

Exodus (The Way Out)

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Exodus 8:1-11:10 "God's Severe Mercy"

The book of Exodus is not just about redemption but also about the revelation of God who makes Himself known. We have now entered the great conflict between Yahweh, the one true God, and the false gods of the Egyptians. What triggers the series of plagues coming down and striking Egypt is Pharaoh's response to Moses' command from God to liberate His people: "Who is the LORD, that I should obey Him?" The plagues come to answer that question!

10 Terrible Plagues: God was judging not only the Egyptians but also the gods of Egypt (Ex12:12; Num33:4).

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| (1) The Nile turns to <u>blood</u>
Exodus 7:14-24 | (2) <u>Frogs</u> everywhere
Exodus 7:25-8:15 |
| (3) <u>Gnats</u> everywhere
Exodus 8:16-19 | (4) <u>Flies</u> everywhere
Exodus 8:20-32 |
| (5) <u>Livestock</u> decimated
Exodus 9:1-7 | (6) <u>Boils</u> break out
Exodus 9:8-12 |
| (7) A deadly <u>Hailstorm</u>
Exodus 9:13-35 | (8) A <u>Locust</u> invasion
Exodus 10:1-18 |
| (9) Three days of <u>Darkness</u>
Exodus 10:21-29 | (10) The angel of <u>Death</u>
Exodus 11:1-10 |

Why Should We Obey God? Because...

1) He is the Only True God. (God's power over Egypt's gods: Ex7:21b; 8:5-6, 16-17, 24; 9:6b-7a, 11, 24-26; 10:4-6, 14-15, 22b-23; 11:5-9)

- False gods are a figment of our imagination that have no power to solve or to save. (Ex7:22; 8:7; Ps96:4-5; 1Tim2:5)
- Idolatry is looking to created things to give to us the meaning, hope and happiness that only the Creator give. (Matt6:21; 22:37)
- You know you have a counterfeit god when you are inordinately: Anxious (paranoid/paralyzed) when it is threatened, Angry (bitter) when it is blocked and Sad (depressed) when it is lost. (Ps16:4, 8, 11)

2) He is the Designer of our Lives. (Obedience: Ex7:20-21; 8:5-6, 16-17, 20-24 [implied]; 9:1-6a [implied], 8-10, 13-23; 10:3, 21-22; 11:1-4)

- We were designed to know, love, and obey God supremely and when we are faithful to that design, we flourish. (Ex20:1-17; Ps1:1-3; Pro16:20)
- To disobey God unleashes forces of disorder and disintegration: Spiritually, Psychologically, Physically, Emotionally, Relationally... (Gen3:14-19; Gal6:7-9)

3) He is the Judge who was Judged. (God's Passion to be known and worshiped: Ex7:17, 8:10, 9:14, 16, 21, 10:2, 11:9)

- Christians are sinners saved by Grace through faith in Christ's work, not their work. (Rom3:23-26; Eph2:8-9)
- Plagues (suffering) are God's severe mercy warning us of future judgement and giving us opportunity to repent and believe. (Ezek33:11; 2Pet3:8-10)
- Christians are to reclaim what man has lost through sin and restore God's rule and reign through the proclamation and demonstration of the Gospel. (Ex7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3; Matt6:10; 16:13-19; 28:18-20)

Growing Notes

- 1) "Sometimes God seems to be killing us when He is actually saving us"-(Keller). What are your thoughts and feelings about God's severe mercy as described in that quote? What does this tell you about God?
- 2) Do a quick survey of Exodus 8:1-11:10. What stands out to you? Note: Each plague seems to increase with intensity showing God's power over Egypt's gods. God's passion to be known and worshiped is revealed and Pharaoh's perpetual hardening of his heart despite his moments of ungodly repentance.
- 3) The plagues come to answer the question of Pharaoh to Moses (Ex5:2), "Who is the LORD, that I should obey Him?" How would you answer that question? Review the three points, subpoints and Bible reference on the Notes in answering that question. How is disobedience a trampling on God's love and wisdom? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.