

# THOROUGHLY MIXED AND FIRMLY SET LIKE CEMENT (STUBBORNNESS)

## INTRODUCTION:

The dictionary defines STUBBORNNESS as being “fixed in opinion or purpose, determined, obstinate, hard to treat, headstrong, perverse.” In other words, possessing a MULISH PERSONALITY. Like cement, thoroughly mixed and firmly set. Pharaoh had a hard heart and a hard head to go with it, he would rather be stubborn than right. Like the Quaker who said to his wife, “The whole world is wrong except thee and me, and I’m not to sure about thee.” The Bible lists the names of many like Pharaoh, who were stubborn and scornful, as with contempt they vigorously rejected warnings and sound advice. Note in the Book of Proverbs, among its many detached sayings, the word SCORNER, as we make some running comments on the same, after which we will ask you to turn this sheet over for note-taking on a four point breakdown of Proverbs 29:1 for our study of the evening:

*“He that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck,  
Shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.”*

1. 1:22 *“How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?”*  
- Determined to remain stupid and going on in headstrong ways in hurting oneself.
2. 9:8 *“Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.”*  
- Trying to help a scorner usually ends up with him despising the one attempting to rescue him. The scorner is mulish.
3. 15:12 *“A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him: neither will he go unto the wise.”*  
- The bullheaded individual bent on having his or her own way will not go to the one who could help them because that one will level with them in telling them off. They would rather continue being wrong.
4. 19:25 *“Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware: and reprove one that hath understanding, and he will understand knowledge.”*  
- Anyone willing to learn can profit from the mistakes of the mulish, stubborn, scornful person and thereby avoid a lot of heartaches.

## GOD’S ANSWER TO THE SCORNER

*“Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.” Proverbs 1:23*

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