

## Romans 9 Listening Sheet

**Backdrop:** After centuries of “divine tutelage” the long-awaited Jewish Messiah came to His land and people and was rejected, executed and buried. Though many Jews initially came to saving faith in the risen Christ, the great majority did not and have not to this day.

By the end of the first century, the church was primarily \_\_\_\_\_ not Jewish, spoke \_\_\_\_\_ not Hebrew and lived throughout the Roman Empire, not \_\_\_\_\_.

- Gentile Christians look around and ask – where are the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_?
- Jewish Christians look around and ask – why are we so \_\_\_\_\_?
- Skeptic charges, if this gospel doesn’t work at home, then why \_\_\_\_\_ it?

So Paul vindicates God by explaining what’s going on from God’s perspective, by addressing the elephant in the room – has the purpose of God been thwarted? Has His word \_\_\_\_\_?

Paul’s impassioned answer is Romans 9-11! God has made \_\_\_\_\_ in salvation and condemnation consistent with His character and man’s sinfulness and, consistent with His Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_, He’s not through with Israel. God is not on \_\_\_\_\_ but He is worthy of \_\_\_\_\_ at all times.

**Romans 9-11:** God (\_\_\_x); Jesus (\_\_\_x); Holy Spirit (\_\_\_x)

**Let’s list all the human proper names throughout chapter 9:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

**Chapter Summary:** Using ample OT characters and quotes for support, Paul answers the question of why Israel has mostly rejected Jesus and shows emphatically that God’s Word (Promise or Gospel) has not failed.

**Chapter Breakdown:**

### I. God Makes Distinctions (vv.1-13)

- A. Between Israel and the \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-5)
- B. Between \_\_\_\_\_ Israel and \_\_\_\_\_ Israel (vv.6-13)
  - a. Ishmael vs \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.6-9)
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ vs Jacob (vv.10-13)

Doug Moo: “God’s word never promised salvation to all the bio descendants of Abraham. If it did, Paul’s gospel is in jeopardy. Salvation is never a birthright, even for Jews, but always a gift of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ love, a gift he is free to bestow on Gentiles as well as Jews.”

Expositor’s Bible Commentary: “The value of the account of the 2 brothers is to make clear that in election God does not wait until individuals or nations are developed and then make a choice on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. If he did so, this would make a mockery of the concept of \_\_\_\_\_, because it would locate the basis in \_\_\_\_\_ rather than in \_\_\_\_\_ and His purpose.”

The Bible Knowledge Commentary (DTS): “He is sovereign and can therefore \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of His creation as He wishes.”

Doug Moo: “God is free to “narrow” the apparent boundaries of election by choosing only some Jews to be saved. He is also free to “expand” the dimensions of his people by choosing Gentiles.”

Salvation is by “sovereign \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.”

## **II. God Does What He Wants (vv.14-33)**

MacArthur Study Bible: “This does not mean that God actively created unbelief or some other evil in Pharaoh’s heart, but rather that He withdrew all the divine influences that ordinarily acted as a restraint to sin and allowed Pharaoh’s wicked heart to pursue its sin unabated.”