

God Chooses But We Also Choose

Romans 9:1-33



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8 In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. 9 For *this was how the promise was stated*: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will *have a son*."



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Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will *make of you a great nation*, and I will *bless you* and make *your name great*, so that *you will be a blessing*."

Genesis 12:1-2

**Is it possible that God has also chosen you
to be blessed and to be a blessing?**

THE QUESTION OF PREDESTINATION

14 What then shall we say? *Is God unjust? Not at all!* **15** For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”

16 It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy. **17** For Scripture says to *Pharaoh*: “I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” **18** *Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.*

THE QUESTION OF PREDESTINATION

19 One of you will say to me: “*Then why does God still blame us?* For who is able to resist his will?” **20** But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? “Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, ‘Why did you make me like this?’” **21** *Does not the potter have the right* to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?

THE QUESTION OF PREDESTINATION

For *those God foreknew* he *also predestined* to be conformed to the likeness of his Son.

Romans 8:29

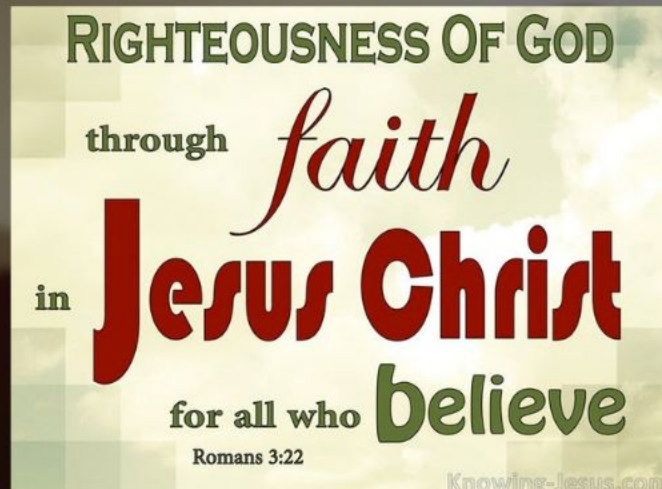
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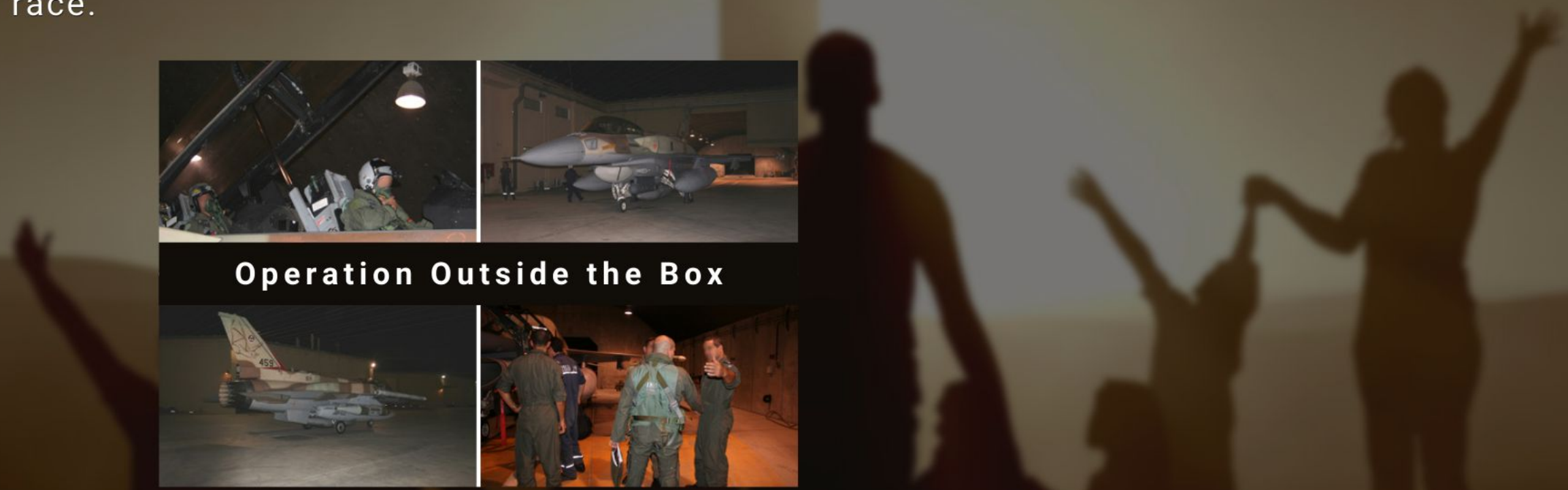
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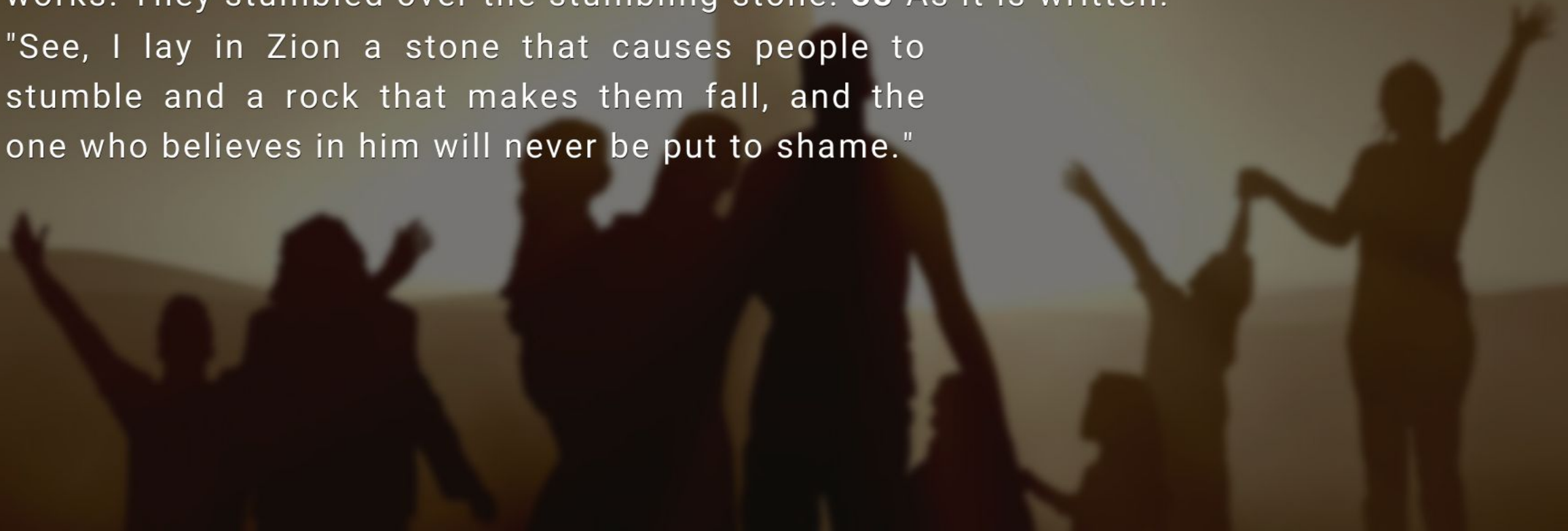
3 For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ *for the sake of my people*, those of my own race.



BEING CHOSEN IS NOT ENOUGH

31 but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as they way of righteousness, *have not attained their goal*. **32** Why not? *Because they pursued it not by faith* but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. **33** As it is written:

"See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame."



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But *to all who did receive* him, who *believed* in his name, he gave the right to *become children of God*.

John 1:12

THERE MUST BE FAITH (BELIEF)

Chosen

Believe

Predestination

Free Will

CONCLUSION: GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU AND ME

Blessed
to be a blessing

But you are a *chosen race*, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may *proclaim the excellencies of him* who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
(1 Peter 2:9)

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