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- "Make sure you never see my face again, for on the day you see my face, you will die."
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**Exodus 3** 21 And I will grant this people such favor in the sight of the Egyptians that when you leave, you will not go away empty-handed. 22 Every woman shall ask her neighbor and any woman staying in her house for silver and gold jewelry and clothing, and you will put them on your sons and daughters.

So you will plunder the Egyptians."

Genesis 15 13 Then the LORD said to Abram, "Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years. 14 But I will judge the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will depart with many possessions.

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Psalm 105:23 Then Israel entered Egypt; Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham. 24 And the LORD made His people very fruitful, more numerous than their foes, 25 whose hearts He turned to hate His people, to conspire against His servants. 36 Then He struck all the firstborn in their land, the firstfruits of all their vigor. 37 He brought Israel out with silver and gold, and none among His tribes stumbled. 38 Egypt was glad when they departed, for the dread of Israel had fallen on them.

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If God controls other people's sentiment toward us, then ...

... it should temper our sinful reactions, while strengthening our God-ordained ones.

2 Samuel 16 10 But the king replied, "If he curses me because the LORD told him, 'Curse David,' who can ask, 'Why did you do this?' " 11 Then David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "Behold, my own son, my own flesh and blood, seeks my life. How much more, then, this **Benjamite!** 

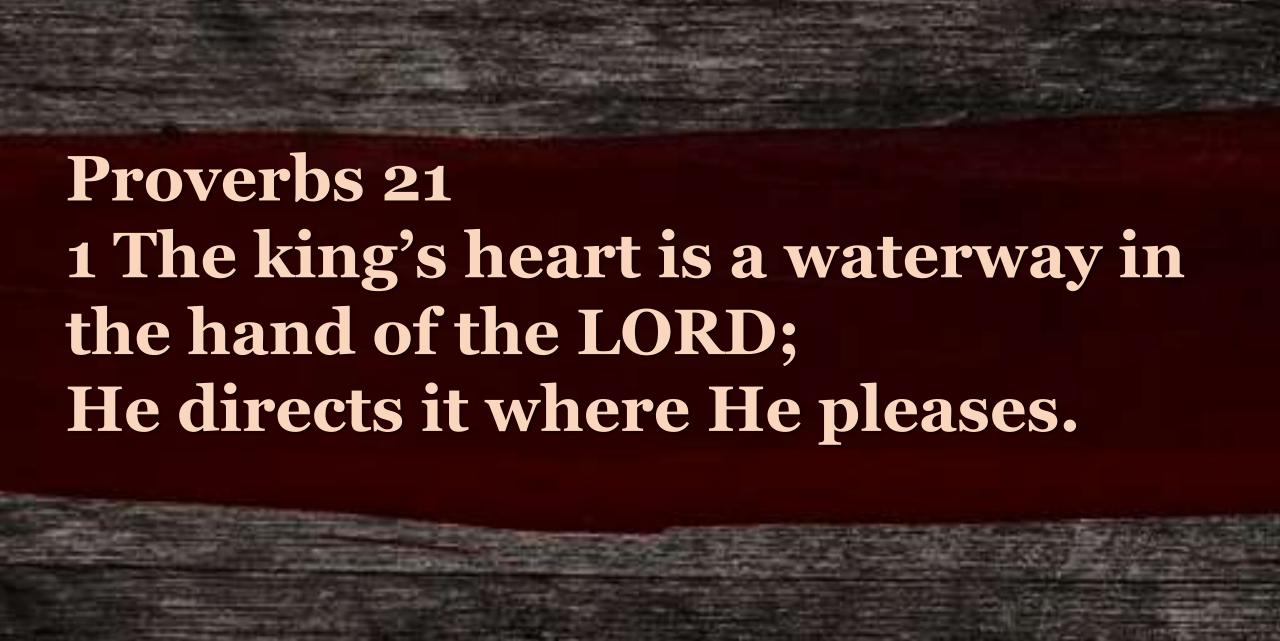
Leave him alone and let him curse me, for the LORD has told him so.

12 Perhaps the LORD will see my affliction and repay me with good for the cursing I receive today."

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1 Chronicles 29 18 O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, keep this desire forever in the intentions of the hearts of Your people, and direct their hearts toward You. 19 And give my son Solomon a whole heart to keep and carry out all Your commandments, decrees, and statutes, and to build Your palace for which I have made provision."

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If God controls other people's sentiment toward us, then ...

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22 Then tell Pharaoh that this is what
the LORD says:
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23 and I told you to let My son go so that he may worship Me.

But since you have refused to let him go, behold, I will kill your firstborn son!'"

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The LORD'S dilemma ...

How does a just and impartial God judge ALL MEN equally, and yet set apart a people for Himself?

Answer: Through A Substitute

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#### Mark 3

- 1 Once again Jesus entered the synagogue, and a man with a withered hand was there.
- 2 In order to accuse Jesus, they were watching to see if He would heal on the Sabbath.
- 3 Then Jesus said to the man with the withered hand, "Stand up among us."

#### Mark 3 4 And He asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" But they were silent. 5 Jesus looked around at them with anger and sorrow at their hardness of heart. Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand."

So he stretched it out, and it was restored.

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