



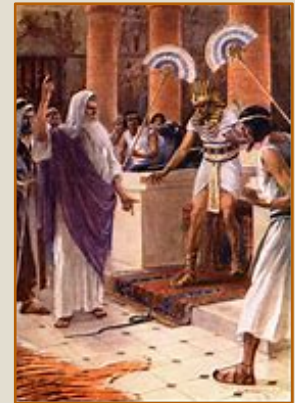
Moses—Lesson 4

The 2-fold Challenge of Ministry

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A Discussion Point

**Which was the greater
challenge?**

**confronting pharaoh
or**

convincing the Israelites

1. Convincing God's people (4:29-31)

- What **leaders** learn from followers
 - Followers can be stiff-necked.
 - Followers will not always follow.
 - Followers require patience.
- What **followers** learn from leaders
 - Leaders act rather than react.
 - Leaders focus on others rather than themselves.

The 6 “I will” promises of Jehovah

1. **I will** bring you out from under the burdens.
2. **I will** rid you of the bondage.
3. **I will** redeem you with a stretched out arm (do miracles on your behalf).
4. **I will** make you my people.
5. **I will** be your God.
6. **I will** bring you into the land.

God's promises to us

Mt 11:28 – promise of **rest** to the heavy-laden

Mt 16:18 – promise to **build the church**

Jn 6:54 – promise of **resurrection**

Jn 14:3 – promise of **heaven**

Jn. 14:14 – promise to answer **prayer**

Heb. 13:5 – promise of His **presence**

Rev. 3:30 – promise of **fellowship**

1. Convincing God's people
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THE TEN PLAGUES			
SCRIPTURE	PLAGUE	ISRAEL EXEMPT	EGYPTIAN GODS INVOLVED
<u>7:14-24</u>	Nile River to Blood	No	Hapi—spirit of the Nile Khnum—guardian of the Nile
<u>7:25-8:15</u>	Frogs	No	Heqt—form of a frog Hapi—spirit of the Nile
<u>8:16-19</u>	Swarms of Gnats	No	Uncertain; perhaps attack on Egyptian priests
<u>8:20-32</u>	Flies	Yes	Uatchit—a god who manifested himself as a fly
<u>9:1-7</u>	Disease on the Cattle	Yes	Apis bull revered. Sacred bulls and cows Ptah, Mnrvis, Hathor
<u>9:8-12</u>	Boils/Sores on Man and Animal	Yes	Sekhmet—goddess with power to heal. Serapis—healing god
<u>9:13-35</u>	Destruction of Crops and Cattle by Hail	Yes	Seth—protector of crops Nut—sky goddess
<u>10:1-20</u>	Destruction of Crops by Locusts	Yes	Isis—goddess of life Seth—protector of crops
<u>10:21-29</u>	Darkness	Yes	Re—sun god Atum—god of setting sun
<u>11:1-12:36</u>	Death of the Firstborn	Yes—if blood properly applied	Osiris—giver of life; Pharaoh also was considered deity

Ryrie Study Bible

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- The **hardening** of pharaoh's heart
 - Why fight God?
 - Why would God harden a man's heart?
 - Why can't words solve the problem?
 - Harden = **obstinate** persistence (11 times)
 - Harden = **severe** progression (6 times)
 - Harden = **toughness**, rock solid hardness (7:3)

The hardening of the human heart

- **Heb. 4:7**, “if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”
- **Matt 12:31**, “All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.”
- **James 1:13-15**, “Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”
- **James 4:6**, “But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”
- **Rom 2:5**, “But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God”

17th century words describe today's human heart

“Pharaoh more lamented the hard strokes that were upon him, than the hard heart which was within him. Esau mourned not because he sold the birthright, which was his sin, but because he lost the blessing, which was his punishment.

This is like weeping with an onion; the eye sheds tears because it smarts. A mariner casts overboard that cargo in a tempest, which he courts the return of when the winds are silenced. Many complain more of the sorrows to which they are born, than of the sins with which they were born; they tremble more at the vengeance of sin, than at the venom of sin; one delights them, the other scares them.”

William Secker (referenced by CH Spurgeon in *Treasury of David*)



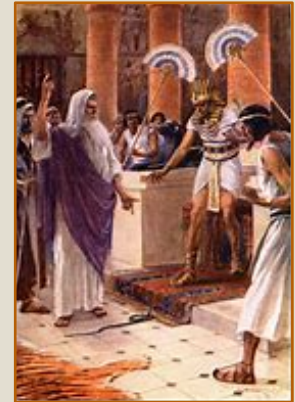
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