

HALF BAKED (Deut. 30:19)

PART 2, Driving guitar chords. *This melody for each line except where otherwise shown:*

	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
melody	—		vE		E		D		E		(hold)		—	

	E	(quiet)							Am /E	<< Driving chords begin here.			
1e	—		It's		not		blind		trust.		—	—	—
2e	—		The		wax		soft-		ens.		—	—	—
3e	—		God		yearns		for		all		—	—	—
4e	—		God		yearns		for		all		—	—	—

	Am /E								Fmaj7 /E				
1f	—		It's		plain		log-		ic.		—	—	—
2f	—		Soft		wax		fills		cracks.		—	—	—
3f	—		peo-		ple		to		come		—	—	—
4f	—		to		know		His		Love.		—	—	—

	Fmaj7								Am /E				
1g	—		Chap-ter		One of		Gen - e-		sis		says		plain-
2g	—		When		God shines		His heat		and Light		up-		on
3g	—		to the		know-lege		of God's		Truth--		First		Tim-
4g	—		Yet Ho-		ly God will		not ex-		cuse		sins		that
melody	—		vE - E		E - E		D - D		E		E		E
													D

	G								Cadd9 /E (add a D)				
1h	—		God		made		us		like		Him.		—
2h	—		hearts,		they		bend		to		Him.		—
3h	—		thy		two		Verse		4		says.		—
4h	—		hard		hearts		won't		re-		fuse.		—
melody	—		^G		G		G		F		E		—

	Cadd9 /E								Am				
1i	—		When		we		read		that		—	—	—
2i	—		YET		clay		hard-		ens		—	—	—
3i	—		God		yearns		for		all		—	—	—
4i	—		There		comes		a		time		—	—	—

	Am								Fmaj7				
1i	—		God		"hard-		ened		hearts",		—	—	—
2i	—		when		baked		in		light.		—	—	—
3i	—		to be		saved		from		death.		—	—	—
4i	—		when		clay's		baked		hard.		—	—	—

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	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+
	Fmaj7								Am /E							
1j	—		We	can	know	for	sure	that	we	are	miss-	ing				
2j	—		At	first	half	baked	clay	could	bend,							
3j	—		Yet	God	won't	force	us	to	see	His	Truth -	Se - cond				
4j	—		I-	sa-	iah	For-	ty-	five:	Nine,	God	yearned	to				
melody	—		vE	- E	E - E	D - D	E	E	E	E	E	D				
	G								Cadd9							
1k	some	in-	for	ma-	tion.	—	—	—	>	Chorus						
2k	but	then	it's	too	late.	—	—	—	>	Verse 3						
3k	Thes-	sa-	lo-	nians	2:	Ten	—	—	>	Chorus						
4k	shape	for	great-	nesseach	clay	heart.	—	—	>	Chorus						
melody	^G	G	G	F	E											

CHORUS <Power chord = PC - often different from root>

	D <no PC>				G <35xxxx>			
C-1	—	for	God	is	just.	—	—	—
	—	F#	E	E	G			
	Gmaj7				G6 (E on top) <PC= E at 02xxxx>			
C-2	—	for	God	is	Love.	—	—	—
	—	F#	E	E	G			
	Am7 <PC = 03xxxx>				Em <02xxxx>			
C-3	—	for	God	is	Right-	eous,	Ho-	ly
	—	F#	E	E	G	G	G	G
	Am7 <PC = 13xxxx>				Fmaj7 <57xxxx>			
C-4	and	Com-	pas-	sion-	ate!	—	—	—
	A	A	A	G	A			
	A <13xxxx>				Em <02xxxx>			
C-5	—	It	grieves	God's	heart	—	—	—
	—	^C	B	A	G			
	Cmaj7 <03xxxx>				Dm <10,12 xxxx>			
C-6	—	when	we	hard-	en	ours.	—	—
	—	G - G	F	E	D			
	Cmaj7 <8,10 xxxx>				Dm <10,12 xxxx>			
C-7	—	But	He	plain-	ly	warned:	—	—
	—	G - G	F	E	D			

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1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+	1	+	2	+	3	+	4	+

	Cmaj7 <8,10 xxxx>	MUTE	Em <02xxxx>
C-8	—	CHOOSE LIFE.	—
	—	D	E

	Cmaj7 <03xxxx>	<02xxxx>	Am <13xxxx>	<35xxxx>
C-9	—	Deu- ter-	on- o-	my
	—	E - E	E - E	D
			Thir-	ty.
			C	C
			verse	Nine-
			D	D

	Em <57xxxx>	*Em9 (F# on top) = "PC" <020000> after verses
C-10	teen.....	" PC" <020002> final chord
	E	

Song Story

This song was written in a church cemetery. I had to be in a quiet place. I'd been quietly weeping through the night before and that morning over my home church group's Bible study on Joshua 9 through 12. I just had to be alone with God to "work it out." Joshua 11:20 really broke my heart... *could it be true that God would first harden the hearts of a huge nation of people and then condemn them for having hardened hearts?*

"Surely not!" I tried to reason. That just does not fit with the HUNDREDS of places in the scriptures that say God is loving. It's not so hard to imagine God stopping people from worshiping false gods not only for His own sake but especially because child sacrifice was a major part of many false religions. But God's entire integrity, His character itself, depends on God being love and mercy and FAIR. Not picking and choosing based on some arbitrary whim. Then I remembered:

We are made in God's image (Genesis 1: 26 and 27). If WE have a sense if what is or is not fair, then most assuredly God Who created us has a far more perfect idea of what is fair. Logical CONCLUSION: If something seems unfair, then we must be missing some information. After all, the very first temptation recorded was not about fruit but about a human desire to know as much as God does. (Genesis 3:5).

Cathy G's example in the Bible study gave a more clear picture: God is frequently described as light, and light is hot. When His light shines upon any wax ball, it becomes soft and pliable. It can be shaped into a beautiful figure, or it can repair cracks by spreading to fill them in. The sun does not harden it. Moist clay also can be shaped into a beautiful figure, as described in Isaiah 64:8 and Jeremiah 18. Then the sun does harden it to stay in that shape. If it is first shaped into an ugly lump, it does have hope of being reshaped for just awhile. But eventually heat will harden it into something useless. *(Research shows Origen used this example in his ancient On First Principles 3.1.11.)*

The example is that **we people decide what shape our heart will be in... whether we are open like a wax ball to God's words or whether we stubbornly insist on our way**, like a lump of clay. God gives us free will -- He does not steal back the gift He gave to humankind from the days of Genesis. So when the heat of His Light comes into our lives (the same way He does for ALL people), it is our own decision that determines whether God hardens our heart of clay that rejects God, or softens our heart of wax that yearns to follow His ways. 6 May 2010