

Jacob & the Gospel # 3

Genesis 25¹⁹⁻³⁴

Election – Is it Favouritism?

Lord's day morning: 1 July 2007

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Introduction

Favouritism in the workplace

1. Election according to man

Man chooses his favourite:

- based on what you do for me
- based on who you are
- based on who you will become

2. Election according to God

Is election favouritism?

Who deserves the birthright?

God chooses his people:

- based on sheer mercy
- based on the Son's sacrifice

3. Is God unfair?

Is He unfair to Jacob?

Is He unfair to Esau?

4. Is religion the reason for the conflict?

Don't be defensive

There are only two religions

5. Is election unevangelistic?

How many Jacobs are out there?

Conclusion

Election that encourages, equips & energises



Questions answered



What does election mean?



On what basis does man choose his favourites?



What is the world's attitude to the doctrine of election? Why?



Does God show special favour to particular people?



Why do many churches find the doctrine of election embarrassing?



How do some people explain away the doctrine of election as being subservient to man's free will?



What is the context of the Biblical statements about God not showing favouritism?



What are the two different definitions of favouritism?
How do they relate to what God does do and doesn't do?



Who deserved the birthright – Esau or Jacob?
What does this illustrate about election?



On what basis does God choose His people?



Is God unfair to Jacob?



Is God unfair to Esau?
How does this help explain the fairness of God passing by the non-elect?



In what sense is religion the reason for conflict in the world?



What are the only two religions in the world?



How does this passage encourage us in an evangelistic outlook?



Things to pray about



The amazing grace of God in electing a people (even me) out of the bondage of sin, and showing such undeserved favour to us.



Taking hold of opportunities to answer the questions and assertions of unbelievers around us..