

Thursday digest

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- James McGrath on [irony in Romans 9](#): "Are we really to understand Paul to here be embracing what he once rejected? It is perhaps better to view Paul as doing something similar to what he did in Romans 2 and in Romans 4: he is using Jewish proof-texts for the view he opposes, and turning them back on his opponents."
- Nate Klug [reviews William A. Dyrness's book](#) on God and poetics: "Perhaps only a poem could achieve the synthesis of theology and lived experience to which Dyrness is admirably drawn." (subscription required)

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