

Why Don't People Believe?

John 12:37-50

3 reasons people don't believe

- I. People harden their hearts against God
(vv. 37-38)
 - **Romans 1:18-32**

- II. God hardens people's hearts against the truth (vv. 39-41)
 - **Isaiah 6:9-10**
 - **Romans 9:18**

Does this bother you?

Consider 3 things:

- A. God's judicial hardening is not presented in the Bible as an arbitrary sovereign cursing morally neutral beings, but as a holy condemnation of guilty people hardened to do & be what they themselves have chosen

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- B. God's sovereignty in these things gives us confidence & hope – because if He is not sovereign, there's no point in praying to Him for help
- C. God is always good and fair and right – He can be trusted to always bring about His ultimate redemptive purposes

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III. People value and prioritize the wrong things (**vv. 42-50**)

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- Are you hardening your heart against God?
- Is God hardening your heart against the truth?
- Are you valuing or prioritizing the wrong things?