Chapter 9

Israel's rejection of Christ

For scripture says to the pharaoh "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I
may show my _____ in you, and that my name may be _____ in all the
earth"

Pharaoh was used by God in order that many signs and plagues might be revealed through him. Chrysostom: God endured Pharaoh for a long time in the hope that he might repent, but even when he did not do so God was patient with him in order to display his own goodness and power, even if Pharaoh gained nothing from it.

Many times we question why God allowed something to happen and many times it's to show His GLORY! For example, the blind man that was healed. They asked Christ "what sin has he committed to be blind!" Christ said that he hadn't committed any sin but he was born blind so that one day the POWER of God can be shown through him. So, just remember God can use your failures as well as your victories for His GLORY! See John 9 for more info!



2. Who are you to _____ against God?

Who are we to say anything to the ALMIGHTY! We know that we are unworthy but, by Gods grace are we allowed to experience Him!

3. Does not the potter have _____ over the clay?

Does not the Creator have POWER over His creation? Chrysostom: we should become like that lifeless matter which follows the potter's hands and lets itself be shaped in whatever way the potter wills.

Always say "allow it only if its according to your will Lord"

4. "I will call them my people, who were ____ my people"

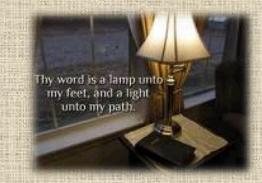
CONSTANTIUS: Paul is referring to the Gentiles who would believe in Christ. Christ is for EVERYONE!!!!





1. "The of the Lord is near to you, in your and in your "

The word of God is like a lamp unto my feet! If you walk around in darkness, you are bound to bump into things and get hurt. Get that torch out and start reading and loving your bible!





2. "Whoever believes on _____ will not be put to _____"

Whoever trusts in God will never be disappointed!

ORIGEN: If no one who believes in Him will be put to shame, it is clear that those who sin will be, just as Adam sinned and was ashamed and hid himself. So, whoever incurs the shame of sin obviously does not believe.



3. "There is no distinction between Jew or Greek, for the same Lord over all is _____ to all who call upon him."

God does not discriminate against anyone! All are equal in God's eyes! Let us pray that the Lord helps us to love all around us and do good to them – not necessarily for who they are, but for their Father!

4. But to Israel he says:

"All day long I have_____ out my hands, to a _____ and contrary people"

The holding out of the hands means, allegorically, the cross Do I thank the Lord for dying on the cross for me? He has done so much for my salvation and for the salvation of everyone. How hard am I working to please Him, get to know Him better, love Him and imitate Him?

