

[37] But in all these things we completely prevail<sup>1</sup> through the one who loved us. [38] For I have been persuaded<sup>2</sup> that neither death nor life nor messengers nor rulers nor powers nor things present nor things about to be, [39] nor height nor depth nor some other creation shall be able to separate us from the love of the God that is in Christ Joshua our lord.<sup>3</sup>

**9**[1] I speak truth in Christ. I am not lying, my conscience bearing witness with me in holy spirit, [2] that sorrow to me is great and constant grief in my heart. [3] For I was praying,<sup>4</sup> I myself, to be accursed from the Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to flesh, [4] who are Israelis, whose is the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the lawgiving,<sup>5</sup> and the service,<sup>6</sup> and the promises, [5] whose are the fathers, and from which is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed unto the ages. Amen.

[6] But, it is not such that the word of the God has failed. For not all who are from Israel are these Israel, [7] nor are they all children because of Abraham's seed. But, "In Isaac your seed shall be called."<sup>7</sup> [8] This is, not the children of the flesh, these are children of the God. But, the children of the promise are considered for seed.

[9] For the word of promise is this: "At this time I will come, and there shall be to the Sarah a son."<sup>8</sup> [10] And not only, but also Rebecca having sex<sup>9</sup> from one, our father Isaac [11] (for not being born yet, and not having done anything good or bad, that the purpose of the God according to election might remain,<sup>10</sup> not from works, but from the one who calls), [12] it was said to her that, "The older will serve the younger."<sup>11</sup> [13] Just as it has been written, "The Jacob I loved, and<sup>12</sup> the Esau I hated."<sup>13</sup>

[14] What then shall we say? There is not unrighteousness with the God, is there? May it not be! [15] For to Moses he says, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."<sup>14</sup> [16] So then, it is not of the one who wills, nor of the one who runs, but of God who has mercy. [17] For the writing says to the Pharaoh that, "Unto this itself I raised you up, in order that I might demonstrate in you my power, and in order that my name might be

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1 ὑπερνικῶμεν (hupernikōmen) "we completely prevail"; LEB "we prevail completely"; NKJV "we are more than conquerors" - only here.

2 Πέπεισμαι (Pepeismai) "I have been persuaded" perfect indicative (perfect past).

3 John 10:27-29; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2; 1 John 3:9; 5:4.

4 Εὐχόμεν (Euchomên) "I was praying"; TLV "I would pray"; YLT "I was wishing," see footnote for Acts 26:29.

5 νομοθεσία (nomothesia) "lawgiving" YLT - only here.

6 λατρεία (latreia) "service" - used for service to God. Found also in John 16:2; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 9:1,6.

7 Genesis 21:12

8 Genesis 18:10, 14

9 κοίτην (koitên) "sex"; OJB "conceived by . . . sexual intercourse"; NKJV "conceived" - this noun is used for "bed" (Luke 11:7), the "bed" of marriage (i.e. sex, Hebrews 13:4); and "sexual promiscuity" (Romans 13:13 NAS).

10 μένη (menê) "remain" YLT; "stand" NKJV - same exact word as in John 14:16; 15:16 "remain" (NKJV).

11 Genesis 25:23

12 δὲ (de) "and" - can be "and" or "but" depending on context. Malachi 1:3 has וְעֵשָׂא (ve'et-'êsâv) "and Esau."

13 Malachi 1:2-3

14 Exodus 33:19

proclaimed in all the earth.”<sup>15</sup> [18] So then, who he wills he has mercy, and who he wills he hardens.