

# Exodus 11

Walk in the Spirit of the Lord

- **Pharaoh had a bad start:** "Who is the Lord that I should obey Him" [Ch.5]
- **God turns on the heat:** 6 Plagues and still Pharaoh would not repent
- God continues to reason with Pharaoh:

**Isaiah 1:18** "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, You shall eat the good of the land; 20 But if you **refuse and rebel, You shall be devoured by the sword**"; For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**Obey or be judged.**

**Hebrews 3:15** "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

- Pharaoh despised God goodness/patience by *digging in*
- "Storing up wrath"

**Romans 2:4** ...do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are **treasuring up for yourself wrath** in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who "will render to each one according to his deeds"

- Pharaoh would not turn to the Lord for relief:

**Acts 3:19** Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that **times of refreshing** may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ

- **God turns up the heat...**

**Exodus 9:14** [Now] I will send all My plagues **to your very heart**, and on your servants and on your people, that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth.

- **Plagues to the very Heart:**
  1. 7<sup>th</sup> Plague: Hail and Fire
  2. 8<sup>th</sup> Plague: Locusts [not this death]
  3. 9<sup>th</sup> Plague: Darkness you can feel
- **After these 3 plagues to the heart of Pharaoh:**

**Exodus 10:27** ... **he would not let them go.** 28 Then Pharaoh said to [Moses], "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."

Prophet Moses represented the Word of God to Pharaoh: "**Get away from me**"

**First God hardened Pharaoh's heart...Now God will break Pharaoh's Heart**

Last of the "Plagues to Pharaoh's very heart" will be the last plague needed

## I. Death of the Firstborn Announced: Plague 10

- **Setting:** Moses still in presence of Pharaoh

1 And the Lord said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague on **Pharaoh and on Egypt**. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he lets you go,

he will surely drive you out of here altogether.

- Moses knew the end game:

**Exodus 4:21** ...the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. 22 "Then you shall say to Pharaoh, 'Thus says the LORD: "Israel is My son, My firstborn. 23 "So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, **indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.**"'"

2 Speak now in the hearing of the people, and let every man ask from his neighbor and every woman from her neighbor, articles of silver and articles of gold."

- **Moses will now speak publicly in Egypt:**
  1. To Egyptians: "The pain you suffered was caused by Pharaoh"
  2. To Israelites: Tell the Egyptians to "Give you their silver and gold"

This was how the slaves of Israel received their "back wages" from their time of slavery, and how they did not leave Egypt empty-handed. [Guzic]

3 And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

- **Former slaves now respected**
- **Moses:**
  1. Very great in the land of Egypt [World]
  2. Very great in sight of Pharaoh's servants
  3. Very great in the sight of all the people

**God's people who persevere in humility will be validated and vindicated  
Exalted before the unbelieving world**

**Revelation 3:9** [Philadelphia] Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed **I will make them come and worship before your feet**, and to know that I have loved you.

**Isaiah 49:23** Kings shall be your foster fathers, And their queens your nursing mothers; They shall bow down to you with their faces to the earth, And lick up the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord, For **they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me.**"

- Our day will come and last forever:

**Matthew 19:27** [Read]...Peter answered and said to [Jesus], "See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?" 28 So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I say to you, that **in the regeneration**, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and the last first.

- God's people who persevere in humility will be validated and vindicated

**Matthew 5:3** [Read] "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

- It may look/feel like we are losing

**Luke 7:35** But wisdom is justified by all her children."

- Lord gives favor to His people

4 Then Moses said, "Thus says the Lord: 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt..."

- **NOTE: I** [God] **will go** out into the midst of Egypt
- Who is the death angel?

5 ...and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the animals. 6 Then there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall be like it again.

- All the firstborn of Egypt will die

7 But against none of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that the Lord does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.'

- **Lord does make a difference:** Jesus came to divide

**Matthew 10:34** "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. 35 For I have come to 'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law'; 36 and 'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.'

8 And all these your servants [Pharaoh] shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, and all the people who follow you!' After that I will go out." **Then [Moses] went out from Pharaoh in great anger.**

**Ephesians 4:26** "Be angry, and do not sin"

- Moses anger reflected the anger of the Lord

**Psalms 103:8** The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

**Romans 2:4** [Read]...do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and

longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who "will render to each one according to his deeds"

- **Defiant Pharaoh:**
  1. Despised God's Goodness
  2. Despised God's Patience
  
- **Storing up wrath of God**
  1. Hardened His heart to God and His Word
  2. Defied God's commands

### **God will render to each one according to his deeds**

7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil

- Pharaoh will get only a taste of God's wrath with this last plague
- **Temporal blessing lost:** Pharaoh's son will die
- **Eternal blessing lost:** At his death all blessing will be removed

**Outer darkness:** If God is Light and you are forever in Outer Darkness; every blessing God is removed forever because of your rebellion, digging in, despising of His goodness

9 But the Lord said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not heed you, so that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." 10 So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; and the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

- If you hear his voice you have not gone too far
  - Pharaoh no longer able to hear the voice of God. He has gone too far.
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