

John 12:40~ 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.

1· 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.

[Question] What did Isaiah reveal, was the reason why they had not shown faith?

[Question] What did they have no inclination to do, and so how did Yehowah God feel about that?

2· And Yehowah went on to say to Moses; After you have gone and returned to Egypt, see that you men actually perform all the miracles that I have put in your hand before Pharaoh. As for me, I shall let his heart become obstinate, and he will not send the people away. (Exodus 4:21)

[Question] Who did Israel then emulate, that had seen Yehowah God's many miracles he multiplied in Egypt, and yet did not respond positively?

3· Make the heart of this people unreceptive, and make their very ears unresponsive, and paste their very eyes together, that they may not see with their eyes, and with their ears they may not hear, and that their own heart may not understand, and that they may not actually turn back, and get healing for themselves. (Isaiah 6:10)

[Question] What did Isaiah prophesy about Israel, that God would give them over to?

4· And toward them the prophecy of Isaiah is having fulfillment, which says; By hearing, you will hear, but by no means get the sense of it, and, looking, you will look, but by no means see. (Matthew 13:14)

[Question] What would they hear, but not get the sense of, and what would they see, but not properly understand?

5· In order, that, though looking, they may look and yet not

see, and, though hearing, they may hear and yet not get the sense of it, nor ever turn back, and forgiveness be given them. (Mark 4:12)

[Question] How did Jesus show, that this scripture applied to his listeners, the religious leaders of the Jews?

- 6· **For the heart of this people has grown unreceptive, and with their ears they have heard without response, and they have shut their eyes, that they should never see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and turn back, and I should heal them. (Acts of Apostles 28:27)**

[Question] What had the heart of the Jewish people become like, before their God?

[Question] What did they no longer seek or want, from their God?

- 7· **However, Yehowah let Pharaoh's heart become obstinate, and he did not send the sons of Israel away. (Exodus 10:20)**

[Question] How did Yehowah God act toward Pharaoh, when he rejected obedience to doing God's will?

- 8· **Let their eyes become darkened so as not to see, and cause their very hips to wobble constantly. (Psalms 69:23)**

[Question] What does the Psalmist show will come upon such men, because their hearts are against Yehowah God?

- 9· **And after looking around upon them with indignation, being thoroughly grieved at the insensibility of their hearts, he said to the man; Stretch out your hand. And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored. (Mark 3:5)**

[Question] How did the Jews show the insensibility of their own hearts when Jesus healed a man with a withered hand?

- 10· **But their mental powers were dulled. For to this present day, the same veil remains unlifted, at the reading of the old covenant, because it is done away with, by means of Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:14)**

[Question] What did Paul show had happened to the Jews, because of their rejection of Jesus Christ?

[Question] How was this spiritual dullness, first manifest in their people, and why?