

# (Exodus) Exodus 10:1-7

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*J. Vernon McGee's sermon explores God's purpose in hardening Pharaoh's heart and the significance of His signs and deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt.*

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**Scripture:** Exodus 10:2-3, Exodus 10:7, Exodus 10:14, Exodus 10:21, Exodus 10:24, Exodus 10:26

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses how God hardened Pharaoh's heart in order to reveal his true nature as a godless man. The preacher explains that God could have immediately taken the Israelites out of Egypt without involving Pharaoh, but He had multiple reasons for doing so. One reason was to demonstrate His power and ability to deliver His people and fulfill His promises. The preacher also highlights the significance of the Passover as the oldest religious holiday, which commemorates God's deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt.

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## Transcript

All right, now notice, God prepares to move again, and here He says, And the Lord said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might show these my signs before him, and that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them, that ye may know how that I am the Lord. Now, you see, God has many reasons for doing what He does. One of them was to make this man, Pharaoh, to reveal what was in his heart, that he's this kind of a man, that he was a godless man.

You see, God could have taken the children of Israel immediately out of the land of Egypt without even making any contact with Pharaoh, and many people would say, the critic would, and many, I'm sure, would offer the objection, Well, God certainly was not fair to Pharaoh. He should have given him an opportunity to have let the children go, and given this man an opportunity for salvation. Well, friend, that's exactly what God has done.

He didn't take them out immediately now. But also, God is demonstrating to His own people, before He got them in the wilderness, what He was able to do, and that He was able to not only deliver them out of Egypt, but He was well able to bring them into the land that He had promised to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Now, I read here in verse 2 of chapter 10, And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, thy sons' sons, what things I have wrought in Egypt.

And at the Passover now, for almost 4,000 years, it's the oldest religious holiday that there is, why the story has been told about how God delivered His people out of the land of Egypt. Now, verse 3, And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me, let my people go, that they may serve me? Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, tomorrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast, and they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth, and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field. And they shall fill thy houses, the houses of thy servants, the houses of all the Egyptians, which neither thy fathers, neither thy father's father, have seen since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day.

And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh. And Pharaoh's servant said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God. Knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed? Now, what he's saying is just simply this.

The land of Egypt is being absolutely demolished, and it's destroyed by these plagues that are coming on the land. How long are you going to go along with this type of thing? Why not at least make a compromise with these people?

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