

## The Greatest Letter Ever Written!

## The Sovereign Rights of the Potter



Ro 9:14-19 "What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! 15 For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills. V19 "You will say to me then, why does He still find fault? For who can rest His will"?

Ex 9:12 "But <u>the Lord hardened the heart of</u> <u>Pharaoh</u>, and he did not listen to them, as the Lord had spoken to Moses."

Exodus 4:21 "And the Lord said to Moses, 'When you go back to Egypt, see that you do before Pharaoh all the miracles that I have put in your power. But <u>I will harden his heart</u>, so that he will not let the people go."

Ex 7:3-4 "But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, 4 Pharaoh will not listen to you." <u>Before the first plague</u>. Ex 7:13: "Still <u>Pharaoh's heart was hardened</u>, and he would not listen to them, <u>as the Lord had said</u>."

After the first plague. Ex 7:22: "But the magicians of Egypt did the same by their secret arts. So <u>Pharaoh's heart remained</u> <u>hardened</u>, and he would not listen to them, <u>as the Lord had said</u>."

<u>After the second plague</u>. Ex 8:15: "But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, <u>he hardened his heart</u> and would not listen to them, <u>as the Lord had said</u>."

After the third plague. Ex 8:19: "Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, 'This is the finger of God.' But <u>Pharaoh's heart was</u> hardened, and he would not listen to them, <u>as the Lord had said</u>." Ro 9:17-18 "For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills." Eph 4:17-18 "You must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, <u>due to their hardness of heart</u>." Deut 2:30 "But Sihon the king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him, for <u>the Lord your</u> <u>God hardened his spirit and made his heart</u> <u>obstinate</u>, that he might give him into your hand, as he is this day."

Josh 11:20 "For <u>it was the Lord's doing to</u> <u>harden their hearts</u> that they should come against Israel in battle, in order that they should be devoted to destruction and should receive no mercy but be destroyed, just as the Lord commanded Moses." Isa 63:17 "O Lord, <u>why do you make us</u> <u>wander from your ways and harden our heart</u>, so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage."

Ro 1:24-28 – three times the Bible says "<u>God</u> gave them over...." **2** Thess **2:9-12** "The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, 12 in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Ro 9:15-18 "For God says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 So then election depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. 17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." 18 So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills."

Ro 11:5-8 "So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace. What then? Israel failed to obtain what it was seeking. The elect obtained it, but the rest were hardened, as it is written, "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that would not see and ears that would not hear, down to this very day."