

Hard Things

Hard things come to hard sinners in their hard ways.

1. **A Hardened Way.** “The way of transgressors is hard” (Proverbs 13:15). Those who break God’s law will surely find hard things in their lives.
2. **A Hardened Heart.** “He that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief” (Proverbs 28:14). A hardened heart is a heart which will fall in disaster.
3. **A Hardened Neck.** “They hardened their neck” (Nehemiah 9:16, 17, 29). Like a horse which will not answer to the driver, so sinners obey not the Lord.
4. **A Hardened Mind.** “His mind hardened in pride.” (Daniel 5:20). Pride stiffens to a downfall.
5. **A Hard Bondage.** “Made their lives bitter with hard bondage” (Exodus 1:14). Bondage of Israel is a type of sin’s bondage.
6. **Hard Riches.** “How hard it is for them that trust in riches” (Mark 10:24). Riches are hardening if their hardness dominates.
7. **Hard pricks.** “Hard for thee to kick against the pricks” (Acts 26:14). The goads of sin cut the sinner.