

Hardness of heart, does it apply to us today?

Did hardness of heart only apply to Pharaoh of Egypt in the Old Testament, or did it also apply to Jesus' disciples and to us today.

Below are examples from the New Testament, that tell of various cases of hardness of heart.

In **Mark 6:49-52**; When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out: For they all were all troubled. And He went to them and they were sore amazed beyond measure, and wondered. ⁵² For they considered not *the miracle* of the loaves: for their heart was hardened,

In **Mark 8:15-17**; After Jesus instructed His disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the leaven of Herod. Jesus then realizing they did not understand, said to them; Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Have you still hardened your heart?

In **Mark 10:2-5**; The Pharisees came to Jesus asking Him, is it lawful to put away ones wife. Jesus replied, Moses wrote you this precept because of the hardness of your hearts.

In **Mark 16:14-15**; After Jesus resurrection He appeared to the Eleven as they reclined. And He reproached their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

In **Acts 19:8-9**; The Apostle Paul, spoke boldly for 3 months in the synagogue of the kingdom of God. But when some were hardened and did not believe, he departed.

In **Hebrews 3:12-13**; is a warning from God to believers lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But, exhort one another daily, while it is called today, lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

Hardness of heart can be due to many reasons, not believing in the supernatural, not able to understand spiritual truths, even resulting in the way in which we treat others. As Hebrews 3:13 points out hardness of heart comes through the deceitfulness of sin.

If we fail to believe in the power of the Word of God and only believe in what we can hear, taste, touch, smell and see. We are living carnally and have hardened our hearts.

One cannot believe by sight, one must believe by faith. Consider the disciples in Mark 6:52, right after they had witnessed and had partaken in the feeding of the five thousand. Hours after that Jesus rebuked them for their hearts were hardened. We must learn to believe by faith, for our carnal mind does not understand nor will it ever be able to believe in or comprehend the supernatural.

