

A Matter of the Heart

God's Exodus People

Exodus 4:21-6:13

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The Lord said to Moses, “When you return to Egypt, see that you perform before Pharaoh all the wonders I have given you the power to do. But I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go. (NIV®)

I. Pharaoh hardens his heart by rejecting God.

Exodus 5:1-2

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- 3) קשה (qasa) **to be difficult** (Ex 7:3)

Ezekiel 36:26

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. (NIV®)

A. Pharaoh's heart becomes hard

Ex 7:13-14, 22, 8:19, 9:7, 9:35

B. Pharaoh hardens his own heart

Ex 8:15, 32, 9:34

C. God hardens Pharaoh's heart

Ex 4:21, 7:3, 9:12, 10:1, 20, 27, 11:10,
14:4, 8

II. The people of God are susceptible to hard heartedness.

Exodus 5:3-22

III. The cure to a hard
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