

No Other God > Exodus 7:14-25

7:14-19 *Know the Lord.* These verses introduce a pattern that will carry all throughout the plagues: God will warn Pharaoh over his disobedience in not letting the Hebrews go free, and he will proclaim that a plague or “sign” is on the way which will clearly reveal that he is God (and that Pharaoh and his false gods have no power compared to him).

7:20-25 *A hardened heart.* For his part, Pharaoh will respond to these plagues with stubbornness and disobedience. His “hard heart” will end up leading him – and Egypt alongside him – into further and deeper judgment. Note that Pharaoh is doing this by his own choice: he continues to rebel against God and now the Lord is giving him the consequences.

The Point: A hardened heart opposes God and will receive his just judgment. But a soft heart, the heart of one who knows and responds to the Lord, will receive the blessing of his care.

Prayer: Lord, keep us from the hard-hearted rebellion of Pharaoh. If not for your grace, we would fall into the same trap. Instead: make us to trust and obey you, to respond to Jesus as our Savior-King, and therefore to wait patiently for your forever blessing that you’ve promised to your people.

Application: What’s the state of your heart? Is it hard toward the Lord or toward the church he loves? Or is it soft, having been changed and re-molded by Jesus Christ? How will you tell of the one true God to those around you this week? When will you pray for the hearts of others to be softened?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
