

Stubbornness

2Ch 36:15 (NKJV) And the LORD God of their fathers **sent warnings to them by His messengers**, rising up early and sending *them*, **because He had compassion** on His people and on His dwelling place.

2Ch 36:16 (NKJV) But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, till *there was* no remedy.

Joh 12:37 (NKJV) But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,

Joh 12:38 (NKJV) that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?"

Joh 12:39 (NKJV) Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

Joh 12:40 (NKJV) "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HARDENED THEIR HEARTS, LEST THEY SHOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, LEST THEY SHOULD UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEARTS AND TURN, SO THAT I SHOULD HEAL THEM."

Pro 1:24 (NKJV) **Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,**

Pro 1:25 (NKJV) **Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke,**

Pro 1:26 (NKJV) I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes,

Pro 1:27 (NKJV) When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you.

Pro 1:28 (NKJV) "Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.

Pro 1:29 (NKJV) **Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD,**

Pro 1:30 (NKJV) **They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke.**

Pro 1:31 (NKJV) Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

Pro 29:1 (NKJV) **He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck,** Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

1Sa 15:1 (NKJV) Samuel also said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the LORD.

1Sa 15:2 (NKJV) Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I will punish Amalek *for* what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt.

1Sa 15:3 (NKJV) Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.' "

1Sa 15:4 (NKJV) So Saul gathered the people together and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten thousand men of Judah.

1Sa 15:5 (NKJV) And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley.

1Sa 15:6 (NKJV) Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

1Sa 15:7 (NKJV) And Saul attacked the Amalekites, from Havilah all the way to Shur, which is east of Egypt.

1Sa 15:8 (NKJV) He also took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

1Sa 15:9 (NKJV) But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all *that was good*, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.

1Sa 15:10 (NKJV) Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying,

1Sa 15:11 (NKJV) "I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments." And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night.

1Sa 15:12 (NKJV) So when Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul went to Carmel, and indeed, he set up a monument for himself; and he has gone on around, passed by, and gone down to Gilgal."

1Sa 15:13 (NKJV) Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed *are* you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD."

1Sa 15:14 (NKJV) But Samuel said, "What then *is* this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

1Sa 15:15 (NKJV) And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."

1Sa 15:16 (NKJV) Then Samuel said to Saul, "Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak on."

1Sa 15:17 (NKJV) So Samuel said, "When you *were* little in your own eyes, *were* you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel?"

1Sa 15:18 (NKJV) Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.'

1Sa 15:19 (NKJV) Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?"

1Sa 15:20 (NKJV) And Saul said to Samuel, "**But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD**, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

1Sa 15:21 (NKJV) But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

1Sa 15:22 (NKJV) So Samuel said: "Has the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *And* to heed than the fat of rams.

1Sa 15:23 (NKJV) For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from *being* king."

Jer 7:24 (NKJV) Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels *and* the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.

Jos 11:18 (NKJV) Joshua made war a long time with all those kings.

Jos 11:19 (NKJV) There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, except the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. All *the others* they took in battle.

Jos 11:20 (NKJV) For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that He might utterly destroy them, *and* that they might receive no mercy, but that He might destroy them, as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Heb 12:3 (NKJV) For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

Heb 12:4 (NKJV) You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin.

Heb 12:5 (NKJV) And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "MY SON, DO NOT DESPISE THE CHASTENING OF THE LORD, NOR BE DISCOURAGED WHEN YOU ARE REBUKED BY HIM;

Heb 12:6 (NKJV) FOR WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE CHASTENS, AND SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

Heb 12:7 (NKJV) If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?

Heb 12:8 (NKJV) But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons.

Heb 12:9 (NKJV) Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

Heb 12:10 (NKJV) For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness.

Heb 12:11 (NKJV) Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Heb 12:12 (NKJV) Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees,

Heb 12:13 (NKJV) and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be *dislocated*, but rather be healed.

Heb 12:14 (NKJV) Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Heb 12:15 (NKJV) looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

Heb 12:16 (NKJV) lest there *be* any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

Heb 12:17 (NKJV) For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, **though he sought it diligently with tears.**

Luk 19:2 (NKJV) Now behold, *there was* a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, **and he was rich.**

Luk 19:3 (NKJV) And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature.

Luk 19:4 (NKJV) So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way.

Luk 19:5 (NKJV) And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

Luk 19:6 (NKJV) So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

Luk 19:7 (NKJV) But when they saw *it*, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner."

Luk 19:8 (NKJV) Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; **and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold.**"

Luk 19:9 (NKJV) And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham;

Luk 19:10 (NKJV) for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Pro 6:30 (NKJV) *People* do not despise a thief If he steals to satisfy himself when he is starving.

Pro 6:31 (NKJV) Yet *when* he is found, he must restore sevenfold; He may have to give up all the substance of his house.

Obduracy

General references

[2Ch 36:15-16](#); [Psa 95:8-11](#); [Heb 3:8](#); [Heb 3:15](#); [Heb 4:7](#);
[Pro 1:24-31](#); [Pro 29:1](#); [Rev 9:20-21](#)

See Afflictions, Obduracy in; Impenitence; Reprobacy

Instances of:

The antediluvians

[Gen 6:3](#); [Gen 6:5](#); [Gen 6:7](#)

Sodomites

[Gen 19:9](#); [Gen 19:14](#)

Pharaoh

See Pharaoh

Israelites

[Num 14:22](#)

Sons of Eli

[1Sa 2:22-25](#)

[Nave's Topical Bible](#)

Stubbornness

What Stubbornness Is

[1Sa 15:23](#).

[Topical Bible Dictionary](#)

[Jer 3:17](#) s. of their heart

[Jer 7:24](#); [Jer 9:14](#); [Jer 11:8](#); [Jer 13:10](#); [Jer 18:12](#).

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[Jos 11:20](#) to let hearts become s.

[Psa 78:8](#) a generation s. and rebellious

[Isa 1:23](#) Your princes are s.

[Isa 30:1](#) Woe to the s. sons

[Isa 65:2](#) spread out my hands to a s. people

[Deu 21:18](#); [Jdg 2:19](#); [Psa 66:7](#); [Pro 7:11](#).

New World Translation

1. Perverse and unreasonable obstinacy; inflexibility; contumacy.

Stubbornness and obstinate disobedience must be mastered with blows.

2. Stiffness; want of pliancy.

3. Refractoriness, as of ores.

Stubborn

STUBBORN, a. [This word is doubtless formed on the root of stub or stiff, and denotes fixed, firm. But the origin of the latter syllable is not obvious.

1. Unreasonably obstinate; inflexibly fixed in opinion; not to be moved or persuaded by reasons; inflexible; as a stubborn son; a stubborn mind or soul.

The queen is obstinate--stubborn to justice.

2. Persevering; persisting; steady; constant; as stubborn

attention.

3. Stiff; not flexible; as a stubborn bow.

Take a plant of stubborn oak.

4. Hardy; firm; enduring without complaint; as stubborn Stoics.

5. Harsh; rough; rugged. [Little used.]

6. Refractory; not easily melted or worked; as a stubborn ore or metal.

7. Refractory; obstinately resisting command, the goad or the whip; as a stubborn ass or horse.

Obduracy

OB'DURACY, n. [See Obdurate.] Invincible hardness of heart; impenitence that cannot be subdued; inflexible persistency in sin; obstinacy in wickedness.

God may by almighty grace hinder the absolute completion of sin in final obduracy.

Webster's Dictionary of American English 1828

Hardness of Heart

We meet with this expression very often in the word of God, and for the most part connected with the blindness of the heart. Thus, it is said, ([Mar 3:5](#)) the Redeemer was grieved for the hardness of their hearts; the margin of the Bible renders it the blindness of their hearts. So again, in Paul's Epistle to the Romans, ([Rom 11:25](#)) it is said, that "blindness in part is happened to Israel." In the margin, blindness is rendered hardness. And in [2Co 3:14](#), there the expression is, that "their minds were blinded." From these, and the like passages, it is plain, that the terms are one and the same, and both mean hardness of heart unfavourable to the reception of divine impressions. But what I beg the reader yet more particularly to mark in the phrase that not unfrequently in Scripture this blindness and hardness of the heart is ascribed to the Lord's act. Thus in Isaiah the church in her prayer saith, "O Lord! why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear!" ([Isa 63:17](#)) And in [Joh 12:39-40](#). it is said, that "they could not

believe, because that Esaias had said, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their hearts." This memorable passage of the prophet Isaiah, which is in [Isa 6:9-10](#), hath been considered so very important by God the Holy Ghost, that he caused it to be quoted by all the four Evangelists, once in the Acts of the Apostles, and once in the Epistle to the Romans. ([Mat 13:14-15](#); [Mar 4:12](#); [Luk 8:10](#); [Joh 12:39-40](#); [Act 28:25-27](#); [Rom 11:8](#)) But it is remarkable, at the same time, in those quotations, how the hardening the heart by the Lord is blended with the hardening of the heart by themselves. In the passage as quoted by Matthew, it is expressly said, that their eyes they have closed. And the same expression is used by Paul in his quotation. ([Act 28:27](#)) And is there the least contradiction in the account? Most certainly not; the very original passage in the prophet explains itself. "Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes." And may not the Lord be said to do this, when in a

fulness of blessings of his providence the tables of such

men are so flowing over, that the bountiful hand which spreads the whole is lost and hidden from their view in a cloud of his own gifts? And when men become intoxicated, and over fed, and their eyes bloated with fatness, so that they neither discern the Lord's hand, yea, sometimes they see not one another, may not the Lord be said to make their heart fat, and their eyes heavy, by thus furnishing the means, while the beasts themselves, by abusing the bounties of the Lord (which, if rightly used, would have made them his blessed instruments in disposing of them to feed the hungry bellies of the poor), may be truly said no less to close their own eyes, and to harden their own hearts?

I must not dismiss this article without taking with it the observation, how suited the Lord. Jesus is to remedy all the evils of a hardened heart, and the blinded eye, in that lovely commission of his, "to heal the broken in heart, and to give sight to them that were blind." A broken heart, in

the full sense of the word, is a dead heart, and the blind in Scripture is where the eyes are put out, as in the instance of Zedekiah. (See [Jer 52:11](#)) And in the similar case of Samson, whose eyes were bored out, for so the expression hath it in the margin of the Bible. ([Jdg 16:21](#)) And where the Lord Jesus exerciseth his grace, his almighty work is described under the strong term of making a new heart, taking away "the heart of stone, and giving an heart of flesh; making all things new." Hence the apostle saith, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." ([2Co 5:17](#)) Thus without Christ the heart of all men is for ever hardened. And with Christ's sovereign grace, he, and he alone, can make every faculty "willing in the day of his power." ([Psa 110:3](#)) **Hawker Poor Man's Concordance**