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IT'S GOD WHO DECIDES

Introduction

Paul's lamentation
Israel's curse
Israel's privilege

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God's word will not fail: God keeping his promise:

1. Isaac/Ishmael (9:9)
2. Jacob/Esau (9:10 – 13)
3. Moses/Pharaoh (9:15 – 18)

Paulina and Simeon talk some more:

1. Justice, Mercy and Grace
2. The Creator's authority in his work

Two sides of the track

We need, perhaps, to be more cautious in our formulations and to insist on the absolute cruciality and meaningfulness of the human decision to believe at the same time as we rightly make God's choosing of us ultimately basic. Such a double emphasis may strain the boundaries of logic (it does not, I trust, break them!) or remain unsatisfyingly complex, but it may have the virtue of reflecting Scripture's own balanced perspective.

-- Douglas Moo