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# Message Of The Week

## "The Sovereignty Of God In Salvation"

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Editor's note - This is the first of a three-part series of messages in the Post in the coming months.

Part I  
God is sovereign in the salvation of every sinner that ever gets saved. What do we mean by that? We mean that God saves whom He pleases and whom He pleases, He hardens.

In Rom. 9:13 and 15 we find these words: "As it is written, Jacob HAVE I LOVED, but ESAU HAVE I HATED. For He saith to Moses, I (God) will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."

The ninth chapter of Romans is a chapter in the Bible most preachers skip over and never preach from. Why? Because they cannot harmonize the Sovereignty of God in saving a sinner with their human reasoning and their "free will." This chapter sets forth that God is responsible to no one and can and does do as He pleases in saving a sinner or reprobating a sinner.

What does He mean when He says "Jacob have I loved? Before the foundation of the world God loved Jacob and elected him to salvation in Christ. God does not elect a sinner to salvation in Christ on the basis of anything in the sinner. God's election of a sinner to salvation in Christ is based purely on the will of God, His pleasure. Listen to the Word of God: "According as He hath chosen us (believers) in Him (Christ) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love:" (Eph. 1:4) So we see there that God chose Jacob "in love" before the foundation of the world. This is true of all the elect of God. I was chosen in love before the foundation of the world. That God would choose the chief of sinners, J.M. Little, in love and place me in Christ. Salvation was planned by the Father before the foundation of the world. If God had not elected a certain number to salvation, no sinner would ever be saved.

The sinner is dead in trespasses and sins according to

Eph. 2:1 "And you hath He (the Holy Spirit) quickened, who sins." That is the state of every God. "And He said, that the man." (Mark 7:20-23) My supplanter, liar, thief, etc. in Rom. 8:7 "Because the Holy Spirit awakens you, you will die in your sins and wake up in Hell. In order for any sinner to be saved you must be awakened by God the Holy Spirit. Your spirit is dead to God. I'll tell you this in passing; after a sinner is made alive by the Holy Spirit he still cannot come to Christ on his own, no, you cannot. Only the Holy Spirit can lead a sinner to Christ. Listen to the Word of God; Rom. 8:14 "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." If you soul winners so-called can lead a poor sinner to Christ, then there are four persons in the God-Head. According to my Bible there are only Three Persons in the God-Head.

In the case of these two brothers, Jacob and Esau, God loved one and hated the other and elected one and reprobated the other before they were born, why? Verse 11 tells us, "...that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth;"

This verse lets us know clearly that salvation is not by WORKS. Paul also makes it very clear in Eph. 2:8, 9 that salvation can not be words. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: it is the gift of God: NOT OF WORKS, lest any man should boast." There you have it. If there is one hair's breath of works in your salvation you are not saved! Trotting down a church isle, giving the preacher your hand, turning over a new leaf, resolving to do better, cleaning up your life etc. are all works.

This idea of trotting down a church isle and giving the preacher your hand and your heart to Jesus smells of the brimstone of Hell. How many individuals have said "I gave my heart to Jesus? Did you? Where and when in the Scripture did the Lord Jesus tell you to give Him your heart? You listen to the Word of God." And He said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For



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from within, OUT OF THE HEART of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man. (Mark 7:20-23) My friend, all that is in your heart and you tell me you gave all that evil to the Lord? You did no such thing. What would the Lord do with sin? He hates sin and you will too if you are ever going to come to know Him.

The Lord Jesus does not want, and will not have your old natural heart. The Lord promises to give you a new heart (Ez. 36:26). Read the 26th chapter of Ezekiel and pray that the Lord will give you a new heart. If He doesn't give you a new heart you'll never get foot in the kingdom.

If God had made the choice based on something in these two brothers, Jacob and Esau, He certainly would not have chosen Jacob. why? The very name Jacob itself tells us. The name Jacob means; cheat,

supplanter, liar, thief etc. Esau was the gentleman. I'm glad God did not make the choice for His elect based on anything in them if He had, no sinner would ever be saved. Man by nature hates God. Have you ever seen that you hate God? If not, then the god you know, is not the God of the Bible, the god you know is only the "figment of your imagination." Now you let that soak in. Rom. 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity (hated) against God... There it is, man hates God by nature and if you are ever to be saved the Holy Spirit is going to show you when He brings you under Holy Spirit Conviction that you hate Him, God the Son, and God the Father.

Let's look at God's Sovereignty again in verse 18 of Rom. 9. "Therefore hath He mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom He will He hardeneth." You can't make God have mercy on your soul. But if you take your place before Him as a guilty sinner, a lost sinner, He will have mercy on you.

## Around The Wicket Gate - Chapter Five

Reprint from Prophet's Col. unhealthy nature--the fear to believe. Yet have I met with it often: so often that I wish I may never use it again. It looks like humility, and tries to pass itself off as the very soul of modesty, and yet it is an infamously proud thing: in fact, it is presumption playing the hypocrite. If men were afraid to trust their God is at best an absurdity, and in every deed it is a deceitful way of refusing to the Lord the honour that is due to His faithfulness and truth.

How unprofitable is the diligence which busies itself in finding out reasons why faith in our case should not be saving! We have God's word for it, that whosoever believeth in Jesus shall not perish, and we search for arguments why we should perish if we did believe. If any one gave me an estate, I certainly should not commence raising questions as to the title. What can be the use of inventing reasons why I should not hold my own house, or possess any other piece of property which is enjoyed by me? If the Lord is satisfied to save me through the merits of His dear Son, assuredly I may be satisfied to be so saved. If I take God at His word, the responsibility of fulfilling His promise does not lie with me, but God, who made the promise.

But you fear that you may not be one of those for whom the promise is intended. Do not be alarmed by that idle suspicion. No soul ever came to Jesus wrongly. No one can come at all unless the Father draw him; and Jesus has said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." No soul ever lays hold on Christ in a way of robbery; he that hath Him hath Him of right divine; for the Lord's giving of Himself for us, and to us, is so free, that every soul that takes Him has a grace-given right to

do so. If you lay hold on Jesus by the hem of His garment, without leave, and behind Him, yet virtue will flow from Him to you as surely as without it He had called you out by name, and bidden you trust Him. Dismiss all fear when you trust the Saviour. Take Him and welcome. He that believeth in Jesus is one of God's elect.

Did you suggest that it would be a horrible thing if you were to trust Jesus and yet perish? It would be so. But as you must perish if you do not trust, the risk at the worst is not very great.

"I can but perish if I go. I am resolved to try. For if I stay away, I know I must for ever die."

Suppose you stand in the Slough of Despond for ever. What will be the good of that? Surely it would be better to die struggling along the King's highway towards the Celestial City, than sinking deeper and deeper in the mire and filth of dark distrustful thoughts! You have nothing to lose, for you have lost everything already; therefore make a dash for it, and dare to believe in the mercy of God to you, even to you.

But one moans, "What if I come to Christ, and He refuses me?" My answer is, "Try Him." Cast yourself on the Lord Jesus, and see if He refuses you. You will be the first against whom He has shut the door to hope. Friend, don't cross that bridge till you come to it! When Jesus casts you out, it will be time enough to despair; but that time will never come. "This man receiveth sinners": He has not so much as begun to cast them out.

Have you never heard of the man who lost his way one night, and came to the edge of a precipice, as he thought, and in his own apprehension fell over the cliff? He clutched at an old tree, and there hung, clinging to his frail support

with all his might. He felt persuaded that, should he quit his hold, he would be dashed in pieces on some awful rocks that waited for him down below. There he hung, with the sweat upon his brow, and anguish in every limb. He passed into a desperate state of fever and faintness, and at last his hands could hold up his body no longer. He relaxed his grasp! He dropped from his support! He fell about a foot or so, and was received upon a soft, mossy bank, whereon he lay, altogether unharmed, and perfectly safe till morning.

Thus, in the darkness of their ignorance, many think that sure destruction awaits them if they confess their sin, quit all hope in self, and resign themselves into the hands of God. They are afraid to quit the hope to which they ignorantly cling. It is an idle fear. Give up your hold upon everything but Christ, and drop Drop from all trust in your works, or prayers, or feelings. Drop at once! Drop now! Soft and safe shall be the bank that receives you. Jesus Christ, in His love, in the efficacy of His precious blood, in His perfect righteousness, will give you immediate rest and peace. Cease from self-confidence. Fall into the arms of Jesus.

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### Board Seats

Continued from Page 1 controversy that has developed about some of the candidates involving alleged offers of political jobs, the financial status of one candidate, the personal habits of another and school board candidates who voted for our publicly stated support for firing School Superintendent Rolland Jones.

In the Democratic race for lieutenant governor Howard Lee and Jimmy Green swapped charges of offering John Jordan a political job in exchange for his endorsement after Green openly admitted having made such an offer in violation of the law. Jordan finished third in the August 17 primary behind Lee and Green.

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