Day 38

> *"Thus says the Lord of hosts, Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another, do not oppress the widow, the fatherless, the sojourner, or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart." But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the Lord of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the Lord of hosts. "As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear," says the Lord of hosts. Zech. 7:9-13 (ESV)*

We have all heard the phrase “a hard heart” or even “a heart of stone”, but did you know that a heart could become *diamond-hard*? A diamond can be broken, but all the pieces are still diamonds. Applying pressure to a diamond will only make it harder – but diamond will burn. We have “the words that the Lord of hosts had sent by his Spirit” recorded in our Bibles. There are those who have become offended by God and have “turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear”, but the Holy Spirit implores you on behalf of Christ: “BE RECONCILED TO GOD!” Identify any bitterness toward God and ask Him to give you a soft heart that receives His love, listens and obeys.