

# **HARD SAYINGS**

## **SESSION #12 – Exodus 7 God hardens Pharaoh's heart**

### **Romans 9 Vessels Prepared for Destruction**

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#### **Text**

1. What does it actually say?
  - a. Remember, God first – What does it say about Him?
2. Is it descriptive or prescriptive?
3. What is hard about this passage?
4. What are we looking to understand about this passage as we begin to examine it?

#### **Literary Context**

1. What is happening around this text?
2. How does the surrounding text help us better understand the immediate text?

#### **NT Literary Parallels**

1. Romans 9
2. 1 Tim 1:18-20

#### **Historical Context**

1. Unconditional election – those God chooses will come to faith and be saved

#### **Trusted Interpreters**

Westminster Confession of Faith 3.7

The rest of mankind God was pleased, according to the unsearchable counsel of his own will, whereby he extend or withhold mercy as he please, for the glory of his sovereign power over his creatures, to pass by, and to ordain them to dishonor and wrath for their sin, to the praise of his glorious justice.

#### **From Sound Interpretation to Useful Application**

1. Consider the third commandment. God is serious about his name
2. What would it look like to really consider the seriousness of God's name?
3. What would it look like in our lives to really allow God to be God?