

# THE LIFE OF MOSES

## MOSES RETURNS TO EGYPT

**THE HARDENING OF PHARAOH'S HEART** - Exodus 4:21 and various Scriptures

**INTRODUCTION** We have entered a section of Scripture (Exodus 4 -14) where we witness a prolonged contest between God's representative, Moses, and Satan's representative as seen in the person of Pharaoh. In this contest we will see the complete testing of human responsibility – the trying of the believer's faith – and the manifestation of God's attributes. This record of Israel's and Egypt's history God is said to harden Pharaoh's heart 10 times – Pharaoh to harden his own heart 3 times – and the fact that Pharaoh's heart was hardened is stated 5 times. Unbelievers have concluded that if Pharaoh's crimes were the result of God hardening his heart, then that makes God the author of his sins. Worse still – God must be unrighteous and cruel in punishing Pharaoh for his actions. The Scriptures clearly state that Pharaoh hardened his own heart, but they also declare that God hardened Pharaoh's heart. Both statements are recorded in God's Word – both statements therefore must be true - and it is our duty to believe and teach both. May the truths of God's infallible Word be used to soften our hearts setting us free to magnify His grace and mercy.

**1. The Principle of Man's** \_\_\_\_\_ - Exodus 7:22-23; 8:15, 32; 9:35

2. The Principle of God's \_\_\_\_\_ - Romans 9:22

3. The Principle of God's \_\_\_\_\_ - Exodus 9:27; 10:16

4. The Principle of God's \_\_\_\_\_ - Exodus 7:3-5; 9:16; Romans 9:17

***"The deliverance of Israel was promised and certain, but there was no promise that Pharaoh would voluntarily yield."***