



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Lesson 11

Romans 9:6-18 Scripture Handout New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(Romans 9:6) It is not as though the word of God had failed. For not all Israelites truly belong to Israel,

(Romans 9:7) and not all of Abraham's children are his true descendants; but “It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you.”

(Romans 9:8) This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as descendants.

(Romans 9:9) For this is what the promise said, “About this time I will return and Sarah shall have a son.”

(Romans 9:10) Nor is that all; something similar happened to Rebecca when she had conceived children by one husband, our ancestor Isaac.

(Romans 9:11) Even before they had been born or had done anything good or bad (so that God's purpose of election might continue,

(Romans 9:12) not by works but by his call) she was told, “The elder shall serve the younger.”

(Romans 9:13) As it is written, “I have loved Jacob, but I have hated Esau.”

(Romans 9:14) What then are we to say? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means!

(Romans 9:15) For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”

(Romans 9:16) So it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God who shows mercy.

(Romans 9:17) For the scripture says to Pharaoh, "I have raised you up for the very purpose of showing my power in you, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth."

(Romans 9:18) So then he has mercy on whomever he chooses, and he hardens the heart of whomever he chooses.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?