

Who is like Pharaoh?

The stubbornness of Pharaoh is always an interesting study. No doubt, he was a prideful man, and power had gone to his head. This can be a danger of being in leadership when there is none to question your authority or decisions, but this isn't our focus at present.

Nine times and through nine plagues, the king of Egypt refused to let God's people go. There were times when Pharaoh, by his obstinance, hardened his heart and yet other times when God hardened him. Who could be so foolish as to reject God so many times with so many signs and wonders?

The most amazing instance of his stubbornness is the last plague. At other times, Moses gives the word to Pharaoh of an impending judgment; God will smite all the firstborn of Egypt, but the wicked king was unbending.

This rejection from Pharaoh comes after all of the other plagues had been prophesied of and had come without fail. Why wouldn't Pharaoh listen? He had a son that would be directly affected by this last move of God upon Egypt.

Pharaoh was either so hardened that he did not believe it would happen, or perhaps his inordinate stubbornness and pride would not allow him to relent in the face of impending disaster. We wonder at his callousness and total disregard for his own child! You are endangering your progeny, O' king. Why?

We may ask ourselves, "Can anybody be so reckless and foolhardy as Pharaoh?" The answer is yes. The backslid parent is as Pharaoh was.

In most cases, the backslider knows that God is real and His Word is true. They've seen His works and have known the wonder of receiving the Holy Ghost and speaking in an unknown tongue, a miracle of miracles.

They know that Jesus is coming again; they know if their children grow and die without God that these children will be lost for eternity. Yet, they repent not. Yet, they stubbornly refuse the warnings and signs of God.

It may seem like a hard thing to say, but the backslider with children is every bit as hardened as evil Pharaoh.

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