

15. Because we have been chosen by God, how should we live (*Colossians 3:12-13*)?

16. What should be our attitude toward God and His purposes and plans that we don't understand (*Job 42:1-6*)?

17. How can we pray for each other this week?

#### **A Hymn to Ponder**

*When this passing world is done, When has sunk yon glorious sun,  
When we stand with Christ in glory, Looking o'er life's finished story,  
Then, Lord, shall I fully know, Not till then, how much I owe.*

*When I hear the wicked call On the rocks and hills to fall,  
When I see them start to shrink On the fiery deluge brink,  
Then, Lord, shall I fully know, Not till then, how much I owe.*

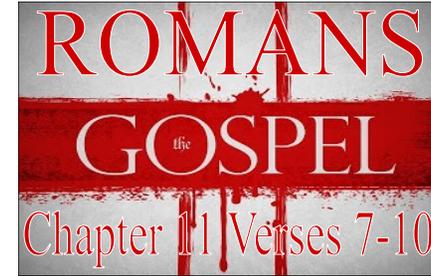
*When I stand before the throne, Dressed in beauty not my own,  
When I see Thee as Thou art, Love Thee with unsinning heart,  
Then, Lord, shall I fully know, Not till then, how much I owe.*

*When the praise of Heaven I hear, Loud as thunders to the ear,  
Loud as many water's noise, Sweet as harp's melodious voice,  
Then, Lord, shall I full know, Not till then, how much I owe.*

*Even on earth, as through a glass Darkly, let Thy glory pass,  
Make forgiveness feel so sweet, Make Thy Spirit's help so meet,  
Even on earth, Lord, make me know, Something of how much I owe.*

*Chosen not for good in me, Wakened up from wrath to flee,  
Hidden in the Savior's side, By the Spirit sanctified,  
Teach me Lord, on earth to show, By my love, how much I owe.*

Robert Murray McCheyne



Message #75: Practical Thoughts on Election & Hardening

January 24, 2016

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

#### **1. God's Hardening**

#### **2. God's Election**

1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you?

2. What is a hard heart (*Romans 1:18-25; Ephesians 4:18*)?

3. Does God actively harden hearts (*Exodus 4:21; John 12:35-43; Romans 9:18; 11:7-10*)? Why or why not?

4. Does God harden Gentile hearts & does He still harden hearts today (*Romans 1:26-28; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12*)?

5. Does God harden the hearts of believers? Explain.

6. Have I hardened my heart? If so, what is the remedy?

7. When it comes to difficult doctrines like election, how do these verses encourage us?

*Deuteronomy 29:29* —

*Acts 1:7* —

*Psalms 131* —

*1 Corinthians 13:12* —

8. How is the doctrine of God's election a comfort to Christians (*Romans 8:28-30*)?

9. How should we respond to the doctrine of God's election?

*Ephesians 1:5-6* —

*1 Thessalonians 1:2, 4* —

*Ephesians 1:12* —

*2 Thessalonians 2:13* —

10. How is the doctrine of God's election an encouragement to evangelism (*1 Thessalonians 1:4-5; 2 Timothy 2:10*)?

11. Do you think that God chose you to be saved before He created the world? Why?

12. Do you think God chose you on the basis of the fact that He knew you would believe in Jesus or was it not based on anything He foresaw in you that made you worthy of His love? Explain.

13. How does the doctrine of election give you comfort or assurance about your future?

14. Do you sense any unfairness in the fact that God didn't decide to save everyone but that He hardens some?