

## Romans 9, Daily Devotions

### ☐ Monday - Sons of Abraham, By Faith.

Romans 9:6-8

God's Word declares, "They are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants ... That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants" (Rom. 9:6-8). Three world religions have descended from Abraham: [1] Judaism, through Isaac (Gen. 17:21), [2] Islam, through Ishmael (Gen. 17:20), and [3] Christianity, through Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:29). But it is only by this last association that any are saved. Nevertheless, any Jew, or Moslem, or Gentile who turns to Christ in faith can become the true spiritual seed of Abraham (Gal. 5:6). This is the message of the Gospel (Jn. 3:16), and the basis for the great commission (Mt. 28:19). Read Luke 3:8; Romans 2:28-29, 4:13-14, 8:14, 10:12-13; Galatians 3:7, 3:9, 3:29, 6:15-16; 1 Peter 2:9-10

### ☐ Tuesday - The King of Hearts.

Romans 9:15-16

"For [the Lord] says to Moses, 'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.' So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy ... So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires" (Rom. 9:15-16, 18). God is sovereign over the human heart, for again it says, "The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes" (Prov. 21:1). Let this then be the Christians' praise, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again" (1 Pet. 1:3). Read John 1:12-13, 5:21; Acts 13:48; Ephesians 1:4-6; James 1:18

### ☐ Wednesday - He is the Potter, We Are The Clay.

Romans 9:21-23

The apostle declares, "Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use? What if God, although willing to demonstrate His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction? And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory" (Rom. 9:21-23). Look here, Christian, you are called a "vessel for honorable use" and a "vessel of mercy." For you have been fashioned by the hand of God into a sacred and holy vessel into which God has poured out His choicest mercies. Read Isaiah 64:8

### ☐ Thursday - You Are The People of God.

Romans 9:25-26

Here we read, "I will call those who were not my people, 'My people,' and her who was not beloved, 'beloved.' And it shall be that in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' there they shall be called sons of the living God." (Rom. 9:25-26). Christians, "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may *proclaim the excellencies of Him* who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy" (1 Pet. 2:9-10). Considering our calling, this must be first on today's "To Do List": Proclaim God's excellencies. Read Ephesians 2:11-22

### ☐ Friday - Jesus is the Rock.

Romans 9:33

"Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense, and he who believes in Him will not be disappointed" (Rom. 9:33). Christ is the Rock (Deut. 32:4, 31; Psa. 19:14, 61:2): [1] a stumbling stone to the unbeliever, but [2] the chief cornerstone to those who believe and are saved. Read 1 Peter 2:4-8