

Trinity Bible Church  
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 Lesson 34

## Dispensational Transitions

- I. From the Dispersion into Babylon to the close of the Old Testament
- II. Between the Testaments.
- III. The New Testament World.
  10. The Sermon on the Mount.
    - O. Six Contrasts In Interpreting The Law. Matt 5:21-37
    6. Hate And Love. Matt 5:43-48 & Luke 6:27-36  
 Special: The "Hatred" of Esau

Rom 9:9 = The Promise. (Gen 18:10)

C.T. = For this is the word of promise: "At this time I will come, and Sarah shall have a son."

### Summary:

1. While en route to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, the Lord to see Abraham.
2. He makes a very clear prophecy. Gen 18:1-15
3. The promise excludes the line of Ishmael.

Rom 9:10 = The Line Of Promise.

C.T. = And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac;

Rom 9:11 = God's Choice.

C.T. = for though the twins were not yet born and had not practiced anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His selection would stand, not because of works but out of the One calling.

### Summary:

1. Remember God's foreknowledge is at the heart of His plan. Rom 8:28-29.
2. By giving each person the ability to choose, each individual then becomes the primary cause of personal decisions. Rom 1:18-32
3. The primary cause is responsible and accountable for decisions made.
4. In the timeless state of eternity past God foreknew all decisions.
5. Election/selection refers to being "called out" from the rest for a specific task.
  - A. To evangelize. Acts 9:13-17
  - B. To be a model church. 1 Thes 1:4
6. The term can include salvation but can also refer to roles that unbelievers would play. Judas was called "elect." John 6:70
7. Both genetic and spiritual Israel have specific roles in the Angelic Conflict. Rom 11:5-6
  - A. A portion of genetic Israel, called the "remnant," will make up spiritual Israel. Rom 9:27-28

- B. When all ungodliness is removed from Jacob at the Second Advent, then all genetic Israel will be saved. Rom 11:25-27
8. Genetic Israel has a permanent place in the Conflict. Rom 11:28-29
9. This verse is saying that man's works or lack thereof do not determine God's plan but that God's plan foreknew man's works.
- A. God was the primary cause of the creation of matter, creatures, space, time and the volition of some of His creatures. Gen 1:28-29
- B. By foreknowing the decisions they would make He in a sense became the secondary cause of those decisions by making the creature.
- C. The secondary cause is not responsible for the decisions of the primary maker of them.
10. When people reject God's Word they become hardened. Rom 11:7
11. We are to seek to fulfill our role in the Conflict. 2 Peter 1:10-11

**Rom 9:12 = God's Proclamation. (Gen 25:23)**

C.T. = it was said to her, "The older will serve the younger."

**Rom 9:13 = God's Love And Hate. (Mal 1:2-5)**

C.T. = Just as it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

**Summary:**

1. All contexts must be considered to properly understand these statements.
2. God loves the world, and His son died for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:1-2), so these statements must be understood in view of these clear passages.
3. God loved Esau enough to send His Son to die for him.
4. Jacob sought God's love and blessing, Esau did not.
  - A. Jacob's name means "deceiver," thus he was clearly a sinner.
  - B. Jacob "contended with God" to be blessed. Gen 32:24-32
5. Although God initiates His love toward the world there are some who do not return His love and hate His righteousness. John 3:16-21
6. Hating one's brother is sin, so the "hate" referred to here is not a sinful hate that desires the other dead. 1 John 2:9-11; 3:15; 4:20-21
7. God desired Esau to be saved. 1 Tim 2:4; 2 Pet 3:9
8. The Lord hates lawlessness. Heb 1:8-9
9. Esau's lawlessness is displayed by his arrogant quest that sought to save himself from Yahweh. Mal 1:1-5
10. Therefore, the "hatred" in view involves preference and not the sinful emotion. Luke 14:26-28
  - A. Preference of one master over another. Luke 16:13
  - B. Preference of one's life. John 12:25-26
11. God's "preference" existed because He knew Esau would never repent and seek His love.
12. "Love" here refers to selection to a good role and blessing while "hated" refers to selection to a worthless role and a lack of blessing.
13. Israel was wondering whether or not God loved them. Mal 1:2