

## **GOD'S MERCY THROUGH HARDENING**

Rom 9:17-18

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### **I. THE STATEMENT. 17**

#### **A. A Statement From God. 17a**

1. It Is a Quotation From the OT, Ex 9:16.
2. It Is a Quotation That Comes From the Account of the Exodus.
3. It Comes Before the Golden Calf Incident.
4. It Was Foreshadowed by Paul in V. 4. (Ex 4:22)
5. It Indicates a Direct Statement From the LORD.
6. It Is Directed Toward the Jewish Believers.

#### **B. A Statement to Pharaoh. 17b**

1. He Is the King of Egypt. (Gen 41:46; Ex 6:11)
2. His Predecessor, Probably his Father, Was a Harsh Man Who Feared the Jews. (Ex 1:8; 10-12; 15-16; 2:23; 3:7)
  - a) He Did Not Know Joseph. (Ex 1:8)
  - b) He Feared the Jews. (Ex 1:10-12)
  - c) He Was Harsh and Cruel. (Ex 1:15-16)
  - d) He Died Before the Exodus. (Ex 2:23)
3. He Was as Harsh and Cruel as his Predecessor. (Ex 2:23; 3:7)
4. He Would Have Known Moses.

#### **C. A Statement About Pharaoh's Purpose. 17c**

1. God Has a Purpose for Pharaoh.
2. God's Purpose for Pharaoh Began To Take Shape Before the Exodus.
3. There Are Two Linked Purposes.
4. Purpose # 1 Is for Pharaoh Personally.
5. Purpose # 2 Is Global.

### **II. THE CONCLUSION. 18**

#### **A. This Speaks of God's Activity.**

#### **B. This Speaks of God's Activity in Line With his Will.**

1. The Term "Will."
2. God's Will and Actions Are Based on his Plan.
3. God's Mercy and Hardening Are Connected to his Plan.

#### **C. What Does Paul's Conclusion Mean in Context?**

1. What Paul Is Saying Is...
2. In Neither Case Did God Mistreat Anyone Involved.

#### **D. The Hardening of Pharaoh.**

1. Before There Is any Mentioning of "Hardening," the LORD Says "He Knows That Pharaoh Will Not Let the Children of Israel Go." (Ex 3:19)
2. The First Mention of "Hardening" in Relation to Pharaoh in Found in Ex 4:21.
3. What Does "Harden/Hardening/Hardened" Mean?
4. In the Unfolding of the Plagues That God Brings Upon Egypt, During the First 5 Plagues Pharaoh Hardens his Own Heart.
5. The Reason for the LORD Hardening Pharaoh's Heart Was So That He Could Accomplish his Purposes.

#### **E. Hardening in the Context of Rom 9-11.**

1. The Point That Paul Is Making Is That God Can and Does Use Hardening as a Tool in the Accomplishment of his Plan To Have Mercy on all.
2. The Hardening of the Jews.
  - a) They Were Hardened After They Rejected Jesus as Their Messianic King.
  - b) This Was Prophetical and Historical.
  - c) Paul Uses Several Expressions for the Hardening of the Jews:
  - d) Hardening Is Temporary.