

INTRODUCTION

- * The book of Exodus - God's deliverance of Israel and the beginning of their journey in the wilderness.
- * Last week, we saw God's response to Pharaoh's agnosticism and antagonism - His awesome display of power as He reveals who He was, AND IS, to Pharaoh.
- * During the past two messages, I have alluded to the future message that we would deal with the conundrum of the hardening of Pharaoh's heart ... that day is today
- * I am not sure that we will come to a conclusion that will settle the issue for everyone ... our goal is to rightly divide the Word of God and to accept what He has revealed

INSTRUCTION

I. THE SITUATION ... *The hardening of Pharaoh's heart*

A. _____ **Hardened** _____ **Heart** (cf. Exodus 7:13-14; 7:22-23; 8:8,15; 8:19; 8:28,32; 9:7; 9:27-28, 34-35; I Sam 6:5-6)

B. _____ **Hardened** _____ **Heart** (cf. Ex 4: 21-23; 7:3-5; 9:11-12; 10:1-2; 10:16-17,20; 10:24,27; 11:7-10; 14:4-5,8; 14:16-18)

- * Romans 9:17-18 ¹⁷ For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, "For **this very 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." ¹⁸ Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and **whom He wills He hardens.** (quoting from Exodus 9:16)

II. THE ANALYSIS

A. A Proper Understanding of _____

1. GOD'S _____ (cf. I Timothy 2:3-4; Exodus 7:4-5; 9:14)

2. GOD'S _____

a. God Provides All Men With _____ of _____ (cf. Romans 1:18-21; 2:3-5; 2:14-16; John 1:1-4)

b. God Provides All Men With _____ for _____ (cf. I John 2:1-2)

B. A Proper Understanding of _____ (cf. Romans 8:28-30; I Peter 1:1-2)

C. A Proper Understanding of _____

1. GOD HAS CREATED MAN IN HIS _____ ... WITH A _____

- * Matthew 23:37; I Samuel 6:5-6; Daniel 5:20; Mark 3:1-6; Mark 6:52; 8:17; Mark 16:12-14;
- * Romans 2:3-5; Jeremiah 18:1-11; Jonah 3

2. GOD HAS CREATED MAN BY HIS _____ ... FOR HIS _____

- * Romans 9: 17-21; Proverbs 16:4; Deuteronomy 2:30; Joshua 11:19-20

INTROSPECTION

- * God had declared to Abraham that his descendants would be afflicted in another land for 400 years. And at the end of those years he would judge that nation and bring out Israel with great possessions. (cf. Gen 15:13-14).

☞ It was going to happen as God had declared!

- * How do you view the "Sovereignty of God"? Ultimately, we were created **by** His will and **for** His glory!

- * How are you using the "will" that He has given you? Are you defiantly opposed to your creator? Or are you willfully submissive to His faithful lovingkindness?