage, is God unrighteous or unjust?

Read Jeremiah 9:23-24. What does God tell us *not* to boast in?

What should we boast in? Why?

Read Ezekiel 36:26-27. The law that was given as part of the old covenant the people were unable to obey. What does God say He will give to His people?

What is it replacing?

What *else* will He give us? What will that cause? (2 things)

Read James 1:13-15. Does God tempt men?

What is the source of temptation?

What is the result?

Read Daniel 4:28-33. What claim did Nebuchadnezzar make?

What did the voice tell Nebuchadnezzar would happen to him?

Why did this happen to him?

Read Daniel 4:34-37. Did Nebuchadnezzar's condition remain permanent?

What was his reaction at that point?

What did Nebuchadnezzar say regarding God's works and ways?

Read Romans 1:21-25. What do all men know?

In spite of that, what do men do?

What did God give them over to?

What truth are these rebellious humans suppressing or exchanging?

As you spend time with God today, ask Him to help you to trust that He is as He says He is. Ask Him to give you the same joy in His word and His truths that the Psalmist had, trusting that He *is* just. Ask Him to help you to remember that what delights Him is steadfast love, justice and righteousness on earth. Thank Him for the provision of the Holy Spirit writing the law on our hearts and enabling us to obey the law. Thank God that He *is* a good God and that He does *not* tempt men.

Ask God to help you to have the contrite heart of Nebuchadnezzar, praising His justice and mercifulness and righteousness in all that He does. Ask Him to help you not to suppress the truth about who He is, based on your own sense of "fair" and "unfair". Thank Him, today and every day, that you were not given "fairness" but were given mercy and grace from the very One whose wrath you were under.