

Romans 9:16-18 | Exodus 5-14

THE ATTITUDE OF AN UNBELIEVER

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SETTING THE SCENE

Egypt — The World Empire

<p>World Power</p> <p>Most advanced nation on earth</p>	<p>Pharaoh's Pride</p> <p>Blessed by their gods. No need for the God of a slave nation.</p>	<p>The Context</p> <p>This is the arrogance Moses and Aaron had to face</p>
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Exodus 5 → "Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice?"

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REJECTION

Exodus 5:2
& Exodus 7

"Who is the LORD that I should obey His voice?"

- › Pharaoh saw miraculous signs — Aaron's staff became a serpent, swallowing the others.
- › God equipped Moses and Aaron for this exact mission. The word of God was delivered clearly.
- › 2 Tim 3:16–17 — God has equipped us too: His Word is profitable for every good work.
- › Eph 5:17 — "Understand what the will of the Lord is." We CAN know it.
- › Yet even with all of this — without faith, the Word profits nothing. (Heb 4:2)

KEY QUESTION: Will you say "I CAN" — or "I CAN'T"?

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Spiritual Self-Deception | Exodus 8:8–15

PHARAOH'S PATTERN

1. Plague strikes → he cries out for help
2. "Remove the frogs and I'll let them go"
3. Relief comes → he hardens his heart again
4. The promise is forgotten. Nothing changes.

DO WE DO THE SAME?

"I know I need to be baptized... someday."

"I'll quit this habit... eventually."

Matt 15:8 — "This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me."

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COMPROMISE

Exodus 8:25
Matthew 6:24

"Go sacrifice to your God — but stay within the land."

COMPROMISE =

"I don't want to do what You say — so let's meet halfway."

- › That would have left Israel under Egypt's power. God's plan would have FAILED.
- › Christ didn't compromise. He went straight to the cross — not one step missed.
- › Matthew 6:24 — "You cannot serve two masters... you cannot serve God and mammon."
- › As we are told to leave sin, we cannot come halfway and keep our worldly attitudes.

THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE.

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WORLDLY SORROW

Exodus 9:27,35 | 2 Corinthians 7:9–10

WORLDLY SORROW

Pharaoh said: "I have sinned. The LORD is righteous."
— then verse 35: his heart was hardened again.

Saying **"I'm sorry"** is NOT repentance.
Worldly sorrow produces **death**.

GODLY SORROW

2 Cor 7:10 — Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation.

Repentance = CHANGE. A change of heart:
"I'm not going to do that."
"I'm going THIS way, Lord."

Luke 13:3 — "Unless you repent, you will likewise perish."

Being sorry because you got caught is not enough. Be sorry because you sinned against God.

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LETTING GO & TAKING BACK

Exodus 12:31
Exodus 14:5,28

HIS SON DIES

The worst plague. Every firstborn in Egypt is dead. Pharaoh is at his lowest.

"GET OUT"

Exo 12:31 — Pharaoh calls Moses at night: "Rise up, get out. Go worship the LORD."

CHANGE OF HEART

Exo 14:5 — "What have we done, that we let Israel go?" He pursues them.

THE SEA CLOSSES

Exo 14:28 — Not one of them remained. He lost everything.

He had it right — and let it go. He lost everything.

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CONCLUSION

That choice is ours.

LIVE FOR YOURSELF

Go your own way.
Be like Pharaoh — and lose everything.

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LIVE FOR GOD

Obey His will. Lose everything — and gain the Lord. Gain everything.

"You gain this life and gain nothing.
But if you lose everything and gain the Lord — you've gained EVERYTHING."

Where are you this morning?

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