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A1428 ~ Pharaoh hardens his heart.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

"That's impossible!" Have you ever said that? Has someone ever told you to do something you felt was just too difficult? The Egyptian Pharaoh had given an impossible order to the Israelite slaves living in Egypt, and everything seemed hopeless! How could they possibly obey his demands?

The living Creator God had told Moses and his brother Aaron to lead their people, the Israelites, out of Egypt to freedom. For many years, the Pharaoh had been treating them cruelly, and God had seen the people's sufferings. He had heard their cries for help. So God gave Moses and Aaron His words to speak to the people, and to the Egyptian king. But things did not go well for them at first.

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King Pharaoh was a tyrant who did as he pleased. He refused to consider there could be a power greater than himself. No-one could tell him what to do. He refused to obey God's command to let the people go. Instead, the king made life even harder for the Israelites. He wanted to crush their spirits and their hope, and to turn them against Moses and Aaron.

The world hasn't changed, has it? There are people like that king, in power today. They live only to please themselves. They reject the authority of the living Creator God and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. They rule by fear, and crush any who stand up against their evil ways.

Psalm 2 in the Bible asks the question, "Why do the nations plan rebellion? Their kings revolt; their rulers plot together against the Lord, and against His chosen king. From His throne in heaven, the Lord laughs, and mocks their feeble plans." His chosen king "will break them... and will shatter them in pieces."

Jesus' followers remembered this Psalm when the powerful religious leaders had to free His disciples, Peter and John from prison. The priests tried to stop Peter and John from speaking the truth about Jesus. But the Bible book Acts, chapter 4, says the believers prayed earnestly to the Lord that He would help them to speak God's message with great boldness. God answered their prayers. The Holy Spirit gave them courage and power to continue spreading the good news about Jesus, and about God's offer of forgiveness through Him.

Rulers like Pharaoh are always against those who truly serve the living God. They do not want to submit to His authority themselves, and they do not want their people to put God first. In some countries, authorities treat the followers of Jesus Christ badly, because they want people to obey them, rather than the One True God. In this life, they may seem to get their own way, but in the end they will suffer God's judgment for their wrongdoing. The Pharaoh thought he could stand up against the living and true God, but in the end, when it was too late, he found out how wrong he had been.

The Bible book Romans, chapter 14, says this, "All of us will stand before God to be judged by him. ... As surely as I am the living God, says the Lord, everyone will kneel before me, and everyone will confess that I am God ". And another Bible book, Philippians, chapter 2, says, "All beings ... will fall on their knees, and all will openly proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord".

Moses was greatly troubled when Pharaoh refused to listen, and, instead, heaped greater cruelty on the Israelites. But Moses turned to the Lord God for answers. God again promised Moses He would force the king to let the people go. He promised He would free the people from their slavery, and make the people His very own. Moses had to continue to trust God and to obey His words, until at last he saw God's promises fulfilled.

God has also made many promises to those who trust the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and follow Him. Here are just a few of the promises made to followers of the Lord Jesus. Chapter 1 of the Bible book, 1 John, says, "If we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing". Chapter 2 says, "This is what Christ himself promised to give us – eternal life". And Chapter 5 says, "We have courage in God's presence, because we are sure that he hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to his will."

Human beings sometimes break their promises, but God will always do what he says. The Bible book Hebrews, chapter 10, says this, "Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise".

Don't become like King Pharaoh and harden your heart and mind to what God says. We should listen to both God's warnings and His promises in the Bible. We can be sure that God will do what he says. I pray that you will listen, and do what God says to you. Don't close your ears! Don't harden your heart against God's words as Pharaoh did!

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