

I HAVE LOVED JACOB

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CHAPTER NINE THE SOVEREIGN GRACE OF GOD

PERHAPS this treatise cannot really be considered complete without a reference to those most baffling of all human problems, the presence of evil in the world, *the sovereignty of God*, the *grace of God*, and *the free will of man*. We feel that under the circumstances nothing will be more powerful than just to quote the Word of God itself, and our first quotation is that uniquely sublime passage of Romans 9:10-21.

“And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? Nay, but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay; of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?”

We would close the case by quoting one more Bible passage, this time Hebrews 12:16, 17.

“Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.”

~ end of chapter 9 ~

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