

Mercy Means a Remnant and More **Romans 9:25-29**

In 9:25-29 Paul concludes his defense against the notion that God's word about Israel has failed (9:6a). Not only must we respect God's sovereign mercy, but God's word has proved to be true about both Jews and Gentiles.

Once-rejected Gentiles now receive mercy. 9:25-26

Verse 25 picks up on God's selection of *vessels of mercy* and appeals to OT predictions for proof that mercy to Gentiles is to be expected.

Hos. 2:23 is actually a prediction of God's restoration of Israel that is analogous to God's merciful reversed response to Gentiles today. We are likewise now loved! *Compassion/mercy = beloved*

Verse 26 (from Hos. 1:9,10) Now we Gentiles can be God's people/sons!
I Pt. 2:9,10 also quotes Hosea for our new relationship with God.

Principle: God is a God who is willing to accept those . . .

Only a remnant of Jews receives mercy. 9:27-29

Verse 27,28 = (from Isa. 10:22,23, with some variations)

Isaiah's threatening words to Israel of upcoming attacks and future tribulation will result in only a remnant being saved; thus the present limited Jewish response to the gospel is to be expected.

Verse 29 = (from Isa. 1:9) Things could have been so much worse were God not merciful. This remnant also confirms that God's word (9:6a) is being/will be fulfilled (11:5,25-27).

Principle: God need not save all to show mercy; He shows mercy by . . .

