The Sovereign Rights of the Potter II



Rom 9:14-18 "What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills."

Eph 4:18 "They are <u>darkened</u> in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart."

Isa 63:17 "O Lord, why do you make us wander from your ways and harden our heart, so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage."

Isa 64:7 "There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities."

Isa 57:17 "I hid my face and was angry, and he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart."

2 Chron 7:14 "If MY people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and <u>SEEK MY FACE</u>."

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Mercy - Ro 2:4 "Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?"

Wrath - Eccl 8:11 "Because the sentence against an evil deed is not executed speedily, the heart of the children of man is fully set to do evil."

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- 1. Most of Israel is cut off from Christ. 1-5.
- 2. Yet the word of God has not failed. 6a.
- 3. For the promise was only to the elect. 6b-13.
- 4. In this God is righteous. 15.
- 5. For God's righteousness is his commitment to his name, and essential to his name is his freedom. 14-18

V19-20 "You will say to me then, "Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?" 20 But who are you, O man, to answer back to God?"

V17 "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

Ro 3:5-7 "But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? ... 6 By no means! For then how could God judge the world? 7 But if through my lie God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner?"

Ex 10:1-2 "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these signs of mine among them, 2 and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your grandson how I have dealt harshly with the Egyptians and what signs I have done among them, that you may know that I am the Lord."

Ex 14:16-18 "Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. 18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

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Isa 46:9-10 "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose."

Ps 135:6 "Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps."

Prov 19:21 "Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand."

John 3:19-21 "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil, for everyone who does evil hates the light and does not come to the light lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God"