

Villains of the Bible - Pharaoh

Pastor Mark Wilks, ROMANS 9:14-24

1. The Person: Pharaoh

- Pharaoh considered himself a god and was worshiped by the people.
- The theme of Exodus is God is the sovereign Lord! Only the Lord can rescue, deliver or save His people!
- We ask, “Is God unfair to Pharaoh?” When the bible says, “God hardened Pharaoh’s heart.”

2. The Problem: Pharaoh’s heart is hardened

- A hard heart is an obstinate and calloused heart that fails to respond to or obey God.
 - God says, “He will harden Pharaoh’s heart.” Ex. 4:21; 7:3; 14:4
 - “God hardened Pharaoh’s heart.” Ex. 9:12; 10:1, 20, 27; 11:10; 14:8, 17
 - “Pharaoh’s heart was hardened.” Ex. 7:13,14, 22; 8:19; 9:7, 35, 14:5
 - “Pharaoh hardened his own heart.” Ex. 8:15; 8:32; 9:34
- Pharaoh’s heart was hard from the start. Ex. 5:2
- The clay has within it all the properties to become hard.

3. Our Promise: Only Christ can soften our heart. Mark 6:52

- God doesn’t need to harden my heart, I need him to soften it.
- “Faith is not something that happens automatically or evolves inevitably; it is a personal decision or choice.” J.R. Edwards

Application

1. If you have sin in your life repent now while there is still time.
2. If you are resisting God in any area of your life, surrender now!
3. The only way to keep a soft heart is to walk humbly with your God.