

# ROMANS 35 – IS GOD UNJUST?

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# PROLOGUE: QUESTION BEGGING AN ANSWER

- THE BIBLE IS TWO-THIRDS OLD TESTAMENT AND THE MAJORITY OF HISTORY, EVEN TODAY, OCCURRED BEFORE CHRIST; IN PAUL'S DAY 100% OF THE BIBLE WAS OLD TESTAMENT: IN OTHER WORDS CONCERNED MAINLY WITH PRE-JEWISH AND JEWISH HISTORY
  - IS JUDAISM BEING REPLACED BY THIS *NEW* APPROACH TO GOD THAT RENDERS THEIR ENTIRE HISTORY SUPERFLUOUS?
  - WHAT OF THE PROMISES GOD MADE TO THE JEWS THROUGHOUT THE OLD TESTAMENT, ESPECIALLY THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT; DO THESE ALL PASS OVER TO THE CHURCH?
  - IF TRUE, WAS GOD DISINGENUOUS IN MAKING PROMISES HE HAD NO INTENTION OF FULFILLING TO THEM; THUS, MOTIVATING THEM, AT TIMES EVEN TO DEATH, FOR A LEGACY RESERVED FOR THE COMING CHURCH COMPRISED MAINLY OF GENTILES?

# PROLOGUE: BUT, DID GOD'S PLAN FAIL?

- IF GOD'S WONDERFUL PLAN WAS IN PLACE, THEN WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MAJORITY OF THE JEWS WHO WERE IN REBELLION AND DIED IN THEIR SINS: DID GOD'S WORD FAIL?
  - NO! PAUL ANSWERS, NOT EVERYONE WHO WAS PHYSICALLY DESCENDED FROM ABRAHAM WAS SPIRITUALLY DESCENDED FROM ABRAHAM
  - THOUGH PAUL DOES NOT USE THE LABELS, *TRUE JEWS* AND *FALSE JEWS*, THIS IN ESSENCE IS WHAT HE IS STATING {LAW OF EXCLUDED MIDDLE: NO THIRD POSITION}
  - ABRAHAM HAD TWO SONS: ISHMAEL AND ISAAC; ONE WAS AFTER THE FLESH AND THE OTHER WAS THE SON OF PROMISE – PAUL USES THIS AS AN EXAMPLE TO ILLUSTRATE THIS CONCEPT (GA 4:21-31)

# PROLOGUE: HAGAR AND SARAH – LAW AND GRACE

- PAUL USES THE OLD TESTAMENT CONFLICT BETWEEN HAGAR AND SARAH AS A METAPHOR FOR EARTHLY AND HEAVENLY JERUSALEM, ALSO METAPHORS, ILLUSTRATING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SLAVERY TO THE LAW AND GRACE, FREEDOM FROM CONDEMNATION OF THE LAW
  - *FALSE JEWS* ARE OF EARTHLY JERUSALEM WHOSE ROOTS IS IN MOUNT SINAI, HOME OF THE LAW WHICH CAN ONLY CONDEMN; APPLIES TO ALL WHO ARE LOST {WORKS-BASED RELIGIONS}
  - SAVED JEWS, *TRUE JEWS*, LIKE ALL WHO ARE SAVED ARE CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE, ISAAC, AND BORN OF THE SPIRIT WHOSE CITY IS NOT OF EARTH BUT OF HEAVENLY JERUSALEM ABOVE (RE 21:1-5)
  - ABRAHAM WAS TO CAST OUT HAGAR AND ISHMAEL WHO TORMENTED THE CHILD OF PROMISE

# CHILDREN OF PROMISE – A METAPHOR

- THUS, ONLY THE CHILDREN OF PROMISE ARE COUNTED AS ABRAHAM'S SPIRITUAL OFFSPRING
- CHILDREN OF PROMISE ARE AN EVENT AND A METAPHOR FOR *SOVEREIGN* SALVATION: BOTH JEW AND GENTILE (JO 6:35-40)
  - ABRAHAM CONSIDERED HIS BODY DEAD AND SARAH'S WOMB BARREN; YET, GOD BROUGHT BOTH TO LIFE AND USED THEM TO PRODUCE *NEW LIFE* (RO 4:19)
  - JEWS ROOTS WERE DEAD IN IDOLATRY UNTIL GOD BROUGHT ABRAM TO BELIEF AND TO CANAAN (JOS 24:1-5)
  - SINNER IS CONSIDERED DEAD UNTIL GOD BRINGS HIM, OR HER, TO NEWNESS OF LIFE (EP 2:4-10)

# UNDERSTANDING SOURCE OF FAITH

- GOD *ELECTED* TO BRING ABRAHAM OUT FROM HIS FAMILY TO A *LIVING* FAITH
  - INCORRECT VIEW – GOD REWARDED ABRAHAM BECAUSE HE EXHIBITED SAVING FAITH; THIS IS ACTUALLY IMPUTING WORKS TO ABRAHAM SINCE HIS FAITH SAVED HIM
  - CORRECT VIEW – GOD ENLIGHTENED ABRAHAM WITH FAITH DURING THE SALVATION PROCESS {PRE-NEW COVENANT}; ABRAHAM EXHIBITED THE FAITH BEING DEVELOPED IN HIM BY GOD’S WILL, HOLY SPIRIT AND THE ALLOWED PEIRASMOI (JOB 1-2; LK 22:31-32)
  - FAITH IS CLEARLY A *GIFT* OF GOD SO NO PERSON, NOT EVEN ABRAHAM, MAY BOAST (EP 2:8-10; RO 12:3)
  - GOD CHOSE ABRAHAM, DEVELOPED HIM AND RECORDED CERTAIN DEEDS OF ABRAHAM TO TEACH BELIEVERS OF GOD’S *ELECTING* PROVIDENCE; I.E., WILL: BELIEVER’S SECURITY DEPENDS ON ELECTION

# ELECTION IS INDEPENDENT OF WORKS

- THE PAIN REBEKAH EXPERIENCED CARRYING TWINS, AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT BIRTH, WAS ANOTHER METAPHOR REINFORCING GOD'S ELECTIVE PROCESS
  - ESAU DID NOTHING WRONG AND JACOB DID NOTHING GOOD TO DESERVE THEIR RESPECTIVE FATES – BOTH WERE UNBORN
  - GOD CHOSE JACOB {SUPPLANTER} IN SPITE OF HIS SIN TO CARRY THE PROMISE FORWARD EVEN THOUGH JACOB DID NOT BELIEVE UNTIL GOD CONFRONTED HIM AND RENAMED HIM ISRAEL  
(GE 32:22-32)
  - GOD ALLOWED ESAU TO LIVE IN HIS SIN WHICH NATURALLY REJECTED THE PROMISE OF SALVATION; I.E., UNGODLY {ΑΣΕΒΕΙΑ ΑΣΕΒΕΙ} {ESAU MORE HONORABLE THAN JACOB} (RO 1:18-25)

# GOD'S WILL OF ELECTION

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# WHOM GOD LOVES AND HATES

- THE PHRASE, “JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED” CLEARLY SHOWS GOD’S ELECTION DID NOT SPRING FORTH FROM EITHER’S WORKS, *UNBORN*; AND CONFOUNDED CHRISTIANS SINCE
  - WHO ARE GOD’S ENEMIES? ALL SINNERS (COL 1:21; RO 5:10)
  - WHOM DOES GOD LOVE? ALL SAVED (RO 5:10-11; COL 1:21-23)
  - DEAD PEOPLE CANNOT MAKE THEMSELVES ALIVE, CANNOT CHANGE THEIR NATURES; IF GOD DOES NOT SAVE THEM THEY REMAIN ENEMIES OF GOD EVEN IN THEIR OWN MINDS (PS 2:1-6)
  - GOD LOVES ALL HE SAVES BECAUSE THEY ARE CLOTHED IN CHRIST’S RIGHTEOUSNESS, NOT BECAUSE OF ANYTHING THEY HAVE DONE OR MAY DO {JACOB DISHONORABLE LIAR AND THIEF}  
(IS 61:10; 2CO 5:21)

# IS GOD UNJUST?

- IS GOD UNJUST FOR ONLY SAVING THOSE HE DETERMINED RATHER THAN ALL MANKIND?
  - GOD DOES NOT TEMPT MAN TO SIN (GE 3:1-7; IS 14:12-17; EZ 28:12-19; JA 1:13; RE 12:9)
  - PEOPLE ARE THE AUTHORS OF THEIR OWN SIN DISPLAYING THEIR SIN NATURE (JA 1:14-15)
  - PEOPLE ARE LURED BY THEIR OWN LUSTS, GIVING BIRTH TO SIN RESULTING IN DEATH
  - SINNERS BY NATURE ARE UNGODLY {ΑΣΕΒΕΙΑ ASEBEIA} REJECTING EVERY TRUTH OF GOD
  - THUS, ALL SINNERS HATE GOD, ARE ENEMIES OF GOD AND GOD HOLDS THEM IN DERISION, NOT LOVE
  - DEATH, ETERNAL SEPARATION FROM GOD, IS THE JUST PENALTY FOR SIN AGAINST GOD (RO 6:23)
  - MIRACLE IS GOD SAVES ANYONE, THAT HE MADE JESUS BE SIN WHO KNEW NO SIN TO SAVE SOME

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(EX 33:18-23; 34:5-9)
  - FOR UNIVERSALISM TO SUCCEED, EVERY PERSON WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE EXACTLY THE SAME AND BE GIVEN EXACTLY THE SAME ILLUMINATION; I.E., AUTOMATONS OF SOCIALISTIC EQUALITY
  - SINNERS DO NOT WANT EVERYONE SAVED, JUST SELF, FOR THAT IS THE ONLY GOAL THAT MATTERS TO SINNERS; EQUALITY IS SIMPLY A MEANS TO KEEP OTHERS FROM BEING EQUAL TO YOU

# ONLY SATAN CAN BE FAIR

- SINCE FAIR OR UNIVERSALISM IS NOT OF GOD, AND HOLDING TO THE LAW OF EXCLUDED MIDDLE {THERE IS ONLY SAVED AND LOST}, THEN ONLY SATAN IS BE FAIR
  - FAIRNESS IS A FALSE DILEMMA LOGICAL FALLACY DEMANDING A CONCLUSION THAT EITHER CANNOT EXIST OR CANNOT FLOW FROM TRUTH {PRESENTING A FALSE CONCLUSION AS TRUE}
  - GOD CANNOT BE FAIR FOR FAIRNESS *AGREES* WITH THE LAW, CONDEMNING EVERYONE WHO SINS TO DEATH FOR THERE MUST ALWAYS BE JUDGMENT FOR SIN (HE 9:27)
  - GOD INTERVENES TO BRING LIFE TO THE UNDESERVING: MERCY AND COMPASSION
  - THIS REMOVES HUMAN WORKS AS A QUALIFIER; GOD ALONE DECIDES BASED SOLELY ON GOD

# GOD'S CHARACTER CANNOT CHANGE

- GOD IS IMMUTABLE, UNCHANGEABLE; THEREFORE, HIS CHARACTER DOES NOT CHANGE
  - SINNERS DEMAND UNIVERSAL ACQUITTAL WITHOUT HAVING A CHANGED OR *NEW NATURE*
  - THE LOST DEFINE *FAIRNESS* AS REMAINING THEMSELVES, RETAINING THEIR SIN NATURE AND FLESH
  - PROBLEM IS THEY COULD NOT EXIST IN GOD'S PRESENCE; NO ONE WHO REMAINS IN THEIR FLESH CAN SURVIVE BEFORE GOD'S GLORY; GOD COVERED MOSES WHO WAS IN THE FLESH  
(EX 33:20; 1 CO 1:29; RE 22:3-5)
- FAIRNESS DEMANDS WHAT GOD CANNOT DO, THAT HE CHANGE HIS NATURE TO ALLOW SIN TO EXIST BEFORE HIM; THIS INCOHERENT POSTULATE IS NOTHING MORE THAN DEMANDING THAT GOD EXCUSE MURDERS, IMMORALITY, IDOLATERS, LIARS AND PHARMAKOI, ETC.

# GOD RAISES UP LEADERS

- GOD RAISES UP LEADERS, MAINLY FROM AMONG THE LOST, TO SHOWCASE MAN'S SIN AND GOD'S POWER OVER ALL CREATION THAT INSURES HIS PLAN WILL REACH ITS CONCLUSION

(IS 45:1-8)

- PHARAOH, QUINTESSENTIAL EXAMPLE OF A RELIGIOPOLITICAL LEADER, WAS ALLOWED POWER BY GOD, VIA SATAN, TO SHOWCASE MAN'S INEPT RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL POWER
- EXODUS SHOWCASED THE TOTAL INABILITY OF SINNERS TO THWART GOD'S WILL AND TO SAVE THEMSELVES FROM THEIR COMING ETERNAL DEATHS; EVEN SATAN WAS POWERLESS TO SAVE
- HEBREWS WERE BROUGHT FORTH, NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE RIGHTEOUS, BUT BECAUSE THEY WERE GOD'S CHOSEN OR ELECTED ONES (EX 4:21-23)

# DOES GOD HARDEN PEOPLE?

- FIRST, MAN HARDENS HIS OWN HEART VIA UNGODLINESS; I.E., THE ABSOLUTE REJECTION OF GOD AND HIS TRUTH WITH THE SUBSTITUTION OF GOD'S TRUTH WITH MAN'S PHILOSOPHIES

(HE 3:7-11; 4:1-10)

- GOD GIVES THE UNCALLED OVER TO LIVE THE LIVES THEY CHOOSE; HE GIVES THEM UP (RO 1:18-25)
- GOD DOES NOT *HIDE* THE TRUTH BUT THE TRUTH TO THE LOST IS FOOLISHNESS (1CO 1:18, 28-29; 2:14)
- SATAN DOES HIDE THE GOSPEL FROM THE LOST; GOD ALLOWS THIS BECAUSE THE LOST WANT TO BELIEVE IN MYTHS TO THEIR DESTRUCTION RATHER THAN THE GOSPEL (2CO 4:3-4; 2TH 2:9-12; 2TI 3:1-7; 4:3-4)
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# WHY IS ELECTION IMPORTANT?

- IF GOD'S WILL IS BUILT UPON ALL THAT HAS OCCURRED TO REACH HIS GOAL OF SALVATION IN ETERNITY FUTURE THEN THE JEWS WERE IMPORTANT FOR THEIR ROLE (RO 9:1-5)
  - GOD GAVE PROMISES TO THE TRUE JEWS CONTINUING HIS PLAN, THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM
  - THIS IS NOT SIMPLY A SOP TO THE JEWS FOR BEING FAITHFUL OR BEING JEWS BUT AN IMPORTANT FINAL STEP IN DESTROYING THE OBJECTION OF SATAN AGAINST GOD'S JUDGMENT OF HIMSELF
  - THIS FINAL DISPENSATION DESTROYS THE FINAL CHARGE OF GOD BEING UNJUST IN JUDGMENT
  - IF GOD RENEGES ON HIS PROMISES TO THE *TRUE JEWS*, THEN HE IS SINFUL, A LIAR; THUS, HE IS INCAPABLE OF TRUE JUDGMENT AND NO ONE CAN BE PUNISHED: UNIVERSALISM WHICH REQUIRES THAT GOD BE A SINNER LIKE HIS CREATIONS – NO MERCY, COMPASSION NOR GRACE; JUST TERROR

# BUT WHAT OF A SINNER'S ABILITY TO JUDGE

- SATAN WAS CALLED A LIAR AND MURDER FROM THE BEGINNING OF *HIS SIN* BY CHRIST (JO 8:44)
  - IN ADDITION, CHRIST SAID EVERY SINNER HAS SATAN AS HIS, OR HER, FATHER; THUS, THEY *NATURALLY* DO THE WORKS OF THEIR FATHER, THEY KNOW OF NO OTHER MEANS OF BEHAVIOR
  - THIS WAS DEMONSTRATED WHEN CAIN MURDERED ABEL FOR BEING ACCEPTED BY GOD OVER HIM
  - MAN'S SUBSEQUENT HISTORY, PRE AND POST CATAclySM, HAS BEEN CONTINUAL VIOLENCE
  - MODERN MAN HAS ONLY PERFECTED THE ART OF WHOLESale DEATH WITH THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY BEING THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE CENTURY IN HISTORY
  - LEADERS PROVE THEY CANNOT JUDGE RIGHTEOUSLY AS THEY RUSH HEADLONG INTO OPPRESSIVE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISM OR GLOBALISM; ENSLAVING EVERYONE IN SIN WITHOUT HOPE OF LIFE

# SOCIAL JUSTICE IS SIMPLY SATANIC FAIRNESS

- SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT ENTERING THE CHURCHES IS NOTHING LESS THAN THE LOST AND IMMATURE CHRISTIANS EMBRACING THE CONCEPT OF *FAIRNESS*, FORCING EVERYONE TO BE THE SAME; I.E., ABSOLUTE EQUALITY WHICH IS OPPRESSION
  - *FREE WILL* OR ARMINIANISM, WHICH APPEARS AS *FAIR* TO THE FLESHLY MIND, REQUIRES A LOW VIEW OF SCRIPTURE DENIGRATING THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE IN ALL DOCTRINES
  - AS WITH ALL THINGS OF SATAN, EQUALITY ONLY BRINGS SLAVERY, SIN AND DEATH, NOT HOPE
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