

Does God Change His Mind?

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- But in human terms, how do we describe the fact that the judgment of God is due these people, but the judgment of God does not come upon these people?
- We see Moses there interceding with God but who put it in Moses heart to intercede with God for the people? Who put it in Moses heart to pray? Who put a love for these people in the heart of Moses? It was God's work in the life of Moses to begin with. The inspiration for Moses prayer came from God Himself.
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