

Text: Romans 9:19-23

DIFFICULT QUESTIONS ARISING

1. Why then does He find fault? Romans 9:19
2. Who has resisted His will? Romans 9:19

Seemingly good and valid questions!

WRONG APPROACH

1. Man

- a) Who is he?
- b) What is he?
- c) Who are you to reply to God (in this manner?) Romans 9:20
- d) Will the thing formed say to the him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?"
Romans 9:20

2. Potter and Clay analogy

- a) Does not the potter have power over the clay? Romans 9:21
- b) From the same lump
 - i) To make a vessel for honour
 - ii) And another for dishonour

A PROFOUND GOD

1. A God of wrath Romans 9:22a
2. A God of power Romans 9:22b
3. A long-suffering God Romans 9:22c

THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF GOD MADE KNOWN

1. The vessels of wrath Romans 9:22
2. Prepared for destruction Romans 9:22
3. Through the wrath of God revealed
 - a) We see the riches of His glory
 - b) On the vessels of mercy
4. All things have been prepared
 - a) Beforehand
 - b) For His glory