



Exodus 8

1. Often when God judges a nation, everyone in that nation suffers- including His people or the righteous (1-14, 16-17 versus 22).
2. Insincere People under pressure attempt to make deals with God versus submitting in full obedience to His will (8, 25).
3. Only God's supernatural power can create (bring into existence what doesn't exist - or to life what is dead or inanimate). This is the difference between godly versus demonic power (16-19 = gnats were created out of the dust - versus already existing like the frogs and flies).
4. God has been known to make a merciful or advantageous distinction between His people and the world (22-23).
5. Hardening happens when we stop listening to God's leaders (i.e. Pharaoh; 15, 29-32, 19 – "this is the finger of God" = these men are from God; Heb 3:15-16 – "led by Moses" = The covenant people refused to listen to God's leader and their hearts are considered hardened; see also Exo 9:34).

Exodus 9

1. God can use horrific things to accomplish wonderful things (1-35; death of livestock, boils, lethal hail).
2. God has many devastating and painful ways to make people pay for their rebellion (1-35; death of livestock, boils, lethal hail).
3. God's resume' includes: author of airborne viruses, biohazards and deadly weather (1-35; devil can also cause such weather - hence why Jesus rebuked the wind – Luk 8:24; also Job 1:18-19).
4. God reigns terror on human beings but He is no terrorist (i.e. a person who unlawfully uses terrible means to coerce others do their will) (1-35).
5. Not checking your ego often causes your loved ones to suffer(1-35; i.e. Pharaoh in re: to the suffering brought by the death of the livestock, boils and lethal hail).
6. A hard heart does not think rationally nor about the needs/welfare of those around them or their community/nation (1-35; i.e. Pharaoh in re: to the suffering brought by the death of the livestock, boils and hail; consider also 1Pe 2:5 is dependent on 1:14-16).
7. . Our God /true God is a Hebrew God which means so is His religion (1 – "the God of the Hebrews"; The bible teaches Judaism 1.0 and 2.0;Joh 4:22).
8. God does not treat everyone the same. He makes distinctions (4, 6-7, 26).
9. God has been known to kill peoples' animals as well as take away their work and food when they rebelled against him (1-7, 13-25).
10. Inconvenience and hardship/frustration are often God's first warning to repent before disease, destruction and death come (chs. 7-8 [blood in water, frogs, gnats and flies] versus ch.9 [livestock die, people suffer boils, crops, livestock and slaves killed/destroyed by hail]).
11. Repentance under duress means nothing (27-28 w/34; 2Co 7:10).
12. Admitting you are not perfect or have sinned against God is not enough (27-28 w/34; 2Co 7:10).
13. When you don't fear God your repentance won't last (34-35; Moses knew that was the case w/Pharaoh – 29-30).

Exodus 10

1. God and His people do not negotiate with terrorists (1-29, 8-11, 24-26; Pharaoh was a terrorist b/c he was unlawfully holding God's people hostage and torturing them thru unreasonable labor).
2. God has been known to raise the God-mockers of this world higher so that He can drop them harder as the means to showing His power to His people (1-2).
3. Pissing contests against God-led leaders is a pissing contest against God (3).
4. The righteous don't need to worry about tomorrow's needs but the wicked do (7).
5. God has been known to protect his people when they speak boldly against those in power (11, 28-29).
6. Rage/Anger against God's leaders or their attempts to lead God's people and advance his kingdom will invite God's anger against you and your loved ones (11, 28-29; Psa 105:15).
7. We are the ones responsible if God permanently hardens our heart (b/c it only comes as a result of us first hardening our hearts) (20, 27; Exo 9:12 w/Exo 8:15, 32).

8. Permanently hardened people can still confess/admit to sinning against God (16-17).

9. Be careful of telling God's leaders good riddance (28-29; Mat 10:14-15 = Jesus and the HS were the Ones that went down to S&G. It is God therefore people are rejecting when they reject His leaders. Jesus has now "upped the ante" making it more serious to reject God's leaders today than even when God personally came to earth and warned people).

Hebrews 9

1. The earthly holy places, objects and sacrifices associated with Old Covenant demonstrated that: 1) it was intended to bring about holiness in those to whom it ministered (1-7), 2) it was limited in what it could accomplish (8-9), 3) it was temporarily imposed until the time of reformation (10).

2. Christ as the high priest of that reformation (or better covenant, or "the good things that have come") has entered the heavenly holy place and has secured eternal redemption (11-12).

3. This eternal redemption means we have justification/forgiveness of sins that is spiritual (or able to clear the conscience) versus superficial – or able only to cleanse the body (the limited ability of the Old Covenant sacrifice) (13-14; 1Pe 3:21).

4. Jesus is therefore the mediator of a new (or better) covenant allowing all God's people (the "called") to finally receive the eternal inheritance since: 1) there has to be eternal redemption (or spiritual justification) before eternal inheritance can be received (13-15; Hence Eph 4:8), 2) the covenant (or will) maker (i.e. Jesus -the covenant making God of the Bible) has died allowing for the inheritance to be dispersed to its beneficiaries (15-17).

5. Both the Old and New Covenant (or "Old and New Wills") required the shedding of blood (or death) as the means to inaugurating (beginning the activation of) the promises of forgiveness/justification associated w/it (18-23).

6. Christ's "better" sacrifice of Himself on our behalf as the blood activating the better promise of spiritual (or permanent) justification/forgiveness is demonstrated by: 1) where it was offered (in heaven, 23-24), 2) how often it was offered (once versus repeatedly like the OC sacrifices, 25-26).

7. Christ's second coming will not therefore be to make sacrifice for sin, but to save those who have received it and are waiting for Him (27-28).

Hebrews 10

1. The fact that the Old Covenant sacrifices were offered repeatedly: 1) proves they were unable to accomplish "perfect" justification/forgiveness of sins (1-2, 4), 2) means they instead functioned as a reminder of sin (versus their removal) (3).

2. Jesus (therefore) came into the world to offer Himself as the sacrifice that: 1) fulfilled God's will and pleasure regarding payment for our sin (5-9a), 2) does away with the inferior sacrifices of the Old Covenant (9b), 3) justified God's people ("once for all") without the need for further/future sacrifices (10-14), 4) made Him the supreme Boss of the universe whose only remaining missions are to crush the scum that refuses Him and return to save those who have received Him (12-13), 5) confirms the New Covenant and its promises have arrived (15-18).

3. Because the blood and priesthood of Jesus grants us to perfect justification/forgiveness and intimate relationship w/a holy (and before inaccessible) God (19-21) we can be assured of God's faithfulness to us: 1) since our baptisms have applied Jesus' work to our lives (22), 2) if we (too) remain faithful ("hold fast") to our "confession" (23), in our obedience (24), and in our assembling together for worship (25).

4. Those Christians refuse to be faithful by continuing to practice sin (i.e. who go on "sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth"): 1) will permanently forfeit their justification (26), 2) can expect to meet a furious God who will show no mercy in condemning them to the worst of Hell's fires (27-29a).

5. God will treat those Christians who continue practicing sin in this way b/c: 1) of the way they have treated Christ, his precious blood and the gracious gift of the Holy Spirit (29b), 2) His people are not immune to damnation (30).

6. Fearing God far more than anything else in this world (e.g. fear of not being popular, of not having the things I want, of not having fun, of not being successful, of not being happy or fulfilled; fear of failure, of looking stupid, of missing out, etc.) is absolutely necessary if we are to continue to successfully endure the temptations/trials of life and "receive what is promised" (i.e. God's eternal promises) since: 1) positive motivation alone will not be enough (32-36; "enlightened" = positively motivated, see Eph 1:18), 2) those who fear something more than God (i.e. who "shrink back") will be "destroyed" as unfaithful and unrighteous (37-39).