

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Seventeen: Romans 9:6—29

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1. Why would someone question if God's Word had failed as mentioned in verse 6? (Look to the preceding lesson for help.)
2. As special as the Israelite nation was to God, what reality about Israel is given in verse 7a?
3. According to verses 7b and 8, who are God's true children?
4. According to verses 11—13, God's purpose of election is illustrated by Isaac's sons.
 - a) From these verses what does election seem to mean?
 - b) In verse 12 upon what is God's election not based?
 - c) Does this make you feel uncomfortable and why?
 - d) Are you one of God's elected? How do you know?
5. Do you think God is unjust in His choosing of some over others? Explain why or why not.
6. According to verses 17—18, why was Pharaoh's heart hardened?

7. Read the following verses and summarize what is being said:

Romans 1:20

Romans 2:15

Exodus 7:13, 14, 22

Exodus 8:15, 19, 32

Exodus 9:7, 34, 35

Exodus 13:15

Based upon these verses was Pharaoh given a chance to find God? How?

8. In verses 19—21, man wonders why man can be blamed if God chooses certain people over others. What is Paul's answer to this from verses 21—24?

9. Verses 25—29 give four Old Testament verses that verify the true Israel.

How do these verses prove that Israel was aware from the earliest of days that God's call was to more than just the Israelites? Take each one and explain.

Going deeper:

10. The doctrine of election is very difficult to understand. But based upon the content of chapter 9 how could you explain this doctrine away?

11. Name the positive argument for election.