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# The Epistle to the ROMANS

## Hardening Pharaoh's Heart Romans 9:17–24



**Rom. 9:15, “For He says to Moses, ‘I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.’ ”**

**Ex. 33:19, “And He said, ‘I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion on whom I will show compassion.’ ”**

**Ex. 33:5, “For the LORD had said to Moses, ‘Say to the children of Israel, “You are a stiff-necked people. I could come up into your midst in one moment and consume you. Now therefore, take off your ornaments, that I may know what to do to you.” ’ ”**

**Ex. 33:13, “Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people.”**

**Ex. 33:14, “And He said, ‘My Presence will go with you (pl), and I will give you (sg) rest.’ ”**

**Ex. 33:15, “Then he said to Him, ‘If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.**

**Ex. 33:16, “ ‘For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.’ ”**

**Ex. 33:18, “And he said, ‘Please, show me Your glory.’”**

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- 1. The issue here did not involve individuals but the role of the nation. No one's eternal salvation was at stake.**
- 2. What was at stake was the destiny of Israel, God's plan and purpose for the nation.**
- 3. Paul is arguing that God's plan for Israel would not be shaped by what Moses wanted, but by God's omniscient will.**
- 4. Then, in the same way, Paul uses the example of Pharaoh to show that God's plan for Israel was not to be shaped by the opposition of Pharaoh, but by God's plan.**

**Ex. 7:3, “And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.”**

**Ex. 13:15, “And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.”**

**Rom. 9:15, “For He says to Moses, ‘I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion.’**

**Rom. 9:16, “So then it is not of him who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.”**

**Rom. 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,**

**Rom. 1:21, “because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.**

**Rom. 1:22, “Professing to be wise, they became fools,”**

**Rom. 1:23, “and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.**

**Rom. 1:24, “Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,**

**Rom. 1:25, “who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.”**

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**Ex. 9:16, “But indeed for this purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.”**

**Ex. 3:19, “But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand.”**

חזק *chzq*

**piel imperf 1 com sing to be strong *be(come) strong, strengthen, prevail, harden, be courageous, be sore (meaning be severe)***

כָּבֵד *kaved* **heavy, severe**

קשה *qshh* **hif perf 3 masc sing to be hard**

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**σκληρύνω *sklērunō***

**pres act indic 3 sing**

**to harden; to make stubborn**

**Rom. 9:19, “You will say to me then, ‘Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?’**

**Rom. 9:20, “But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, ‘Why have you made me like this?’ ”**

**Rom. 9:21, “Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?”**

**Rom. 9:22, “What if God, wanting to show His wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,”**

**Rom. 9:23, “and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,**

**Rom. 9:24, “even us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?”**