

# GCFSM SUNDAY

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## DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEART

EXODUS 6:28-11:10 | REV. LITO VILLORIA

After God emphasized Moses' authority as the appointed leader of His people (Exodus 6:14-27), He sent Moses and Aaron once again before Pharaoh to demand the release of the Israelites. But God hardened Pharaoh's heart to give Him an opportunity to show His power so that the Egyptians would know that He is the LORD (Exodus 6:28-7:7)!

Aaron threw his staff before Pharaoh, and it became a serpent. Pharaoh's magicians did the same thing, but Aaron's serpent devoured theirs. Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, and it became an occasion to further display God's power and dominion (Exodus 7:8-13).

God sent ten plagues over Egypt: water turned into blood (Exodus 7:14-24); frogs (7:25-8:15); gnats (8:16-19); flies (8:20-32); death of Egyptian livestock (9:1-7); boils (9:8-12); hail (9:13-35); locusts (10:1-20); darkness over the land (10:21-29); and death of firstborn announced (11:1-10).

This narrative emphasized the hardening of Pharaoh's heart. God was referred to ten times as the subject of the hardening of Pharaoh's heart (Exodus 4:21; 7:3; 9:12; 10:1, 20, 27; 11:10; 14: 4, 8, 17). Three times it was Pharaoh

himself who hardened his heart (8:15, 32; 9:34). And six times the cause of the hardening of Pharaoh's heart was not stated (7:13, 14, 22; 8:19; 9:7, 35).

The general purpose of God's actions was for Pharaoh, the Egyptians, and the Israelites to know that He is the One True Powerful LORD! But the narrative also revealed specific purposes of why God did what He did (Exodus 7:5, 17; 8:10, 22; 9:14, 29; 10:2; 11:7, 9).

Though God hardened the heart of Pharaoh, He gave him windows of opportunities to repent and surrender. There were moments Pharaoh yielded to the LORD, but eventually he retracted and remained stubborn (Exodus 8:8, 15; 9:27-28, 34; 10:16-17, 20).

In this sermon, we will learn how God deals with those whose hearts are hardened and how we should respond when God confronts our stubbornness. ✱

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT**  
Counselling Ministry  
June 12, 2021, Saturday  
via Zoom
- **DVBS: WALKING WITH JESUS**  
Children's Ministry  
June 23-25, 2021  
10:00-11:30 AM via Zoom
- **EXODUS STUDY TIME**  
Sundays at 11-12 noon  
beginning April 18, 2021  
via Zoom Meetings
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