



Reflection Questions

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Sign #6 – Plague on the People

Exodus 9:8-12

Now things get personal! The 6th sign on Egypt is the first that effects the wellbeing of the people themselves. The mysterious skin disease is used by God to testify that He is not only the God of land, sea, sky and the animals, but also the God of all people everywhere. Nothing lies outside His jurisdiction. Including the very heart of Pharaoh.

Reflection Questions:

1. How is this plague different than the ones before it? What might God want the people of Egypt to understand through it?
2. What is the significance of God's command to throw soot from the furnace (likely the furnaces used to make bricks) into the air in front of Pharaoh?
3. Read Isaiah 54:16-17. Discuss why God would give His people this passage as a comfort. How can you apply this truth to the circumstances of your life?
4. How are the gods of Egypt associated with healing still idols in our culture? What is the danger of placing too much hope in medicine and doctors today? Why might it be equally foolish not to seek medical attention for physical illness?
5. Why could we see the hardening of Pharaoh's heart as God's ultimate judgment on Him? Why would this cause readers even today so much discomfort? How did Paul respond to this passage in Romans 9:14-24?
6. In Romans 1:22-24 Paul confirms that the action taken on Pharaoh applies to all people. How should this prompt us to reflect on our own hearts?
7. How can the hardening of Pharaoh's heart cause us to be more serious about praying for the lost?
8. Discuss how God used the cross of Christ in a similar way to the ashes of Pharaoh's furnace.
9. How should God's sovereignty over the human heart give us even more comfort in our salvation?