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THE GOSPEL TO THE ROMANS

“Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.”

Malachi 1:1-11/Rom 9:9-16

1. Election defined: vs 9-11

- a. Election is not rooted in works: “Before they were born” vs 11/Eph 1:3-5/Titus 3:5
- b. Election is God’s choice—before time/In Christ/By His Grace: 1 Cor 1:30
- c. Election is God’s FREE choice—not influenced by our actions, but His calling: 2 Tim 1:9
- d. Love and hate are verbs, NOT mere emotional predispositions, and are expressed both passively and actively. Ps 85:10

2. The Love and Hatred of God is a fact of His righteous nature: vs 12-13

- a. The younger—Isaac/Jacob—loved: Malachi 1:1-5
- b. Those chosen are loved and rule with Christ (Israel): John 17:21-23/Rev 1:5-6
- c. The elder is Ishmael/Esau/Adam 1—in whom all die: 1 Cor 15:22
- d. Such are left out of the covenant of grace and redemption: Gal 4:21-31
- e. Those whom God hates also hate God: Ps 25x/Prov 8:17, 35/Heb 12:16-17/John 15:24

3. Human Prejudice against God’s right to choose is evident: vs 14, 18-19

- a. Mercy is an attribute of God exercised: vs 15/Ex 34:6-7
- b. No one deserves mercy, or else it is not mercy: 1 Tim 1:15/Ps 119:41/Titus 3:5
- c. Abraham loved Ishmael, but God chose Isaac: Gen 17:15-18; 22:1
- d. Abel/Noah/Abraham/Isaac/Jacob/Joseph/David: vs 12
“the younger principle” — Christ!

Application: In His mercy, the believer has been chosen of God. We are saved only by grace. Nothing of our own doing could ever save us—only mercy, extended through Grace (vs 23-26). Our glorious Triune God is, therefore, to be adored and worshipped and served!