International Training for Elders and Responsible Ones, October 2024

Week Five

Day 3

Outline

Roman number 2.

I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy. So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.

Capital A.

Mercy is the most far reaching of God's attributes, going further than His grace and love.

Number 1.

According to our natural condition, we were far removed from God, totally unworthy of His grace; we were eligible only to receive His mercy.

Number 2.

Man's disobedience affords God's mercy an opportunity, and God's mercy brings man to salvation.

Capital B.

Our concept is that the one who wills will gain what he wills to obtain and that the one who runs will gain what he runs after.

Number 1.

If this were the case, God's selection would be according to our effort and labor.

Number 2.

On the contrary, God's selection is of God who shows mercy; we do not need to will or to run, for God has mercy on us.

Number 3.

If we know God's mercy, we will neither trust in our effort nor be disappointed by our failures; the hope for our wretched condition is in God's mercy.

This is the end of today’s outline.