

The Glory of God & the Plagues of Egypt

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Bible Passage: Exodus 7-11

Big Idea: The LORD (Yahweh) is your ultimate _____. Learn from Pharaoh that _____ and _____ come from rejecting that authority.

#1-The plagues show us that defiance to God will lead to _____.

- Water turned to blood (7:14-25)
 - A war with Khnum, god of the _____
- Infestation of _____ (8:1-15)
 - A war with Heget, goddess of life & fertility
- Cloud of gnats (8:16-19)
 - A war with Geb, god of the desert
 - Magicians declared to Pharaoh “this is the _____ of God” (8:19)
 - ⇒ Satan’s power is real, but also _____ (see Luke 4; 2 Corinthians 4;4; Acts 16:16-18)
- Swarm of _____ (8:20-32)
 - A war with Wadjet and Nekhbet, the territorial guardian gods of Lower and Upper Egypt
 - Hebrews are protected in Goshen
 - Pharaoh asks for prayer (8:28)
- Death of livestock (9:1-7)
 - A war with Apis, goddess of animal fertility
- Boils on humans and animals (9:8-12)
 - A war with Sekhmet, goddess of disease and healing
- _____ in Egypt (9:13-35)
 - A war with Set, god of storms
- Locust (10:1-20)
 - A war with Renenutet, goddess of grain, nourishment, and harvest
 - HOW LONG WILL YOU REFUSE TO _____ YOURSELF? (10:3)
- Darkness (10:21-29)
 - A war with Ra, Egyptians considered the sun god, Ra, the source of life and power; darkness represented his absence.
- The death of first born (11:1-10)
 - This plague judged Pharaoh, who considered himself a god but who could in no way protect his people.

#2- Defiance toward God, at any stage in life, will cause the human heart to become _____.

In Pharaoh we see a hard heart...

- ..._____ God’s authority (5:2)
- ...thinks primarily about self and has little regard of the _____ it inflicts on others (7:21,23)
- ...manipulates to negotiate a _____ (Exodus 8:25, 28, 10:11, 25-26)
-acknowledges sin but refuses to _____ (9:27-28, 10:16)
- ...chooses the path of _____ (rebellion) not correction (Exodus 7-11)

#3- Pharaoh’s defiance was to become a platform of praise to the LORD. (Romans 9:17)

The purpose behind the plagues was the glory of God. So that generations would humbly acknowledge Yahweh as the supreme authority.

Fighter Memory

Verse April

Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Truth Into Action:

- Remember the plagues of Egypt and **live your life acknowledging Yahweh's supreme authority.**
- Recall the warning of Hebrews 3:7-8, "Today when you hear his voice, **Don't harden your hearts.**"
- Re-check the condition of your heart regularly by asking a few questions!
 - A hard heart will usher chaos and pain into my life. **IS THAT WHAT I WANT?**
 - A hard heart happens gradually, over time. **Is my heart soft toward God today or not?**
 - Any Christian may develop a hard heart. "Any" includes me. **Does my heart show evidence of any hardness? (read Mark 4:1-20)**

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk: This lesson is a follow up to the sermon. Please take the time this week to work through it in your community group or around your own kitchen table.

Warm Up: Imagine as a group what it must have been like to be an Egyptian going through the plagues.

1. Do you ever find yourself thinking, in effect, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey him"? When, and with what consequences?
2. Pharaoh is a case study in sin's deceit. Do you recognize the same deceit working in your life in some way? If so, what steps can you take to address it?
3. How has this passage caused you to worship God in gratitude for changing your hard heart?
4. Reflect on a time when you experienced a "hardened heart" towards God's guidance. What were the consequences, and how did you eventually respond?
5. The plagues were a demonstration of God's power over false gods. Are there any "false gods" or idols in your life that you need to confront and surrender to God's authority?
6. Why is the story of the exodus out of Egypt important for Christians to teach their children and grandchildren? How is our telling of the story different from Israel's?
7. Read through the **Truth into Action** and discuss each point.

Prayer: Father thank you for giving us the Bible and the Holy Spirit. Thank you for changing my hard heart, please keep it tender for Your glory God and my own good. Amen!