

~HARD (852)

[English, firm, solid, rigid, stiff, tough, unbreakable, durable, inflexible, Opposite of, soft]

- It was going **hard** with Rachel in making the delivery of Benjamin, and it caused her death.
- Then they pulled away from Bethel. And while there was yet a good stretch of land before coming to Ephrath, Rachel proceeded to give birth, and it was going **hard** with her in making the delivery. (**Genesis 35:16**)
- The Egyptians kept making the lives of Israel bitter under **hard** slavery.
- And they kept making their life bitter with **hard** slavery at clay mortar and bricks and with every form of slavery in the field, yes, every form of slavery of theirs in which they used them as slaves under tyranny. (**Exodus 1:14**)
- Afterward Moses spoke to this effect to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses out of discouragement and for the **hard** slavery. (**Exodus 6:9**)
- Every **hard** case Moses would judge.
- And they judged the people on every proper occasion. A **hard** case they would bring to Moses, but every small case they themselves would handle as judges. (**Exodus 18:26**)
- Moses told the chieftains of the people to bring every **hard** case to him for judgment, but to judge the lesser cases themselves.
- You must not be partial in judgment. You should hear the little one the same as the great one. You must not become frightened because of a man, for the judgment belongs to God, and the case that is too **hard** for you, you should present to me, and I must hear it. (**Deuteronomy 1:17**)
- Yehowah God let the spirit of Sihon become **hard** toward Israel, so as to not let them pass through his territory.

- And Sihon the king of Heshbon did not let us pass through him, because Yehowah your God had let his spirit become obstinate and his heart become **hard**, in order to give him into your hand just as at this day. (**Deuteronomy 2:30**)
- It should not become something **hard** for Israelites to release their slaves after serving them for six years.
- It should not be something **hard** in your eyes when you send him out from your company as one set free, because for double the value of a hired laborer he served you six years, and Yehowah your God has blessed you in everything that you would do. (**Deuteronomy 15:18**)
- The Egyptians treated Israel badly with **hard** slavery.
- And the Egyptians went treating us badly and afflicting us and putting **hard** slavery upon us. (**Deuteronomy 26:6**)
- Jael drove in the tent pin with the mallet of **hard** workers.
- Her hand to the tent pin she then thrust out, and her right hand to the mallet of **hard** workers. And she hammered Sisera, she pierced his head through, and she broke apart and cut up his temples. (**Judges 5:26**)
- Hannah told Eli that she was **hard** pressed in spirit over her vexation resulting from her barrenness.
- At this Hannah answered and said; No, my lord! A woman **hard** pressed in spirit I am, and wine and intoxicating liquor I have not drunk, but I pour out my soul before Yehowah. (**1 Samuel 1:15**)
- The Philistines fled the hand of Yehowah God **hard** against them when they captured the ark of the covenant.
- And the men of Ashdod came to see that it was so, and they said; Do not let the ark of the God of Israel dwell with us, because his hand has been **hard** against us and against Dagon our god. (**1 Samuel 5:7**)
- The people of Israel were **hard** pressed under the oppression of the Philistines.

- And the men of Israel themselves saw that they were in sore straits, because the people were **hard** pressed, and the people went hiding themselves in the caves and the hollows and the crags and the vaults and the waterpits. (**1 Samuel 13:6**)
- And the men of Israel themselves were **hard** pressed on that day, and yet Saul put the people under the pledge of an oath, saying; Cursed is the man that eats bread before the evening and until I have taken vengeance upon my enemies! And none of the people tasted bread. (**1 Samuel 14:24**)
- And the fighting came to be extremely **hard** on that day, and Abner and the men of Israel were finally defeated before the servants of David. (**2 Samuel 2:17**)
- And the Philistines got to hear that they had anointed David as king over Israel. At that all the Philistines came up to look for David. When David heard of it, then he went down to the place **hard** to approach. (**2 Samuel 5:17**)
- David went into hiding in a place **hard** to approach.
- And David was then in the place **hard** to approach, and an outpost of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. (**2 Samuel 23:14**)
- And David was then in the place **hard** to approach, and a garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. (**1 Chronicles 11:16**)
- Solomon got to see that the man Jeroboam was a **hard** worker, and made him an overseer.
- Now the man Jeroboam was a valiant, mighty man. When Solomon got to see that the young man was a **hard** worker, he proceeded to make him overseer over all the compulsory service of the house of Joseph. (**1 Kings 11:28**)
- Rehoboam made the service of Israel **hard**, even **harder** that Solomon his father.
- Your father, for his part, made our yoke **hard**, and, as for you, now make the hard service of your father and his heavy yoke that he put upon us lighter, and we shall serve you. (**1 Kings 12:4**)

- Your father, for his part, made our yoke **hard**, and now make the hard service of your father and the heavy yoke that he put upon us lighter, and we shall serve you. (2 Chronicles 10:4)
- David prepared for the temple building, stones set in **hard** mortar, permanently fixed.
- And according to all my power I have prepared for the house of my God the gold for the goldwork, and the silver for the silverwork, and the copper for the copperwork, the iron for the ironwork, and the timbers for the timberwork, onyx stones, and stones to be set with **hard** mortar, and mosaic pebbles, and every precious stone, and alabaster stones in great quantity. (1 Chronicles 29:2)
- Job asked his God, if it was right to reject the product of his hard work, Job himself.
- Is it good for you that you should do wrong, that you should reject the product of the **hard** work of your hands, and that upon the counsel of wicked ones you should actually beam? (Job 10:3)
- Job felt that Yehowah God was dealing **hard** with him.
- These ten times you proceeded to rebuke me; You are not ashamed that you deal so **hard** with me. (Job 19:3)
- Job was compassionate for those having a **hard** day, and grieved over the poor ones.
- Certainly I have wept for the one having a **hard** day, my soul has grieved for the poor one. (Job 30:25)
- Job was asked if he could beat out the skies **hard** like a molten mirror, as Yehowah God had done in his creative works.
- With him can you beat out the skies **hard** like a molten mirror? (Job 37:18)
- Yehowah God give to Israel the **hard** work of national groups when they took the Promised Land from the Canaanites.
- And gradually he gave them the lands of the nations, and they

kept taking possession of the product of the **hard** work of national groups. (**Psalms 105:44**)

- The Psalmist showed, that his enemy had pushed him **hard** so that he might fall, but that then Yehowah God himself helped him to keep standing.
- You pushed me **hard** that I should fall, but Yehowah himself helped me. (**Psalms 118:13**)
- Unless Yehowah God himself builds a house, it was for nothing that its builders worked **hard** upon it.
- Unless Yehowah himself builds the house, it is to no avail that its builders have worked **hard** on it. Unless Yehowah himself guards the city, it is to no avail that the guard has kept awake. (**Psalms 127:1**)
- The congregator told his son to pay attention for when distress and **hard** times would come upon him.
- When what you dread comes just like a storm, and your own disaster gets here just like a storm wind, when distress and **hard** times come upon you. (**Proverbs 1:27**)
- The soul of a **hard** worker works **hard**, because he is hungry.
- The soul of the **hard** worker has worked hard for him, because his mouth has pressed him **hard**. (**Proverbs 16:26**)
- A man being counseled to righteousness, but making his neck **hard** continually, will be broken suddenly, without any healing.
- A man repeatedly reproved but making his neck **hard** will suddenly be broken, and that without healing. (**Proverbs 29:1**)
- The congregator asked what profit a man would have for all his **hard** work under the sun.
- What profit does a man have in all his **hard** work at which he works hard under the sun? (**Ecclesiastes 1:3**)
- The congregator found his heart was joyful because of all his **hard** work.

- And anything that my eyes asked for I did not keep away from them. I did not hold back my heart from any sort of rejoicing, for my heart was joyful because of all my **hard** work, and this came to be my portion from all my hard work. ([Ecclesiastes 2:10](#))
- He also saw that all his **hard** works were nothing more than vanity, and he came to hate them.
- And I, even I, turned toward all the works of mine that my hands had done and toward the **hard** work that I had worked hard to accomplish, and, look! Everything was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing of advantage under the sun. ([Ecclesiastes 2:11](#))
- And I, even I, hated all my **hard** work at which I was working hard under the sun, that I would leave behind for the man who would come to be after me. ([Ecclesiastes 2:18](#))
- And who is there knowing whether he will prove to be wise or foolish? Yet he will take control over all my **hard** work at which I worked hard and at which I showed wisdom under the sun. This too is vanity. ([Ecclesiastes 2:19](#))
- And I myself turned around toward making my heart despair over all the **hard** work at which I had worked hard under the sun. ([Ecclesiastes 2:20](#))
- For there exists the man whose **hard** work has been with wisdom and with knowledge and with proficiency, but to a man that has not worked hard at such a thing will be given the portion of that one. This too is vanity and a big calamity. ([Ecclesiastes 2:21](#))
- For what does a man come to have for all his **hard** work and for the striving of his heart with which he is working hard under the sun? ([Ecclesiastes 2:22](#))
- With a man there is nothing better than that he should eat and indeed drink and cause his soul to see good because of his **hard** work. This too I have seen, even I, that this is from the hand of the true God. ([Ecclesiastes 2:24](#))
- What advantage is there for the doer in what he is working **hard** at? ([Ecclesiastes 3:9](#))

- He concluded that **hard** work is a gift of God.
- And also that every man should eat and indeed drink and see good for all his **hard** work. It is the gift of God. (**Ecclesiastes 3:13**)
- **Hard** work and proficiency in work makes for rivalry between the sons of mankind.
- And I myself have seen all the **hard** work and all the proficiency in work, that it means the rivalry of one toward another, this also is vanity and a striving after the wind. (**Ecclesiastes 4:4**)
- Better is a little rest, than a double handful of **hard** work, for work is a striving after the wind.
- Better is a handful of rest than a double handful of **hard** work and striving after the wind. (**Ecclesiastes 4:6**)
- There is no end to all our **hard** work, for it is a calamitous occupation.
- There exists one, but not a second one, also no son or brother does he have, but there is no end to all his **hard** work. Also, his eyes themselves are not satisfied with riches. And for whom am I working hard and causing my soul to lack in good things? This too is vanity, and it is a calamitous occupation. (**Ecclesiastes 4:8**)
- Two are better than one, because they share the fruitage of their **hard** work together.
- Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their **hard** work. (**Ecclesiastes 4:9**)
- Man can take nothing to the grave from all of his **hard** work under the sun.
- Just as one has come forth from his mothers belly, naked will one go away again, just as one came, and nothing at all can one carry away for his **hard** work, which he can take along with his hand. (**Ecclesiastes 5:15**)
- And this too is a grave calamity, exactly as one has come, so one

will go away, and what profit is there to the one who keeps working **hard** for the wind? (**Ecclesiastes 5:16**)

- The best thing that the congregator saw was for man to rejoice in his **hard** work.
- Look! The best thing that I myself have seen, which is pretty, is that one should eat and drink and see good for all his **hard** work with which he works hard under the sun for the number of the days of his life that the true God has given him, for that is his portion. (**Ecclesiastes 5:18**)
- Also every man to whom the true God has given riches and material possessions, he has even empowered him to eat from it and to carry off his portion and to rejoice in his **hard** work. This is the gift of God. (**Ecclesiastes 5:19**)
- All the **hard** work of mankind is for their mouth, but even their own soul does not get filled. (**Ecclesiastes 6:7**)
- And I myself commended rejoicing, because mankind have nothing better under the sun than to eat and drink and rejoice, and that it should accompany them in their **hard** work for the days of their life, which the true God has given them under the sun. (**Ecclesiastes 8:15**)
- And I saw all the work of the true God, how mankind are not able to find out the work that has been done under the sun, however much mankind keep working **hard** to seek, yet they do not find out. And even if they should say they are wise enough to know, they would be unable to find out. (**Ecclesiastes 8:17**)
- See life with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life that He has given you under the sun, all the days of your vanity, for that is your portion in life and in your **hard** work with which you are working hard under the sun. (**Ecclesiastes 9:9**)
- The **hard** work of the stupid ones makes them weary.
- The **hard** work of the stupid ones makes them weary, because not one has come to know how to go to the city. (**Ecclesiastes 10:15**)

- **God's people being led away into exile, would bring a great deal of tribulation upon them. They would not understand why such hardships had come upon them, because of following their wicked leaders. They would become indignant at God and their leaders, and call down evil upon them. They would peer upward to heaven, but there would be no help coming from God, for they had refused to listen to him.**

- **And each one will certainly pass through the land **hard** pressed and hungry, and it must occur that because he is hungry and has made himself feel indignant, he will actually call down evil upon his king and upon his God and will certainly peer upward. (Isaiah 8:21)**

- **All around them their former way of life will have fallen apart. What their future holds will be obscure to them. Life will only be stressful and difficult. The future will hold out no bright hope, but only gloominess and darkness and **hard** times. Their false hopes will have been dashed to pieces.**

- **And to the earth he will look, and, lo! Distress and darkness, obscurity, **hard** times and gloominess with no brightness. (Isaiah 8:22)**

- **At that time, mankind will be set free from enslavement to false religious ideas and demonic thinking. Their slavery to the lie, and the father of the lie, Satan the Devil, will be over forever.**

- **And it must occur in the day when Yehowah gives you rest from your pain and from your agitation and from the **hard** slavery in which you were made a slave. (Isaiah 14:3)**

- **In the time of the end Satan is to be cast down to the earth having great anger. He will lead all of earth's kings into a coalition, the United Nations, against religion, and therefore against God, thus follows the war of Har-Mageddon.**

- **And I will deliver up Egypt into the hand of a **hard** master, and strong will be the king that will rule over them, is the utterance of the true Lord, Yehowah of armies. (Isaiah 19:4)**

- **Babylon was a treacherous dealer and a despoiler of peoples, and her modern day counterpart, the world empire of false religion had dealt treacherously with God's people and dispersed them repeatedly.**

Ancient Elam and Media were the incoming world power of that day, and in our day, that corresponds to the incoming world power, of the United Nations.

- **There is a **hard** vision that has been told to me; The treacherous dealer is dealing treacherously, and the despoiler is despoiling. Go up, O Elam! Lay siege, O Media! All sighing due to her I have caused to cease. (Isaiah 21:2)**
- **Here Leviathan is described as a crooked and gliding sea monster who glides in the sea. This reference is to Satan the Devil, who **glides** in the sea of false religion, where truth and falsehood are mixed, thus making the waters undrinkable like seawater.**
- **There, like a crooked serpent, he twists and bends the truth. At the beginning of the thousand years, Yehowah will turn his great **hard** and strong sword upon him, thus putting him in an abyss of deathlike inactivity for the thousand years, just as soon as false religion has been dealt with.**
- **In that day Yehowah, with his **hard** and great and strong sword, will turn his attention to Leviathan, the gliding serpent, even to Leviathan, the crooked serpent, and he will certainly kill the sea monster that is in the sea. (Isaiah 27:1)**
- **Yehowah's blast of judgment would come upon her, Jerusalem, when sending her forth to Babylon. Like an East wind, Babylon's forces would move through the land, executing the blast of Yehowah's **hard** judgments against his people.**
- **With a scare cry you will contend with her when sending her forth. He must expel her with his blast, a **hard** one in the day of the east wind. (Isaiah 27:8)**
- **The beasts of the south, today represent beastlike rulers of this system of things, the greater Egypt. They lead people through a very difficult and stressful way and through **hard** conditions, but to the people of the world they have proved to be of no benefit. Their system with all of its many resources, will be of no benefit to them, in the day of Yehowah's fury. They will not be able to hold it back.**
- **The pronouncement against the beasts of the south! Through the land of distress and **hard** conditions, of the lion and the leopard growling, of the viper and the flying fiery snake, on the**

shoulders of full-grown asses they carry their resources, and on the humps of camels their supplies. In behalf of the people they will prove of no benefit. ([Isaiah 30:6](#))

- Yehowah has done this way, because his people are stiff-necked and will not take any instruction from him. Their foreheads of **hard** like copper, show that they refuse to accept his discipline.
- Due to my knowing that you are **hard** and that your neck is an iron sinew and your forehead is copper. ([Isaiah 48:4](#))
- The Messiah was **hard** pressed yet he let himself become afflicted taking no action to free himself.
- He was **hard** pressed, and he was letting himself be afflicted, yet he would not open his mouth. He was being brought just like a sheep to the slaughtering, and like a ewe that before her shearers has become mute, he also would not open his mouth. ([Isaiah 53:7](#))
- Yehowah promises to lay the stones of Zion with **hard** mortar, confirming the choosing of his spirit anointed Christian sons.
- O woman afflicted, tempest-tossed, uncomforted, here I am laying with **hard** mortar your stones, and I will lay your foundation with sapphires. ([Isaiah 54:11](#))
- The answer to Isaiah's question is, it is for discipline. There is today and always has been a refining of his people underway from the beginning.
- Why do you, O Yehowah, keep making us wander from your ways? Why do you make our heart **hard** against the fear of you? Come back for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your hereditary possession. ([Isaiah 63:17](#))
- Jeremiah felt that he had been born only for **hard** work and toil and grief, and for his days to end in mere shame.
- Why is it that I have come forth from the very womb in order to see **hard** work and grief and that my days should come to their end in mere shame? ([Jeremiah 20:18](#))

- Jehovah's Witnesses and all the rest of Christendom is just such a people. They have the Bible and they purport to follow it, but among them the things that the Bible counsels against abound. Christendom lost God's favor in 1919 C.E, and Jehovah's Witnesses gained his favor at that time. He expressed this by giving them the worldwide preaching work and supporting it among them for ninety-one years.
- And the sons insolent of face and **hard** of heart, I am sending you to them, and you must say to them; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said. (**Ezekiel 2:4**)
- The face is the mirror of the spirit within. Just as determined as they are not to listen to Yehowah, that is how determined Yehowah God is to make his words known. The forehead is hard bone, which protects the frontal lobe of the brain, where our higher spiritual powers reside.
- They use every wrong device to protect their current spiritual understanding and they are deeply determined not to let anyone change any of it. However, it is no more secure than a house of cards. Yehowah has given me the truth, the wheel within a wheel, which always steers men in the right direction.
- Look! I have made your face exactly as **hard** as their faces and your forehead exactly as hard as their foreheads. (**Ezekiel 3:8**)
- Daniel was also a man who had worked closely with the king Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar's father. Nebuchadnezzar had an experience where he became haughty and Yehowah changed his heart to that of a beast and took away his kingdom for seven years. Daniel reminded Belshazzar of this experience, which he no doubt knew about, but had forgotten. How like false religionists who know about Yehowah's dealings of the past, but who behave haughtily toward God and Christ, by extolling their own selves, and promoting their own kingdoms ahead of God.
- But when his heart became haughty and his own spirit became **hard**, so as to act presumptuously, he was brought down from the throne of his kingdom, and his own dignity was taken away from him. (**Daniel 5:20**)
- The disciples had been rowing their boat because the wind from the opposing shore was in their faces, and they made very slow headway against it. When Jesus finally came down from the mountain

he saw them afar off, and they were being **hard** put to it by the wind and the waves. [For a discussion of the spiritual significance of these events see also Look! I Am Come - To Do Your Will, O Yehowah, My God Chapter Eight – Can You Walk On Water? Also Revealing The Sons Of God Chapter 15]

- By now the boat was many hundreds of yards away from land, being **hard** put to it by the waves, because the wind was against them. (**Matthew 14:24**)
- From his vantage point he could see them out to sea, for they had a light aboard the boat, for it was dark. They were rowing **hard**, but the wind and the sea was against them, and they were not making very good headway against it. Then late in the night, during the fourth watch of the night, he came out toward, them walking upon the sea. Yet as he approached where they were, he was inclined to just walk on past them.
- And when he saw them being **hard** put to it in their rowing, for the wind was against them, about the fourth watch of the night he came toward them, walking on the sea, but he was inclined to pass them by. (**Mark 6:48**)
- In fact Jesus was intentionally insulting them, for he wanted to shake them from their secure feeling about their service to God, for they were not measuring up to God's standards, though they made others think that they were. So he said to them, that they were hypocritical, for they bound up heavy loads, **hard** to be borne upon the common people, loads that they themselves were unwilling to budge with even their little finger.
- Then he said; Woe also to you who are versed in the Law, because you load men with loads **hard** to be borne, but you yourselves do not touch the loads with one of your fingers! (**Luke 11:46**)
- Isaiah said, that Yehowah God had blinded the eyes and **hardened** their hearts, that they should not see with their eyes, and get the thought within their hearts, and ever turn around, so that God should heal them. This was done to them, because they had no inclination to actually live by divine principles, for it was simply not their way.
- He has blinded their eyes and he has made their hearts **hard**, that they should not see with their eyes and get the thought with their hearts and turn around and I should heal them. (**John**

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- Then Paul related that after he had fallen to the ground that a voice was heard by him, saying; Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me, to keep kicking against the goads makes it **hard** for you.
- And when we had all fallen to the ground I heard a voice say to me in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? To keep kicking against the goads makes it **hard** for you. (**Acts of Apostles 26:14**)
- Paul greets two women who have worked **hard** together with him in the preaching work, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Paul also greets Persis another woman who is beloved to him, and who has performed many labors for the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, women who are working **hard** in the Lord. Greet Persis our beloved one, for she performed many labors in the Lord. (**Romans 16:12**)
- Paul did not want some to make great expenditures and for others to do little to nothing, but for there to be an equalizing to fill the needs of others from their surplus.
- For I do not mean for it to be easy for others, but **hard** on you. (**2 Corinthians 8:13**)
- Paul now addresses some common problems associated with the works of the flesh, first stealing. He encourages the stealer to steal no more. Rather he should work at some kind of productive **hard** work, so that he may be able to give to others, for this is the Christian way, in imitation of a generous God, and a reflection of the new personality.
- Let the stealer steal no more, but rather let him do **hard** work, doing with his hands what is good work, that he may have something to distribute to someone in need. (**Ephesians 4:28**)
- Paul then encourages them to keep a tight grip on the word of life, which would include his teachings to them, and also the entire Bible record to date. This word sanctifies Christians, and keeps them clean before their God. Then Paul could have reason for exultation in the Lord's day, that his **hard** work in their behalf was not in vain or for nothing.

- Keeping a tight grip on the word of life, that I may have cause for exultation in Christ's day, that I did not run in vain or work **hard** in vain. (**Philippians 2:16**)
- In this fine work, Paul is indeed working **hard**, exerting himself with power of the spirit, to fully accomplish his assigned ministry toward them.
- To this end I am indeed working **hard**, exerting myself in accordance with the operation of him and which is at work in me with power. (**Colossians 1:29**)
- Paul now counsels them to have regard and respect for those among them, who are working **hard** in teaching and presiding over them in a fine way, and who keep admonishing them to fine Christian works.
- Now we request you, brothers, to have regard for those who are working **hard** among you and presiding over you in the Lord and admonishing you. (**1 Thessalonians 5:12**)
- Paul is thus working **hard** and exerting himself, as are they, because of this fine hope. This hope will not lead to disappointment, because it comes from a living God, who is a savior of all sorts of men, but especially of faithful ones.
- For to this end we are working **hard** and exerting ourselves, because we have rested our hope on a living God, who is a Savior of all sorts of men, especially of faithful ones. (**1 Timothy 4:10**)
- Paul now talks about the older men, or elders. They are to be considered worthy of double honor, because they preside over the congregation's spiritual interests and in a fine way. This is especially important, toward those who work very **hard** in speaking and teaching.
- Let the older men who preside in a fine way be reckoned worthy of double honor, especially those who work **hard** in speaking and teaching. (**1 Timothy 5:17**)
- Paul now addresses the Last Days in prophecy. He tells Timothy, what these Last Days will be like, and he does this by showing Timothy, what people will be like during that time. The Last Days will be critical times, and it will be **hard** for Christians to deal with them, and their

many tribulations or stresses, caused by the circumstances, that they are then under.

- But know this, that in the last days critical times **hard** to deal with will be here. (**2 Timothy 3:1**)
- Paul now shows, that concerning this one, the Christ, he has much to relate to them, but it is **hard** for him to do so, because they have become hard of hearing, respecting the truth.
- Concerning him we have much to say and **hard** to be explained, since you have become dull in your hearing. (**Hebrews 5:11**)
- James now makes a second illustration that of a ship that is steered into a new course by a very small rudder at the stern, and then the ship goes wherever the man at the helm steering it wishes. The allusion here is that our tongue is a very small member of the body, and yet it controls the direction of the entire body and even our life course, and we must have it under control to go where we want to go in life.
- Look! Even boats, although they are so big and are driven by **hard** winds, are steered by a very small rudder to where the inclination of the man at the helm wishes. (**James 3:4**)
- Peter now addresses those anointed Christians who are serving an earthly master as slaves of them. They should remain in subjection to their owners with all due fear and respect. This applies to owners who are pleasant and good and reasonable men, and also to those who are **harder** to please.
- Let house servants be in subjection to their owners with all due fear, not only to the good and reasonable, but also to those **hard** to please. (**1 Peter 2:18**)
- Peter was aware of all of Paul's many letters to the congregations of anointed Christians. He also was aware that some men who had trouble understanding them, had tried to use them to twist the truth, which was a method that these men used with all the rest of the scripture also. [For a complete discussion of the Apostle Paul's writings see also **Paul – Apostle To The Nations I Made You** by this same author]
- Speaking about these things as he does also in all his letters. In them, however, are some things **hard** to understand, which the

untaught and unsteady are twisting, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction. (2 Peter 3:16)

- Jude had wanted to write to his brothers about the salvation that they hold in common as anointed sons of God, yet because of circumstances, he found it necessary to write them to put up a **hard** fight for the faith they held in common.
- Beloved ones, though I was making every effort to write you about the salvation we hold in common, I found it necessary to write you to exhort you to put up a **hard** fight for the faith that was once for all time delivered to the holy ones. (Jude 1:3)