

JUNE 18th  
**NO ONE LIKE OUR GOD**

*“Moses said to Pharaoh, “Be pleased to command me when I am to plead for you and for your servants and for your people, that the frogs be cut off from you and your houses and be left only in the Nile.” And he said, “Tomorrow.” Moses said, “Be it as you say, so that you may know that there is no one like the Lord our God.”* **EXODUS 8:9-10**

The Grand Canyon. Yellowstone National Park. Mount Rushmore. Death Valley. These landmarks and special places create a sense of awe and wonder. Some are natural. Some are man-made. Have you been to any of these places? Sometimes people only experience these wonders through a photo on the internet or in a magazine. Some may even say that they've seen the Grand Canyon, but they've never been there in person to actually see it. A picture can capture some of the wonder. The key word is some. Have you ever thought that we can do the same thing with God? God has given us the great gift of Himself...and we often exchange the true God for a false god. Moses' words to Pharaoh here in Exodus 8 give us a great reminder about ourselves and our God.

As you read Exodus 8, you'll notice that the magicians are brought to the court of Pharaoh again. These magicians, as representatives of Satan, are able once again to duplicate what God has already done. However, they cannot remove the frogs from the land. Instead, Pharaoh must humble himself under God's hand. Pharaoh submits to God briefly here as he says to Moses, “Plead with the Lord to take away the frogs from me and from my people, and I will let the people go to sacrifice to the Lord.” Of course, the humility from Pharaoh here is a false humility. Once the frogs are removed, he hardens his heart, even as the entire nation of Egypt stinks like dead, rotting bull frogs. God's works cannot be stopped. And we must remember what His primary work is...that all may know that He is the LORD. He is the only God and no one and nothing compares to Him.

Even as Pharaoh pleads with Moses to plead with God on his behalf, he gives a time stamp on when the frog infestation will stop. That time is “tomorrow”. If you think about it, this is quite odd. If Pharaoh was so annoyed of the frogs, why wouldn't he want them gone immediately? Phil Ryken writes that Pharaoh may have given the time stamp because Pharaoh believed that God would need twenty-four hours to get rid of the problem. And do you see what God does here? To show that He is the one true God, He did exactly what Moses asks him to do the next day. This calls us to remember that God will do whatever He wants and He cannot be stopped. His power is perfect and has no limits. We can't lose sight of the purpose of God in all of this. It's all done to show His glory. Frogs are just another example of a god that was worshiped by the Egyptians. God shows once again that He is supreme. Pharaoh is being shown that there is no one like the Lord our God.

Men, are we any different from the Egyptians? How often do we trade God's glory for money, relationships, or security? God cannot be compared with any person or any thing. Our challenge as people is to miss the glory of God because we are too busy looking at the gifts that God has given. We drift into worshiping the gifts rather than the Giver of those gifts. As C.S. Lewis describes it: “our desires are not too strong, but too weak. We are like poor children who insist on making mud pies when they have been offered a vacation by the ocean...we are far too easily pleased.” God has given us His Word to remind us of the truth of who He is and what He has done. God shows us that the things that we chase never come close to giving us what we truly want...God. Only God can give true life. Only God can give true purpose. Only God can give true peace. Will we join with Moses and ask God, “please show me your glory?”

**Spend some time asking God to wow you with His glory today.  
For Further Reading: Psalm 105**