

# Sermon Notes

## How big is your God? (1): God hasn't broken his word

Romans 9:1-13

*Intro: when glorious good news leads to a grieving heart...*

### 1. Introducing the issue... what about many in Israel rejecting Jesus?

- A painful pastoral issue: deeply grieving for loved ones (9.1-6)
- A salvation-historical issue: what about God's promises to Israel? (4-5)



- **The key theological issue: can the God of Romans 8 be trusted?** (6)  
"Adoption"? "Glory"? "Promises"? Really???

### 2. The answer begins: God has not broken his word but kept it

(9:6-13)

- God always said and showed that the "Israel" he would save was...
  - o ...not defined as all physical descendants of Abraham (9:7-9)
    - Isaac not Ishmael (Gen 18:10, 21:12)
  - o ...not defined as those doing anything to deserve it (9:10-13)
    - Jacob not Esau (Gen 25:23)
  - o ...but defined as those whom God graciously chooses

What God's consistent pattern of election in Scripture means for us:

- ➔ *Wonderful news: God never ever breaks a promise*
- ➔ *Humbling news: God really is in charge of who is saved, not us*
- ➔ *Wonderful news: he chooses to save anyone at all!*

*[come back next week...!]*