



SERMON NOTES

September 19, 2021

Exodus 9:13—10:29

The Ruin of Rebellion

Why do I need to hear this passage of Scripture?

What's the big idea of this passage?

What are the main takeaways walking through this passage?

What must I do with what I've heard?

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LIVING OUT THE WORD

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AIM: God plagues Pharaoh so that he may know that there is none like Him in all the earth (9:14), to show His power and make His name proclaimed in all the earth (16), to make known that the earth is His (29), and to tell coming generations His works so they may know He is the LORD (10:2). Dwell on these things! Do they change your outlook?

COMMUNICATE: While Moses brought these messages to Pharaoh, other Egyptians learned to fear the Lord in spite of their king. Your witnessing affects more than the one to whom you witness directly, no matter how hardhearted he or she may be. Who else can respond to the gospel as you offer it to those on your “list”? (9:20, 10:7)

CULTURE: Following the lead of their king, some paid no attention to the word of the Lord (21) and hardened their hearts along with him (34). Hardhearted attitudes breed among people we lead: our children, our employees, or church family when unchecked. What are the signs that we are hardening our hearts? How will we reverse such signs?

CULTIVATE: Pharaoh demonstrates repentance under pressure: all the right words, but none of the right heart (27; 10:16-17). Promises in the foxhole rarely hold in peacetime. We must be careful to follow through on the repentance God brings to our hearts! What have you promised to the Lord? How are you carrying out our promises?

CELEBRATE: The God Who brings the plagues is the God Who takes them away again (33; 10:19, 23)— even when Pharaoh and his servants do not yet fear the LORD God (30). God continues to offer Pharaoh escape from the plagues by letting His people go (13; 10:3). Do you recognize the relief God offers? Do you rest in it and rejoice in it?

CARE: Plagues are the opposite of care, as wrath is the opposite of mercy. When we refuse the care and mercy of God, we turn away from Him towards judgment for our sin. Let us care to spare others the snares of sin, the ruin of rebellion (10:7)! Are you offering others mercy in God? Are you warning them to flee the pain of rejecting Him?

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