

Hardness of Heart

Psalm 94/95:8-Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: (KJV)

Let us always be aware of the condition of our heart that we do not harm the soul. The Lord Jesus Christ deserves the primary place in the hearts of all believers. Believers benefit when prayer emanates from the heart with great regularity. Joy fills the hearts of believers when the Lord Jesus Christ is of primary interest. Guarding the heart to welcome Jesus Christ and being open to Christ is a necessity.

Proverbs 28:14-Happy is the man that feareth alway: but he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief. (KJV)

Evil seeks to gain a firm foothold in the heart and then to increase in influence. Vigilance and steadfast faith enable evil to be rooted from the heart and expelled. Hardened hearts eventually lead to great peril to the souls of negligent believers. The Lord God rejoices in believers having hearts filled with love for the Lord. The care of the heart is a life-long responsibility and requires continuous effort.

Isaiah 63:17-O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. (KJV)

When we turn to the Lord with attentive faith, the heart welcomes His presence. God's Holy Church offers constant nourishment for the heart to remain healthy. Medicine for the heart is found in the Holy Mysteries and in the Holy Gospel. Faithful believers find all that is needed for a healthy heart in God's Holy Church. The journey to the Kingdom of God and eternal life rests on the heart's condition.

Matthew 19:8-He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. (KJV)

Hardened hearts negatively affect personal relationships with lasting consequences. Hearts hardened in bitterness, with grudges and filled with hate are devastating. Repentance is the necessary step to transform the hardened heart from negativity. The love from and for Jesus Christ can eventually soften the hardest of hearts. Individuals with hardened hearts benefit from having firm hope in repentance.

Mark 3:5-O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. (KJV)

The heart filled with love for the Lord leads to stronger personal relationships. Christ's love exuding from the hearts of believers is revealed in daily demeanor. God's Holy Church enables the healthy heart to thrive during life's long journey. Attentiveness to Jesus Christ's teachings results in the heart becoming purified. Thank God for the believers having the opportunity to repent of hardened hearts.