

I. BASIC IDEAS IN HARDNESS OF HEART

- A. CALLOUSED: INSENSITIVE, UNRESPONSIVE** (Eph.4:18,19)
- B. HARD, FAT, UNCIRCUMCISED; BLIND, DEAF; DARK, SEARED** (Is.6:10; 2Cor.3:14; 4:4; Eph.4:18,19; 1Tm.4:2; Acts 7:51)
- C. REFUSAL TO BELIEVE A CLEAR TRUTH** (Mk.8:17f; Acts 7:51f)
- D. REFUSAL TO OBEY A CLEAR COMMAND** (Ex.3:18f; 4:21; 8:15)

II. THE HARDENING OF SAUL (1 Samuel)

- A. EARLY RESISTANCE TO DIVINE COMMAND** (10:1f,21f; yet 11:13)
- B. THREE EVENTS OF HARDENING HIS HEART** (see Dt.19:15,etc.)
 - 1. Wait (10:8; 13:8; 11f,13,14; see 1Cor.11:32)
 - 2. Exterminate (15:3f; 19f,23f(28:7),26f)
 - 3. Stop (28:6(15:23); 19; see 2Cor.12:8; 1Cor.11:30f)
- C. THREE SPHERES OF HARDENING HIS HEART** (see 28:6)
 - 1. Prophet (13:8f; 15:3f; 16:1f; 28:6f; see II,B above)
 - 2. Priest (22:19f; see 23:9)
 - 3. Prince (c.19-36; esp.24:1f; 26:1f; see 18:5f; 19:4,5; 22:14)
 - 4. Note: word, sacrament, discipline (see Acts 2:42)
- D. OBSERVATION: INCREASE AND ACCELERATION** (see 28:10)

III. OTHER STRIKING EXAMPLES OF HARDENING IN THE BIBLE

- A. PHAROAH: LET MY PEOPLE GO** (Ex.4-14; see 1Sam.6:6f; Rom.9:17f)
 - 1. Hardened himself (sin; Ex.8:15,32; 9:34; see Rom.9:30-10:3)
 - 2. Was hardened (consequence; Ex.7:21; 8:19; 9:7; see Rom.11:7,25)
 - 3. God hardened (punishment-discipline *and sovereignty*; Ex.4:21; 9:12; 10:1ff; see Is.6:10; 29:9f; 63:17; Lam.3:65; Jn.9:39; Rom.1:24,26,28 *and Rom.9:18,14f, 11:7f/15,17f,33f* and 23; 2Cor.3:14/16; 2Cor.4:4/6)
- B. ISRAEL: I AM YOUR GOD**
 - 1. in the wilderness (Ps.95:7f; 78:7f; 2Cor.3:14; see Ex.17:7; Num.20:13f)
 - 2. under the Gospel (Mk.3:5(Dt.15:7); Acts 7:51; 19:9; Rom.2:5f; 9:17f; 11:7,25; see Is.6:9f in Mt.13:14f; Jn.12:40; Acts 28:26f; Rom.11:8)
- C. DISCIPLES: I AM YOUR SAVIOR** (Mk.6:52; 8:17; 16:14)
- D. CHRISTIANS: I AM YOUR SAVIOR & LORD**
 - 1. Unconverted state (Eph.4:18-20)
 - 2. Warning to professing believers (Heb.4:2,6; see 3:7-4:7; see 1Jn.2:19)
 - 3. Divorce (Mt.19:8; see Is.63:17; Rom.1:24,26,28)

IV. DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS! (1Sam.10-31; esp. c.13,15,128; Ps.95:8; Heb.3:7-4:11)

- A. BELIEVE THE WORD OF GOD IN THE SCRIPTURES!** (1Sam.7:3f; Mk1:15; 1Th.2:13; Heb.4:2; Acts 7:51f; see Is.8:19; 2Th.2:10; 2Tm.3:14-17; vs. Saul)
- B. OBEY THE COMMAND OF GOD IN THE SCRIPTURES!** (Mt.22:37f; Ex.20:1f; vs. Saul)
- C. REPENT QUICKLY & FULLY IN HIS DISCIPLINE** (1Sam.24:5; 2Sam.12:13f; vs. Saul)
- D. ACCEPT THE DISCIPLINE OF GOD IN HIS PROVIDENCE** (1Cor.11:30f; Heb.12:10; vs. Saul)
- E. ASK GOD TO SOFTEN YOUR HEART TOWARD HIM!** (Is.63:17,15f; Ps.51:10; see tonight)