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A DIVINE EXIT

God is Greater Than Oppressive Rulers

Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, "Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness." But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go."

Exodus 5:1b-2

God's Will Does Not Change Because of Opposition

Exodus 5

- Pharaoh Challenges Yahweh (1-2)
- Pharaoh Oppresses Yahweh's Chosen People (3-21)
- Yahweh's Chosen Leader is Left Questioning God (22-23)

God's Will Does Not Change Because of Spiritual Deafness

Exodus 6-7:7

- God's Chosen People did not listen due to depression and exhaustion (6:9)
- God's Enemy would not listen due to a hardened heart (7:3)

God's Will Does Not Change Because of Counterfeit Messengers

Exodus 7:8-13

- Galatians 1:6-10

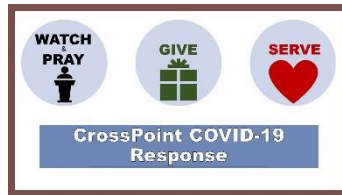
God graciously and repeatedly gave Moses a clear message of divine deliverance in the midst of physical opposition and he was called to obey the voice of God over the fear of man. Like Moses, God has clearly spoken to us through His Word, the Bible, and we are called to obey Him even in the midst of opposition. The question for most of us today is, "Who will we fear and obey?" God's desire for us is that we fear and love Him supremely and in turn obey Him completely. *"The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe,"* Proverbs 29:25.

**BIG
IDEA**

THE FEAR OF MAN ENSNARES

THE FEAR OF GOD EMPOWERS

POWERPOINT SLIDES



Weekly Schedule

- **SUNDAYS**
 - **GATHER** as a family
 - **PRAY** before the sermon
 - **WATCH** sermon together
 - www.cpjasper.com/media
 - **DISCUSS** message
- **WEEKDAYS**
 - Pray (family or phone)
 - Study for upcoming message
- **WEDNESDAYS**
 - 6:30 PM Facebook live prayer and Bible Study



WAYS TO GIVE

- **BY MAIL**

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PO BOX 266
Jasper, IN 47547
- **BY ONLINE BANKING**

Most banks provide a free service for you to send a payment one-time or regularly to a person or business. This option is secure and easy and can be adjusted as desired.
- **BY ONLINE PORTAL**

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WAYS TO SERVE

- **START WITH YOUR FAMILY**
 - Have daily time of Bible study and prayer
 - Redeem the time with creative family bonding times
- **EXTEND TO COMMUNITY**
 - Reach out to the at-risk through phone calls, text and offers to run errands
 - Provide faith-filled posts on your social media platforms
 - Be a source of faith, hope and calm in your workplace

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WHO ARE SOME OF THE WORST RULERS IN HISTORY?

- **ADOLF HITLER (1889-1945)**
 - Responsible for the slaughter of 5.4 million innocent Jews
 - Responsible for 11-12 million non-combatant deaths
- **JOSEPH STALIN (1878-1953)**
 - 6 – 9 million deaths
- **MAO ZEDONG (1893-1976)**
 - 20-45 Million deaths through his Great Leap Forward policies leading to nationwide famine and starvation

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PHARAOH: FIRST RECORDED EVIL RULER

THE PHARAOH DURING THE TIME OF MOSES IS ARGUABLY THE FIRST EVIL RULER RECORDED IN THE BIBLICAL RECORD. IN EXODUS 1 HE LEGISLATES INFANTICIDE OF ALL ISRAELITE MALE BABIES. BY EXODUS 12 HIS DECISIONS LEAD TO THE DEATHS OF ALL FIRST-BORN MALES IN EGYPT, AND BY CHAPTER 14 HE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEATHS OF THE MAJORITY OF THE EGYPTIAN ARMY!

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GOD'S WILL DOES NOT CHANGE BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION

Exodus 5

- PHARAOH CHALLENGES YAHWEH (1-2)
 - *But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do now know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go."*

Exodus 5:2

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GOD'S WILL DOES NOT CHANGE BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION

Exodus 5

- PHARAOH CHALLENGES YAHWEH (1-2)
- PHARAOH OPPRESSES YAHWEH'S CHOSEN PEOPLE (3-21)
 - *You are idle, you are idle; that is why you say, "Let us go and sacrifice to the LORD." Go now and work. No straw will be given you, but you must still deliver the same number of bricks."*

Exodus 5:17-18

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- YAHWEH'S CHOSEN LEADER IS LEFT QUESTIONING GOD (22-23)
 - *O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.*

Exodus 5:22-23

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GOD'S WILL DOES NOT CHANGE BECAUSE OF SPIRITUAL DEAFNESS

Exodus 6:1-7:7

- GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE DID NOT LISTEN DUE TO DEPRESSION AND EXHAUSTION
 - *Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery.* Exodus 6:9

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Exodus 6:1-7:7

- GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE DID NOT LISTEN DUE TO DEPRESSION AND EXHAUSTION
- GOD'S ENEMY WOULD NOT LISTEN DUE TO A HARDENED HEART
 - *But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, Pharaoh will not listen to you...* Exodus 7:3-4b

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GOD'S WILL DOES NOT CHANGE BECAUSE OF COUNTERFEIT MESSENGERS

Exodus 7:8-13

- COUNTERFEIT MESSENGERS THEN
 - *Then Pharaoh summoned the wise men and the sorcerers, and they, the magicians of Egypt, also did the same by their secret arts. For each man cast down his staff, and they became serpents. But Aarons' staff swallowed up their staffs.* Exodus 7:11-12
- COUNTERFEIT MESSENGERS NOW
 - *But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.* Galatians 1:8

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GOD GRACIOUSLY AND REPEATEDLY GAVE MOSES A CLEAR MESSAGE OF DIVINE DELIVERANCE IN THE MIDST OF PHYSICAL OPPOSITION AND HE WAS CALLED TO OBEY THE VOICE OF GOD OVER THE FEAR OF MAN.

LIKE MOSES, GOD HAS CLEARLY SPOKEN TO US THROUGH HIS WORD, THE BIBLE, AND WE ARE CALLED TO OBEY HIM EVEN IN THE MIDST OF OPPOSITION.

THE QUESTION FOR MOST OF US TODAY IS, "WHO WILL WE FEAR AND OBEY?"

GOD'S DESIRE FOR US IS THAT WE FEAR AND LOVE HIM SUPREMACY AND IN TURN OBEY HIM COMPLETELY.

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BIG IDEA

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- WHAT PART OF THE STORY OF PHARAOH STICKS OUT TO YOU THE MOST?
- WHAT OPPOSITION DO YOU AND OTHERS FACE TO OBEYING GOD?
- IN WHAT SPECIFIC WAYS DOES THE FEAR OF MAN HINDER YOU FROM OBEYING GOD'S WILL?
- HOW WILL YOU OVERCOME THE FEAR OF MAN THIS WEEK AND BE EMPOWERED THROUGH THE FEAR AND LOVE OF GOD?

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STUDY FOR NEXT WEEK "OUR GOD IS GREATER THAN FALSE GODS"

- Read Exodus 7-12
- Complete the following chart with the 10 plagues of Egypt. Pay careful attention to what God says through Moses and how Pharaoh responds
- Extra Credit: I'd love to get drawings from our young (or young at heart) depicting each of the plagues. If you send them to me at dking@cpjasper.com I will post them on Facebook for others to admire. I might even use some of them for the Sunday message as graphics.

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STUDY FOR NEXT WEEK "OUR GOD IS GREATER THAN FALSE GODS"

- Suggested Study plan:
 - Monday: Read & Complete plagues 1-3
 - Tuesday: Read & Complete plagues 4-6
 - Wednesday: Read & Complete plagues 7-9
 - Thursday: Read Ex. 11-12 and complete plague 10
 - Friday: Read Exodus chapters 7-12
- Before and after each time of study pray with those that are with you.

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The 10 Plagues of Egypt

Plague	Passage	What did God say/do?	What did Pharaoh say/Do?	Observations?	Applications?
	Exodus 7:14-25				
	Exodus 8:1-15				
	Exodus 8:16-19				
	Exodus 8:20-32				
	Exodus 9:1-7				
	Exodus 9:8-12				
	Exodus 9:13-35				
	Exodus 10:1-20				
	Exodus 10:21-29				
Death of Firstborn	Exodus 11-12				

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10 PLAGUES

Jehovah God vs. gods of Egypt

The plagues of Egypt are well known, but a deep study reveals that each was a direct challenge to the various Egyptian gods and goddesses. The plagues affected the Egyptian pharaoh as well as other men with positions that allowed God to demonstrate His power to all while the Egyptian gods remained helpless against them.



PLAGUE 1: WATER TO BLOOD

DEITY: Hapi
The Nile was the source of Egypt's power. These floods, including the death of the Nile and a cruel heat from the sun, showed the god's power to the pharaoh. However, the published events going to show the water. Pharaoh's heart remained hard.



PLAGUE 2: FROGS

The Egyptian pharaohs were gods. Frogs of dead frogs filled the houses of the first one.



PLAGUE 3: LOCUSTS

The gods on the earth were the dust of the earth. The Egyptian gods could not help on this occasion. They declared, "This is the Right of God."



PLAGUE 4: DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN

Pharaoh had the first of a family and also second the son.



PLAGUE 5: PAINFUL SORES

God continued to battle with Pharaoh. He was still hard on the Egyptian. The plague after he let into the Egyptian home.



PLAGUE 6: BOILS

This was the first plague to affect the people directly. It was the goddess of health and medicine who had made a snake to bite between the snakes and the Egyptians. The Egyptian gods were unable to appear to court.



PLAGUE 7: HAIL AND GRAPESTONES

This plague affected the agriculture and livestock. The sky, the father of the god, had the rain and the sun. Such a storm of hail was a warning god to appear to court.



PLAGUE 8: DARKNESS

This plague would be told to Pharaoh and his children, seeing the presence of Pharaoh's power for generations.



PLAGUE 9: BLOODY RIVERS

A man took the blood. He did not see the blood. The goddesses who were gods of Egypt could be lost.



PLAGUE 10: DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN

This plague was a judgment on all Egyptian gods, including Pharaoh himself. In Exodus 1, Pharaoh had ordered the killing of the male babies, and now this for the death of all Egypt was killed.

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KEY VERSE: Exodus 5:1–2 (ESV)

¹ Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.’ ” ² But Pharaoh said, “Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go.”

Key Phrase:

The words **I am the LORD** occur four times in 6:2–8. As the Lord, Yahweh, He is **with** His own and is always faithful and true to them.¹

Notes on Magicians:

But when they did this Pharaoh’s **magicians** duplicated the feat **by their secret arts**, probably miracles empowered by Satan, not merely some sleight-of-hand trickery. Satan is able to perform “all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs, and wonders” (2 Thes. 2:9) that deceive (2 Thes. 2:10; Rev. 13:11–15; cf. Matt. 24:24). Perhaps two of these men were Jannes and Jambres, who “opposed Moses” (2 Tim. 3:8).

The conjurers were also able to duplicate the turning of water to blood (Ex. 7:22) and the appearance of the frogs (8:7), the first two plagues. However, **Aaron’s staff-snake** consumed those of the magicians, thus demonstrating God’s superior power.

Moses and Aaron, emissaries of God, confronted the emissaries of Satan, the gods of Egypt, and their magicians. Each of the judgments to follow smashed some aspect of Egypt’s religious life (i.e., Satan’s domain), culminating in the death of their heir-god, Amenhotep II’s firstborn son. The God of Israel triumphed over the powers of darkness. As God had predicted (4:21; 7:3; cf. v. 22; 8:15, 19) **Pharaoh’s heart** was not enabled to heed the message and demonstrate repentance by releasing the people (7:13). God demonstrates His absolute sovereignty over mankind by using them as He pleases; some, like Moses, to honor Him and others, like Amenhotep II, to

¹ John D. Hannah, [“Exodus,”](#) in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 116.

dishonor Him. Both kinds of people bring glory to God though it is beyond man's finite ability to understand how this can be.²

² John D. Hannah, "[Exodus](#)," in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 118.