

Sermon Notes – May 20, 2018
Beware the Hardened Heart (*Joshua 11-12*)

Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. (Matt. 24:12) For men will be lovers of self...unloving...haters of good...conceited...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. (2 Timothy 3:1-4)

I. God accomplishes His will by His Sovereign control. (Vs. 20)

A. Over leaders and kings.

1. Pharaoh: "...I will harden his heart so that he will not let the people go." (Exodus 4:21)
 - “But I will harden Pharaoh's heart that I may multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt.” (Ex. 7:3) (13)
 - “And the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not listen to them, just as the Lord had spoken to Moses.” (Ex. 9:12, 35)
 - Exodus 10:1,20,27;
 - “Thus I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord. And they did so.” (Ex. 14:4, 8)
2. Sihon: “But Sihon king Heshbon was not willing for us to pass through his land; for the Lord your God hardened his spirit and made his heart obstinate, in order to deliver him into your hand..” (Deuteronomy 2:30) (Joshua 2:10; 12:1)
3. 31 kings defeated by Moses and Joshua. (Joshua 12)

B. Over the Jewish people.

1. Through the parables. (Matthew 13:10-13)
2. Through the prophets. (John 12:40) (Isaiah 6:10)
3. Through the Gentiles. (Romans 11:7-11)

C. Over the wicked.

1. To accomplish His purposes. (Proverbs 16:4)
2. To make known His glory. (Romans 9:17-23)

II. God holds people responsible for their wickedness.

A. Because they suppress the truth. (Romans 1:18-32)

B. Because they won't repent. (Revelation 9:20-21)

C. Because they refuse to enter God's "rest." (Hebrews 4:1-11) (Hebrews 3:7-12) (Psalm 95:7)



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