

SERMON NOTES
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STEPS TO A SOFT HEART
Isaiah 30:1-2, 9-13, 15, 18

“Pharaoh hardened his heart and did not listen.” (Exodus 8:15)

- Hard Hearts
 - v. 1 – rebellious
 - v. 10 – conflict with prophets
 - v. 15 – unwilling

- Hardship – v. 13 – “like a bulge in a huge wall”
Proverbs 29:1 A man who hardens *his* neck after much reproof will suddenly be broken beyond remedy.

Romans 11:21-22 ²¹ for if God did not spare the natural branches, He will not spare you, either. ²² Behold then the kindness and severity of God; to those who fell, severity, but to you, God’s kindness, if you continue in His kindness; otherwise you also will be cut off.

- Hope – v. 18
Psalm 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep Your word.

Isaiah 30:20-21

- Steps
 - Repentance (shub) – “to return, retreat or withdraw”
 - Rest (nuach) – “to rest”
 - Be quiet (shagat) – “to be quiet, undisturbed”
 - Trust (betach) – “to trust”

“ob portus” = finding a way home!

Isaiah 30:1-2. 9-13, 15, 18

¹“Woe to the rebellious children,” declares the LORD,
“Who execute a plan, but not Mine,
And make an alliance, but not of My Spirit,
In order to add sin to sin;
²Who proceed down to Egypt
Without consulting Me,
To take refuge in the safety of Pharaoh
And to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt!

⁹For this is a rebellious people, false sons,
Sons who refuse to listen
To the instruction of the LORD;
¹⁰Who say to the seers, “You must not see *visions*”;
And to the prophets, “You must not prophesy to us what is right,
Speak to us pleasant words,
Prophecy illusions.

¹¹“Get out of the way, turn aside from the path,
Let us hear no more about the Holy One of Israel.”

¹²Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel,
“ Since you have rejected this word
And have put your trust in oppression and guile, and have relied on
them,

¹³Therefore this iniquity will be to you
Like a breach about to fall,
A bulge in a high wall,
Whose collapse comes suddenly in an instant,

¹⁵For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said,
“In repentance and rest you will be saved,
In quietness and trust is your strength.”
But you were not willing,

¹⁸Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you,
And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you.
For the LORD is a God of justice;
How blessed are all those who long for Him.