

God's Glory Displayed in His Wrath & Mercy

Exodus 9

1. *God reserves the right to* **discriminate** *who receives*
His **wrath** *& who receives His* **mercy** (v. 4)
 - a. *It is unwise for me to* **suppress** *any*
..... **good motivation** *I have to obey God.*

2. *God* **aggravates** *Pharaoh's* **already**
..... **hardened** *heart* (v. 12)
 - a. *God ultimately* **gives me** *exactly the*
..... **kind of relationship** *I want with Him.*

3. *If I refuse to* **glorify God's mercy**
I will inevitably **glorify God's wrath** (v. 16)

Referenced Scriptures

James 1:13 NASB: Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, & He Himself does not tempt anyone.

2 Thessalonians 2:6-7, 11-12 NASB: And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way. ¹¹ For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, ¹² in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

Romans 9:14-24 NASB: What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! ¹⁵ For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, & I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶ So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy. ¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, & that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth." ¹⁸ So then He has mercy on whom He desires, & He hardens whom He desires. ¹⁹ You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who resists His will?" ²⁰ On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? ²¹ Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use & another for common use? ²² What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath & to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? ²³ & He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory, ²⁴ even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.

Proverbs 21:1 NASB: The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes.

Psalms 105:25 NASB: He turned their heart to hate His people, to deal craftily with His servants.

Revelation 17:17 NASB: "For God has put it in their hearts to execute His purpose by having a common purpose, & by giving their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God will be fulfilled.

2 Corinthians 7:9-11 NASB: I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God, so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. ¹⁰ For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. ¹¹ For behold what earnestness this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.