

70. Who's In Charge?

What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For he says to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.

It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth. Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?" But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? "Shall what is fomred say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use? (Romans 9:14-21 NIV)

The Lord works about everything for his own ends---even the wicked for a day of disaster. (Proverbs 16:4 NIV)

See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc; no weapon forged against you will prevail. (Isaiah 54:16-17 NIV)

"...for without me ye can do nothing." (John 15:5 KJV)

"A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. (John 3:27 KJV)



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BLACKSMITH	EFFORT	PHARAOH
CLAY	FIT	POTTER
COALS	FLAME	PURPOSE
COMMON	FORGES	RESISTS
DEPEND	HARDENS	SCRIPTURE
DESIRE	HAVOC	THEREFORE
DESTROYER	LUMP	UNJUST
DISASTER	MERCY	WEAPON
DISPLAY	NOBLE	WORKS