

## Family Worship Guide – Chronological Week 15 Exodus 6-10, Psalm 12

### READ

#### Day 1

- ❖ **Exodus 6:2-8**
- ❖ Abraham, Isaac and Jacob knew God by the name El-Shaddai, which is translated as God Almighty in the English Bible. The name speaks of the power and strength of an all-sufficient provider. In Exodus, that same God Almighty revealed more of Himself to Moses. Yahweh or Jehovah is “The Existing One”, the “I Am.” It is His personal, covenant name. It is the name He revealed Himself, the name He made known. And He continues to make Himself known to each of us today. The same God that “Was” to Moses, “Is” to us today. He was and is and always will be faithful to redeem the people that trust in Him.
- ❖ **The Bottom Line:** God is our Lord and He will redeem us (set us free) from whatever bondage we find ourselves in.
- ❖ **Questions:** How has the Lord shown Himself to you? Think about Jehovah Jireh (the Lord will provide) and Jehovah Nissi (the Lord my banner). Is there a Name that holds special meaning for your relationship to Him?

#### Day 2

- ❖ **Exodus 7:14-24**
- ❖ The prosperity of the Egyptian nation depended heavily on the Nile River. The regular flooding nourished the land to produce bountiful crops. The fish of the Nile were a steady source of food for the people. The Egyptian people worshipped the river more than its Creator. Pharaoh came to the river in the mornings. Moses met him there and requested that the Hebrew people be freed to worship the Lord. It was also at the river that Moses announced this first plague of blood as well as several of the later ones. God made the very thing that the Egyptians worshipped and relied on to become repulsive to them.
- ❖ **The Bottom Line:** The Lord God Almighty is the only One worthy of our worship because He created every single other thing.
- ❖ **Questions:** What are some reasons that Pharaoh might not have listened to God? What are some reasons that I don't listen to God?

#### Day 3

- ❖ **Exodus 8**
- ❖ In this chapter, God has Moses announce 3 more plagues. The second, which was frogs, also came from the Egyptians' beloved Nile. The third plague was gnats, which for the first time, the court magicians were unable to recreate. They recognized, even if Pharaoh didn't, that God's power was greater than their own or even Pharaoh's. After the gnats, Moses again asks Pharaoh, on the way to the Nile, to let the people go worship God. The swarms of

flies of this fourth plague did not come to the areas where the Hebrews lived. God was able to protect His people. But still Pharaoh wouldn't let them go.

- ❖ **The Bottom Line:** God can use tiny, little things to prove His power.
- ❖ **Questions:** Why do you think that God didn't use something huge and terrifying (like wolves or crocodiles) to plague the Egyptians? What did using something small prove?

#### Day 4

##### ❖ **Exodus 9 & 10**

- ❖ Chapters 9 and 10 tell about the next 5 plagues: the plague on the livestock, the boils (sores) on people and animals, the hail that destroyed everything not under cover, the locusts that devoured every growing thing, and the darkness that could be felt. God had Moses tell Pharaoh about some of them, but for the others, God just told Moses what to do with no warning given to anyone. Notice that every time Pharaoh asks Moses to pray for him, Moses does it. Notice also that Pharaoh keeps wanting to put limits on God's plans. First, no one could go. Then, just the men. After the plague of darkness, all the people could go, but without their livestock.
- ❖ **The Bottom Line:** God has a plan and no man can put limits on that plan.
- ❖ **Questions:** Why do you think Pharaoh kept changing his mind? Do you think that Pharaoh really believed that God was directing everything that Moses did?

#### Day 5

##### ❖ **Psalm 12**

- ❖ After reading about all the times Pharaoh lied to Moses about setting the Hebrew people free, this Psalm seems to fit right into that story. The oppression and groaning of the Israelites in Egypt was precisely why God sent Moses to lead them out. The words of the Lord were true every time. God kept His people safe and protected them from harm. Even though this Psalm was written many generations after the Exodus, the truth about God never changes.
- ❖ **The Bottom Line:** God's word is true and can always be trusted.
- ❖ **Questions:** Have you been lied about? How has the Lord taken care of you? Or have you been boastful? Has the Lord had taken care of that?

#### PRAY

- ❖ Pray for opportunities to share the real meaning of Christmas with those you meet. Pray specifically for people by name who don't know the Lord.

#### MEMORIZE

- ❖ "And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times." ~Psalm 12:6