



**WHAT'S UP WITH  
THIS?**

**“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,’ declares the Lord. ‘For as high as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.’” Isa. 55:8-9**

**GOD’S PLAN OF BLESSING FOR ISRAEL IS:**

**1. REALIZED THROUGH A MIRACULOUS BIRTH.**

**Vs. 6-9**

**“But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel. Neither are they all children because they are Abraham’s descendants, but: ‘Through Isaac your descendants will be named.’” vs. 6-7**

**“Now My eyes shall be open and My ears attentive to the prayer offered in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house that My name may be there forever, and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.” 2 Chron. 7:15-16**

**“For what does the Scripture say? ‘And Abraham believe God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.’” Rom. 4:3**

**“Is this blessing then upon the circumcised, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say, ‘Faith was reckoned to Abraham as righteousness.’” Rom. 4:9**

**“You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.” John 8:44**

“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.’ The Jews therefore said to Him, ‘You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.’” John 8:56-58

**“That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants. For this is a word of promise: ‘At this time I will come, Sarah shall have a son.’” vs. 8-9**

**2. DUE TO GOD'S SOVEREIGN CHOICE. Vs. 10-13**

**“And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived twins by one man, our father Isaac; for though the twins were not yet born, and had not done anything good or bad, in order that God’s purpose according to His choice might stand, not because of works, but because of Him who calls.”**

**vs. 10-11**

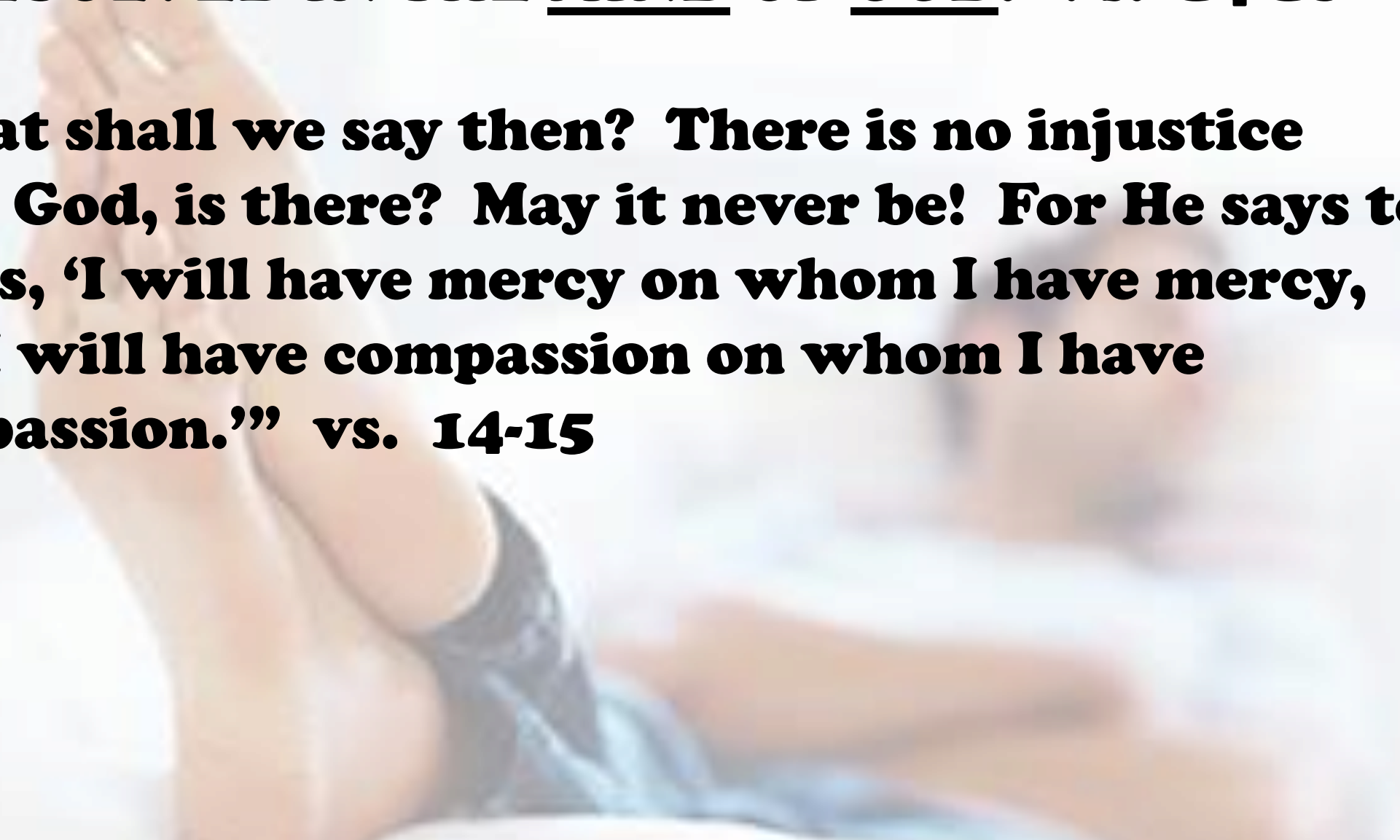
**“It was said to her, ‘The older will serve the younger.’  
Just as it is written, ‘Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.’”  
vs. 12-13**

**“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus  
Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing  
in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in  
Him before the foundation of the world, that we should  
be holy and blameless before Him. In love He  
predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ  
to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.”  
Eph. 1:3-4**



### **3. RESOLVED IN THE MIND OF GOD. Vs. 14-18**

**“What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, ‘I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.’” vs. 14-15**



**“And My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” 2 Chron. 7:14**

**“So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.” vs. 16**

**“For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, ‘For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth.’ So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.” vs. 17-18**

## **APPLICATION FOR ME:**

**No one will enter the kingdom of God apart from the new birth.**

**“...‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’”**

**John 3:3**

A person's feet are resting on a grey mat on a wooden deck. To the left, a lit lantern with a warm glow sits on the deck. The background shows a calm body of water under a soft, hazy sky.

God's greatest blessings are a result of His grace.

**“All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.” John 6:37**

**“For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”  
John 6:40**

Seeing God's plan unfold for Israel should cause us to worship with all that is within us.

**“Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who became His counselor? Or who has first given to Him that it might be paid back to Him again? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.” Rom. 11:33-36**





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