

CHAPTER 9

Paul explains how the law of election (foreordination) operates—The people of Israel are chosen (foreordained) to receive the adoption, covenants, promises, and blessings of the gospel; yet they are not all Israel who are of Israel—They must seek their blessings by faith—The Gentiles also attain to righteousness and salvation by faith.

1 I say the truth in Christ, I ^alie not, my ^bconscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

3 ^aFor I could wish that myself were ^baccursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

4 Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the ^aadoption, and the glory, and the ^bcovenants, and the giving of the law, and the service *of God*, and the promises;

5 Whose *are* the fathers, and of whom as concerning the ^aflesh Christ *came*, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

6 Not as though the word of God ^ahath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of ^bIsrael:

7 ^aNeither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In ^bIsaac shall thy seed be called.

8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the ^achildren of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

9 For this *is* the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a ^ason.

10 And not only *this*; but when ^aRebecca also had conceived by one, *even* by our father Isaac;

11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to ^aelection might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

12 It was said unto her, The ^aelder shall serve the younger.

13 As it is written, Jacob have I ^aloved, but Esau have I hated.

14 What shall we say then? *Is there* ^aunrighteousness with God? ^bGod forbid.

15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have ^acompassion on whom I will have compassion.

16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth ^amercy.

17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same ^apurpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

18 Therefore hath he ^amercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he ^bhardeneth.

19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?

20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that ^arepliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou ^bmade me thus?

21 Hath not the ^apotter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

22 *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to ^adestruction:

23 And that he might make known the ^ariches of his ^bglory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

25 As he saith also in ^aOsee, I will call them my people, which were not my ^bpeople; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

26 And it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people; there shall they be called the ^achildren of the living God.

27 ^aEsaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the ^bnumber of the children of ^cIsrael be as the sand of the sea, a ^dremnant shall be saved:

28 For he will finish the work, and cut *it* short in ^arighteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.

29 And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of ^aSabaoth had left us a ^bseed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.

30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the ^arighteousness which is of faith.

31 But ^aIsrael, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.

32 ^aWherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they ^bstumbled at that stumblingstone;

33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a ^astumblingstone and ^brock of ^coffence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

1a 1 Tim. 2:7.

1b TG Conscience.

3a JST Rom. 9:3 (For *once* I could *have wished* that myself were accursed from Christ,) ...

3b Ex. 32:32.

4a TG Election; Sons and Daughters of God.

4b TG Abrahamic Covenant.

5a TG Jesus Christ, Condescension of.

6a GR has been fruitless, ineffectual.

6b 2 Ne. 30:2.

7a JST Rom. 9:7 Neither, because they are *all children* of Abraham, are they *the seed*; but, In Isaac ...

- 7b TG Seed of Abraham.
- 8a TG Sons and Daughters of God.
- 9a TG Seed of Abraham.
- 10a Gen. 22:23.
- 11a TG Foreordination; God, Foreknowledge of.
- 12a Gen. 25:23.
- 13a Mal. 1:2 (2–3).
- 14a Ps. 92:15. TG God, Perfection of.
- 14b GR May it not be!
- 15a TG Compassion.
- 16a TG God, Mercy of.
- 17a Ex. 9:16 (15–17).
- 18a TG Forgive.
- 18b GR leaves to stubbornness, hardness. Deut. 2:30.
- 20a GR contradictest, disputest.
- 20b Job 9:12.
- 21a Isa. 45:9; Jer. 18:6.
- 22a 1 Pet. 2:8 (4–8).
- 23a TG Treasure.
- 23b TG Celestial Glory; God, Glory of.
- 25a IE Hosea.
- 25b Hosea 2:23; Zech. 13:9.
- 26a GR sons. TG Sons and Daughters of God.
- 27a IE Isaiah.
- 27b Isa. 10:22.
- 27c TG Israel, Blessings of.
- 27d TG Israel, Remnant of.
- 28a D&C 52:11.
- 29a HEB hosts.
- 29b GR posterity.
- 30a TG Righteousness.
- 31a TG Apostasy of Israel.

- 32a GR Why?
- 32b Isa. 8:14 (13–15); Matt. 21:44 (43–45); Luke 2:34.
- 33a TG Cornerstone; Jesus Christ, Prophecies about.
- 33b TG Rock.
- 33c TG Offense.