



Reflection Questions

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Sign #5 – Plague on the Livestock

Exodus 9:1-7

The 5th sign on Egypt targets their livestock. This is significant when we realize how dependent we are on the animals God has given us as a blessing to our lives. But again this week, we see that God made a distinction between Egypt and Israel. How does this mirror the distinction God has made the cross of His Son Jesus?

Reflection Questions:

1. How does this passage serve to show us how the animals are to be understood? What were God's intention for them? How was the proper view of animals corrupted in Egypt? Are there signs of this today?
2. How are there similarities between the way animals were designed to serve man, and man to serve God? In what ways has sin corrupted both?
3. Exodus shows us that God values freedom. What are some of the ways our society misses the true understanding of freedom? How can this blessing become a curse?
4. What is our deliverance from the slavery of sin to result in? (*1 Peter 2:16*)
5. Survey your own heart. In what ways do you still need to become a slave to God? What parts of your life still model an improper view of freedom?
6. What is significant about the promise of God in Exodus 9:4? What are the parallels you see between this verse and Jesus's words in John 6:39?
7. Why do you think Pharaoh went to see the land of Goshen? What might he have been hoping to see? Why?
8. God made a distinction between Israel and Egypt. How has God made a similar distinction today? How should this inform our understanding of identity?
9. How do people today 'go to see' the distinction between God's people and the world? What are they hoping to see? What are you showing them?