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# HARDEN MY HEART

**How Does God Harden the Hearts of Men?**

# Harden My Heart

Joshua 11: <sup>18</sup> Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. <sup>19</sup> There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all *other* they took in battle. <sup>20</sup> For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, *and* that they might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.



# Harden My Heart (HARDEN as in Exodus 14:4).

**Strong's Hebrew Dictionary**

**2388. חָזַק chazaq**

**חָזַק chazaq *khaw-zak'***

a primitive root; to fasten upon; hence, to seize, be strong (figuratively, courageous, causatively strengthen, cure, help, repair, fortify), obstinate; to bind, restrain, conquer:—aid, amend, X calker, catch, cleave, confirm, be constant, constrain, continue, be of good (take) courage(-ous, -ly), encourage (self), be established, fasten, force, fortify, make hard, harden, help, (lay) hold (fast), lean, maintain, play the man, mend, become (wax) mighty, prevail, be recovered, repair, retain, seize, be (wax) sore, strengthen (self), be stout, be (make, shew, wax) strong(-er), be sure, take (hold), be urgent, behave self valiantly, withstand.

# Harden My Heart

**Genesis 19:16** And while he lingered, the men laid hold [chazaq] upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

**Genesis 41:56** And the famine was over all the face of the earth: And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore [chazaq] in the land of Egypt.

# Harden My Heart

Genesis 48:2 *And one* told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself [chazaq] , and sat upon the bed.

Exodus 4:4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it [chazaq] , and it became a rod in his hand:

Exodus 12:33 And the Egyptians were urgent [chazaq] upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We *be* all dead *men*.

# Harden My Heart

**1 Chronicles 11:10** These also *are* the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, *and* with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

**1 Chronicles 19:13** Be of good courage [chazaq], and let us behave ourselves valiantly, [chazaq] for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do *that which is good* in his sight.

Be of good courage חֲזַק, and let us behave ourselves valiantly חֲזַק for our people עַם, and for the cities עִיר of our God אֱלֹהִים: and let the LORD יְהוָה do עֲשֵׂה that which is good טוֹב in his sight עֵינַי.



# Harden My Heart

**Deuteronomy 10:16** Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked.

[qâshâh, kaw-shaw]

**Proverbs 28:13-14** He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy. Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth [qâshâh, kaw-shaw] his heart shall fall into mischief.

**Proverbs 29:1** He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, [qâshâh, kaw-shaw] shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.



# Harden My Heart

- Psalms 95: <sup>7</sup>To day if ye will hear his voice, <sup>8</sup> Harden [qâshâh, kaw-shaw] not your heart, as in the provocation, *and* as *in* the day of temptation in the wilderness: <sup>9</sup> When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. <sup>10</sup> Forty years long was I grieved with *this* generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: <sup>11</sup> Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

# Harden Pharaoh's Heart

- Exodus 4: 21 And the LORD said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go.

# Harden Pharaoh's Heart

## Adam Clarke's Commentary on the Bible -- Exodus 4:21

But I will harden his heart - The case of Pharaoh has given rise to many fierce controversies, and to several strange and conflicting opinions.

Would men but look at the whole account without the medium of their respective creeds, they would find little difficulty to apprehend the truth. If we take up the subject in a theological point of view, all sober Christians will allow the truth of this proposition of St. Augustine, **when the subject in question is a person who has hardened his own heart by frequently resisting the grace and spirit of God: "God does not harden men by infusing malice into them, but by not imparting mercy to them."** And this other will be as readily credited: **"God does not work this hardness of heart in man; but he may be said to harden him whom he refuses to soften, to blind him whom he refuses to enlighten, and to repel him whom he refuses to call."** It is but just and right that he should withhold those graces which he had repeatedly offered, and which the sinner had despised and rejected. Thus much for the general principle.



# Harden Pharaoh's Heart

**Matthew Poole's Commentary on the Holy Bible Exodus 4:21**

Ver. 21. In thine hand, i.e. in thy power or commission, to be done by thy hand, and the rod in it. I will harden his heart, that he shall be unmerciful to all the groans and pressures of the Israelites, inexorable to the requests of Moses, unmovable and incorrigible by all my words and works. **But God doth not properly and positively make men's hearts hard, but only privatively, either by denying to them, or withdrawing from them, that grace which alone can make men soft, and flexible, and pliable to the Divine will;** as the sun hardens the clay by drawing out of it that moisture which made it soft; or by exposing them to those temptations of the world or the devil, which, meeting with a corrupt heart, are apt to harden it.

# Harden Pharaoh's Heart

- 1917 Scofield Reference Bible Notes  
Exodus 4:21
- Instrumentally God hardened Pharaoh's heart by forcing him to an issue against which he hardened his own heart in refusal. Light rejected, rightful obedience refused, inevitably hardens conscience and heart. Ro 9:17-24.

# Harden Pharaoh's Heart

- John Wesley's Notes on the Bible Exodus 4:21
- Verse 21. In thy hand - in thy power: I will harden his heart - After he has frequently harden'd it himself, wilfully shutting his eyes against the light, I will at last permit Satan to harden it effectually.
- John Gill's Exposition of the Entire Bible Exodus 4:21 but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go; that is, not directly, not for some time, not until all the wonders are wrought, and plagues inflicted to bring him to it: he first hardening his own heart against God, and all remonstrances made unto him, it was but a righteous thing in God to give him up to the hardness of his heart, to deny him his grace, which only could soften it, and to leave him to the corruptions of his nature, and the temptations of Satan; and by leaving him to strong delusions, to believe the lying miracles of his magicians: this the Lord thought fit to acquaint Moses with, lest he should be discouraged by his refusal to dismiss Israel.



# Harden Pharaoh's Heart

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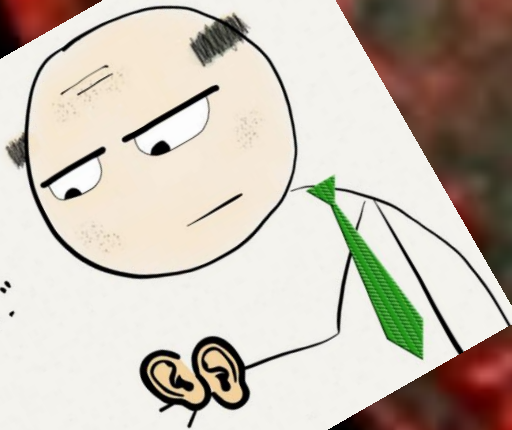


# Harden Pharaoh's Heart

# METONYMY

This is NOT  
what I meant  
by "lend me  
your ears."

**me-ton-y-my**  
noun [trope] mə-tōn-ə-mē  
Referring to a thing by a  
related concept.



## METONYMY AND METAPHOR

G. Lakoff and M. Johnson, *Metaphors We Live By* (1980)

- ❑ **METONYMY:** Use of a word or phrase for another to which it bears a relation, as the effect for the cause, the abstract for the concrete, etc.
- ❑ **METAPHOR:** Use of a word or phrase to establish a comparison between two ideas.
- ❑ **SIMILE:** explicit comparison (*like, as*)

Look for examples of each in these sentences:

- a. John is a gorilla.
- b. We need new blood in this organization.
- c. You're as light as a feather.
- d. The Republicans attacked Obama's healthcare reform.
- e. We bought a Ford.
- f. Milan is introducing new jackets this year.

# Harden Pharaoh's Heart

- Exodus 7:1-5 And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet. Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land. **And I will harden Pharaoh's heart,** and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. **But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you,** that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them.



# FROGS & PHARAOH

- Exodus 8:13-16 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields. And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank. **But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.** And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

# LICE & PHARAOH

- Exodus 8:17-19 And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. **Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.**

# FLIES & PHARAOH

- Exodus 8:20-21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me. Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.



# FLIES & PHARAOH

**Exodus 8:28-30** And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me. And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD that the swarms *of flies* may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD. And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.

# JUST PHARAOH

Exodus 8:31-32 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms *of flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one. And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

# MURRAIN & PHARAOH

**Exodus 9:1-3** Then the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, **Let my people go, that they may serve me. For if thou refuse to let *them* go,** and wilt hold them still, Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which *is* in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: *there shall be* a very grievous murrain.

**Exodus 9:7** And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. **And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.**



# Harden Pharaoh's Heart

**Exodus 9:12-15** And the LORD hardened (strengthened) the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses. And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth. For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

# Harden Pharaoh's Heart

Exodus 9:16-17 And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

# Harden Pharaoh's Heart?

**Exodus 9:27-28** And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. Intreat the LORD (for it is enough) that there be no more mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.



# THE HEART OF PHAROAH

**Exodus 9:33-35** And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth. And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

# THE HEART OF PHAROAH

**Exodus 10:1-2** And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him: And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the LORD.

# HEART OF THE MATTER

**Exodus 10:3** And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, **How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me?** let my people go, that they may serve me.



# LORD OR PHARAOH ?

**Exodus 10:16-20** Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only. And he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD. And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt. But the LORD hardened (STRENGTHENED) Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

# LORD OR PHARAOH?

Exodus 11:8-10 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger. And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt. And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened **(STRENGTHENED)** Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

# LORD OR PHARAOH?

Exodus 14:1-4 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over against Baalzephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. And I will harden (STRENGTHENED) Pharaoh's heart, that he shall follow after them; and I will be honoured upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.



# LORD or PHARAOH?

Exodus 14:5-8 And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him: And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand.

# LORD or PHARAOH?

Exodus 14:15-18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

# SIHON STRENGTHENED AS WELL

Deuteronomy 2:30-32 **But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate**, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as appeareth this day. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land. Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz.

OBSTINATE = **Strong's Hebrew Dictionary 553.** ' **אָמַץ** *amats* ***aw-mats***' a primitive root; to be alert, physically (on foot) or mentally (in courage):—confirm, be **courageous** (of good courage, stedfastly minded, **strong, stronger**), establish, **fortify, harden, increase**, prevail, **strengthen (self), make strong** (obstinate, speed).



# ISRAEL HARDENED

Isaiah 6:8-11 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, **Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.** Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

# Philistines & The Ark

- 1 Samuel 6: <sup>6</sup> Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed?

# STONE OF STUMBLING

1 Peter 2: <sup>4</sup> To whom coming, *as unto* a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, *and* precious, <sup>5</sup> Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded. <sup>7</sup> Unto you therefore which believe *he is* precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, <sup>8</sup> And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. <sup>9</sup> But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: <sup>10</sup> Which in time past *were* not a people, but *are* now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.



# ISRAEL HARDENED THEIR NECK

**Jeremiah 7:23-28** But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward. Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending *them*:

Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers. Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee. But thou shalt say unto them, This *is* a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

# GOD GIVES THEM UP TO THEMSELVES

Romans 1: <sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. <sup>18</sup> **For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;** <sup>19</sup> Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; **for God hath shewed *it* unto them.**

# GOD GIVES THEM UP TO THEMSELVES

Romans 1: <sup>20</sup> For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; **so that they are without excuse:** <sup>21</sup> Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. <sup>22</sup> Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.



# GOD GIVES THEM UP TO THEMSELVES

Romans 1: <sup>24</sup> Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: <sup>25</sup>

Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. <sup>26</sup> For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: <sup>27</sup> And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

# GOD GIVES THEM UP TO THEMSELVES

Romans 1: <sup>28</sup> And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; <sup>29</sup>

Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, <sup>30</sup>

Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: <sup>32</sup> Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

# GOD'S MERCY

Romans 9: <sup>1</sup> I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, <sup>2</sup> That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: <sup>4</sup> Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service *of God*, and the promises; <sup>5</sup> Whose *are* the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ *came*, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.



# GOD'S MERCY

Romans 9: <sup>6</sup> Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. **For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel:** <sup>7</sup> Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called. <sup>8</sup> **That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.** <sup>9</sup> For this *is* the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son. <sup>10</sup> And not only *this*; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, *even* by our father Isaac;

# GOD'S MERCY

Romans 9: <sup>11</sup> (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;) <sup>12</sup> It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. <sup>13</sup> As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

<sup>14</sup> **What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? God forbid. <sup>15</sup> For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.**

# GOD'S MERCY

Romans 9:<sup>16</sup> So then *it is not* of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he will he hardeneth. <sup>19</sup> **Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will? .**



# GOD'S MERCY

Romans 9:<sup>20</sup> 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? <sup>21</sup> Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? <sup>22</sup> *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: <sup>23</sup> And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, <sup>24</sup> Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

# GOD SENDS OR ALLOWS A DELUSION?

2 Thessalonians 2: <sup>7</sup> For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way. <sup>8</sup> And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: <sup>9</sup> *Even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, <sup>10</sup> And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. <sup>11</sup> **And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:** <sup>12</sup> That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

# LISTEN UP

- **Hebrews 3:7-11** Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in *their* heart; and they have not known my ways. So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)



# LISTEN UP

- **Hebrews 3:12-15** Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you **an evil heart** of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; **lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.** For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; While it is said, **To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation**

# LISTEN & BELIEVE

- **Hebrews 3:16-19** For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? *was it not with them that had sinned*, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? **And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?** So we see that they could not enter in because **of unbelief.**

# LISTEN & BELIEVE

- Hebrews 4: <sup>11</sup> Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of **unbelief**. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. <sup>13</sup> Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.



# THANK YOU!



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