ROMANS 9:1-8 GOD=S PREROGATIVE

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1. <u>Heritage</u>, <u>Heresy</u> and Paul=s <u>Heartbreak</u> (Romans 9:1-5; Deuteronomy 7:7-11).

2.	Our bedrock faith affirms the Living Lord governs over <u>all</u> for his glory and the <u>well-being</u> of his people (Romans 8:28-39; Luke 12:6-7).

3. When we understand God=s <u>mercy</u> we understand human <u>responsibility</u> (Romans 9:6-19; Exodus 8:15-19; Exodus 9:12).
An Aantinomy@is defined as A[the appearance of a] contradiction between conclusions which seem equally logical, reasonable or necessary. An antinomy exists when a pair of principles stand side by side, seemingly irreconcilable, yet both undeniable.@J. I. Packer, Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God, page 18
 We are called to <u>humble confidence</u> in God=s <u>holy freedom</u> and rejoice in God=s <u>covenant love</u> (Romans 9:20-21).
 APPLICATION: Instead of judging God for his management of the universe, we humbly and confidently trust our sovereign, merciful Creator and Redeemer God.
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