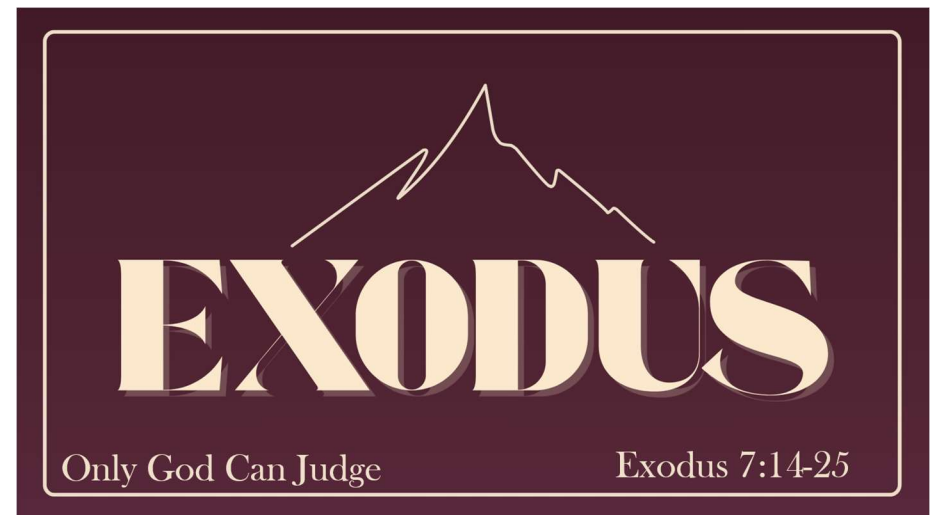


## Vs. 22-25 – Even God’s Judgment Won’t Move the Hardest Hearts

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1. Why do some people still reject Christ even when confronted with truth?
2. The Pharisees witnessed the resurrection firsthand and still chose to deny it. How does this challenge the assumption that if people just heard the truth clearly enough, they would believe?
3. Dallas Willard said that people in hell don't miss heaven by accident — they get there by "constant effort to avoid and escape God." How does that change the way you pray for people who are far from God? Does it produce more urgency, more compassion, or both?
4. We should pray for those we know with hardened hearts. Who in your life needs that kind of persistent prayer right now? What would it look like to commit to praying for them regularly?

# Sermon Discussion Points for



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**Read Exodus 7:14-25 – Due to the repeated hardening of his heart, Pharaoh and the people of Egypt begin to experience the judgment of God. Sadly, even the judgment of God Himself would not be enough to soften Pharaoh’s heart. All of humanity faces judgment for their sin. Either that judgment will be received by Christ on their behalf, or they will experience themselves. We must be sure to keep our hearts soft before God and share with others the good news of Jesus.**

What do people really mean when they say, “Only God can judge me?” Why may that not be a good thing?

### Vs.14-16– Hard Hearts Invite Judgment

1. What command did God repeatedly give to Pharaoh through Moses? How did Pharaoh repeatedly respond?
2. Why do you think people tend to resist authority or correction? Do you see this tendency in your own life?
3. What are some ways people today gradually harden their hearts toward God — maybe without even realizing it?
4. What are some practical ways we can keep our hearts soft toward God?

### Vs. 17-18 – God’s Judgment Proves His Lordship

1. Why was it significant that God judged the Nile River specifically?
2. What does God’s judgment teach us about His holiness and Lordship?

3. God turned the Nile to blood in part to show His power over the gods the Egyptians trusted — Khnum and Hapi. What are the "Niles" (idols) people trust in today? How does God sometimes disrupt those things?
4. How should knowing that there is currently a window of time in which people can repent change how you live or how you talk to people around you?

### Vs. 19-21 – God Uses People to Pronounce His Judgment

1. God could have spoken directly to Pharaoh but chose to send Moses and Aaron instead. Why do you think God chooses to work through people to share His message rather than simply speaking for Himself?
2. The teaching connected "pronouncing judgment" with sharing the gospel. In what ways is sharing the gospel actually an act of love rather than condemnation? Does that reframe how you think about evangelism?
3. How does the cross demonstrate both God’s justice and God’s mercy?
4. John Lennon's song *Imagine* captures the spirit of the age — a world where heaven, hell, and eternal consequences simply don't exist. How does that mindset show up in everyday conversations, and how do we lovingly push back on it?
5. How does knowing that Christ took God’s judgment for believers deepen your gratitude and worship?

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