



The Softening of Pharaoh's Heart

Exodus 7-14



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Moses' Prayers

- Plead with the Lord (8:8-15)
- Plead for me (8:28-31)
- Plead with the LORD (9:28-33)
 - *“there has been enough of God's thunder...”*



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Magicians' Testimony

- We can do that (7:8-12)
 - *"But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs"* (12)
- But we can't do that (8:16-19)
 - *"This is the finger of God."* (19)



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Partial Obedience

- *“I will let the people go to sacrifice...” (8:8)*
 - He *“would not listen to them” (8:15)*
- *“Go, sacrifice... within the land” (8:25-32)*
 - *“only you must not go very far away” (28)*
 - But He *“did not let the people go” (32)*



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Partial Repentance

- *“This time I have sinned” (9:27-35)*
 - *“I will let you go, and you will stay no longer” (28)*
 - *“he sinned yet again and hardened his heart” (34)*
 - *“... he did not let the people go” (35)*
- *“I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you” (10:16-17)*
 - *“... and he did not let the people of Israel go.” (17)*



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Multiple Opportunities

- There were **10** plagues
- *“Be gone, and bless me also!” (12:31-32)*
- *Even then, Pharaoh changed his mind (14:5-8)*
 - *“What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?” (5)*



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*“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.”*

(Rom. 9:17)



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*“What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, **in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy**, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— **even us** whom he has called.”*

(Rom. 9:22-24)



