

31 **Romans Lesson 47**

Chapter 9:16-21

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16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. 17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. 18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth. 19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

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Verse 16:

16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, (Rom. 7:18, 2 Cor. 8:11)

nor of him that runneth, (1 Cor. 9:24, 26)

but of God that sheweth mercy. (Ps. 18:50, Rom. 12:8)

17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, (Ex. 9:16)

Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up,

that I might shew my power in thee,

and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth. (Ex. 6:3)

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Verses 18-19:

18 Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*,

and whom he will he hardeneth. (Ex. 4:21, 8:15, Ps. 95:8, Prov.28:14)

19 Thou wilt say then unto me,

Why doth he yet find fault?

For who hath resisted his will? (Ac. 6:10, Rom. 13:2, 2 Tim. 3:8)

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Verse 20:

20 Nay but, O man, (Rom. 2:1)

who art thou that repliest against God? (*next slide*)

Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*,

Why hast thou made me thus? (Is. 45:9)

21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, (Jer. 18:6)

of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? (2 Tim. 2:20)

36 **Unique Word #123 Repliest**

#123 Repliest. This word appears once in the KJB.

Rom. 9:20 "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?"

Margin: Or, *answerest again, or, disputest with God?*

Help is provided to the reader as repliest is defined in the margin at Rom. 9:20 as "*answerest again, or disputest with God?*" Paul here is partially quoting from Isaiah 45:9.

"Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! *Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands? "*

The word does not appear in any other form i.e. *reply, replied, or replying* in the KJB. It appears to have originated with MS98 and confirmed by the KJB translators to be the word of choice.

Contemporary with the KJB translators, Shakespeare used repliest in *Romeo and Juliet*, Act 2. Scene V:

"How oddly thou repliest! 'Your love says, like an honest gentleman, Where is your mother?'"

Repliest does not appear in any of the prescribed or non-prescribed reference texts. See Table 123 below.

37 **Unique Word #123 Repliest**

SOED—reply /0π'plɪ/ verb. LME. [ORIGIN Old French replier from Latin replicare: see replicate verb.] ► I 1 verb intrans. Answer or respond in words or writing. Freq. foll. by to. LME. ► †II 5 verb trans. Fold or bend back. rare. LME–L16.

Strong's Greek Dictionary 470. ανταποκρῖνομαι antapokrinomai *an-tap-ok-ree'-nom-ahee* from 473 and 611; to contradict or dispute: —answer again, reply against. *The GK antapokrinomai, appears three times in the TR; and translated as answer, and again at Lu. 14:6, and as repliest at Rom. 9:20 in the KJB. JW.*

Table 123

Source/Text	Rom. 9:20
KJB	repliest
RHE	answer
BIS	disputest
GEN	pleadest
GRT	disputest
MAT	disputest
COV	disputest
TYN	disputest
WYC	answerist
STR 470	ανταποκρῖνομαι (antapokrinomai)