

Lesson 29: Our God is patient not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. He would rather save than judge, but even God's longsuffering has it limits. Pharoah chose to honor himself above God. He chose to reject all of the spiritual light that God had given to him. This light was in the form of 10 horrible plagues. Pharoah was steadfast in his arrogance toward the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, finally passing the spiritual point of no return. It was then that Scripture tells us that "The Lord hardened Pharoah's heart." Scripture also teaches that God is no respecter of persons. While He was dealing with the leader of Egypt, He was also dealing with Mr. and Mrs. Nobody. Many Egyptians, including some of Pharoah's own magicians humbled themselves before God. They recognized the reality and power of the Jews' God and the impotence of their many pagan deities. Anyone who turned from paganism to God was joyfully received by God into His family.

God used His dealings with Pharoah and Egypt to teach Moses and the Jewish people about Himself. Although the Jews acknowledged the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, as their God, most had marginal faith. After all, they were slaves for 430 years. They were beaten, had no rights and even watched helplessly as the Egyptians drowned their male babies. Yet, they continued to multiply and become strong. Moses arrived in Egypt, at age 80, holding the hand of his brother, Aaron. In fact, initially, Aaron was the one who spoke to Pharoah and performed signs and wonders with his staff. However, God always accomplishes His purposes. In short order, God's classroom transformed Moses from a spiritual infant, into a spiritual giant. We continue our lesson in Exodus Chapter 7

Ex 2:11-25, 7:1-13

Lev 19:15

Deut <u>8</u>, 10:17-22

Prov 3:5-6

Is 44:24-26, 46:9-11, 55:11, 56:3,6-7,

64:3-4

Matt 20:20-28

Mark 9:33-35, 10:35-45

Luke 22:24-27

Jn 10:11, 13:12-17, 15:5(b)

Acts 7:23-29, 10:34-35, 23:11, 27

Rom 8:28, 12:1-2

2 Cor 5:7, 8:9

Gal 5:13-26

Eph 2:10, 5:25

Phil 1:6, 2:1-18

Jas 2:1

2 Pet 3:9