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## Exodus 10

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#### Group Leader Guide

#### Sermon Recap

This message focuses on the plagues in Exodus, highlighting both God's sovereignty and mercy. Pharaoh's hardened heart and refusal to obey God continues, and he shows us the consequences of pride and disobedience.

#### Discussion Questions

How does studying the plagues in Exodus help us better understand God's character?

- Pastor Jason mentioned that the purpose of the plagues was to show God's signs and reveal Himself to future generations.
- What aspects of God's character have you learned or been reminded of? How can you pass that on to future generations?

Why is it significant that the Lord hardens Pharaoh's heart during the plagues?

- Pastor Jason said the sovereignty of God is a mysterious and holy thing, and without knowing God's goodness and justice, it is hard to accept His sovereignty.
- How can you apply this understanding of God's sovereignty when faced with difficult situations in your own life?

What does the sermon teach about humility as a response to God's calling and mercy?

- We know the humble receive mercy, while the proud invite judgment.
- What are some ways you can practice humility in your day-to-day life and in relationship with God?

How does Pharaoh and the plagues warn us about the dangers of a hardened heart?

- A hardened heart can cause individuals to become so set in their own ways that they fail to see the damage they are causing.
- In what ways can you actively prevent a hardened heart and remain receptive to God's guidance?

What are some key reasons behind the plagues, and how can they apply to us?

- Pastor Jason concluded the sermon by summarizing that the plagues answered Pharaoh's question of who the Lord is, demonstrated God's power over false gods, and left a testimony for future generations.
- How do the lessons from the plagues strengthen your faith or even help you witness to others about God's greatness?

#### Prayer

- Ask God to help us recognize and embrace humility in our daily lives.
- Pray for strength to keep our hearts softened towards God's calling.
- Seek God's guidance in understanding the importance of true repentance.

- Request protection and blessings for our future generations.
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1 Now the Lord said to Moses, “Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him, 2 and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son’s son the mighty things I have done in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them, that you may know that I *am* the Lord.”

We are still learning about God through these signs today.

**In the last chapter we saw w/boils for the first time...  
...God hardened pharaoh’s heart and now again here it is.**

The sovereign hand of God is a mysterious and holy thing.

Those without relationship have an especially difficult time getting their head around God’s omniscience and sovereign power because without knowing the goodness and mercy and justice of God, it is hard to accept His sovereignty and power.

Pharaoh up until this half of the plagues hardened his own heart.  
**But now, God is hardening his heart.**

**God also provides protection for those that are His.**

3 So Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me. 4 Or else, if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory. 5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, so that no one will be able to see

the earth; and they shall eat the residue of what is left, which remains to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree which grows up for you out of the field. **6** They shall fill your houses, the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians—which neither your fathers nor your fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were on the earth to this day.' ” And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

Locusts eat and destroy the crops.

The first thing God asks is...

... **“How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me?**

God raised him up and put him in this place so God could reveal his glory and power to Egypt & the Jews.

**The proper position for all of us before God is humility.**

**7** Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, “How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed?”

Pharaoh's own servants are beginning to break.

Many Egyptians depended on Min, the patron god of crops; Nepri, the god of grain; Anubis, the guardian of the fields; and Senehem, the protector against pests.

Pharaoh seems to listen to them to some degree.

**8** So Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, and he said to them, “Go, serve the Lord your God. Who *are* the ones that are going?” **9** And Moses said, “We will go with our young

and our old; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we will go, for we must hold a feast to the Lord.”

Pharaoh wants to know who is going, and Moses says, everyone...

**...Full obedience & total commitment is worthy of the Lord.**

**10** Then he said to them, “The Lord had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you. **11** Not so! Go now, you *who are* men, and serve the Lord, for that is what you desired.” And they were driven out from Pharaoh’s presence.

“God help you if I let your kids go! You are headed for trouble!”

**Pharaoh is unwilling to let the children go.**

**Jesus said, Let the children come to Me.**

**12** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land—all that the hail has left.” **13** So Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and the Lord brought an east wind on the land all that day and all *that* night. When it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. **14** And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested on all the territory of Egypt. *They were very* severe; previously there had been no such locusts as they, nor shall there be such after them. **15** For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. So there remained nothing green on the trees or on the plants of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.

They don’t have crops or food or seeds for next year.

**16** Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and said, “I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you. **17** Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and entreat the Lord your God, that He may take away from me this death only.”

**True repentance is not about us feeling better...**

**...it is about recognizing God’s way being right.**

Do we acknowledge and turn to the Lord because He is right & true & worthy, or just because we feel bad & want to feel better?

**18** So he went out from Pharaoh and entreated the Lord. **19** And the Lord turned a very strong west wind, which took the locusts away and blew them into the Red Sea. There remained not one locust in all the territory of Egypt. **20** But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go.

Here again, is a plague without warning...darkness is coming. This is the 3rd in a set of 3.

**21** Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness *which* may even be felt.” **22** So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. **23** They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

**The Israelites were spared the darkness.**

How exactly that worked, we don’t know.

Amon-Re, the sun god couldn't help.

**24** Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, "Go, serve the Lord; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back. Let your little ones also go with you."

**Now he wants to let them go, but not their herds and flocks.**

**25** But Moses said, "You must also give us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God. **26** Our livestock also shall go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind. For we must take some of them to serve the Lord our God, and even we do not know with what we must serve the Lord until we arrive there."

Our work is not secular if we are doing it as His people.

**27** But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. **28** Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!" **29** So Moses said, "You have spoken well. I will never see your face again."

**There were several reasons for these plagues...**

-To answer Pharaoh's question, *Who is the LORD?* ([Exodus 5:2](#)).

-God showed Himself greater than the false gods and judge them

-To show the power of God through Moses ([Exodus 9:16](#)).

To give a testimony to the children of Israel for future generations ([Exodus 10:2](#)).

-As a testimony of the greatness of God to Israel