

Freedom: The Unexpected Logic of Blood-Bought Liberty

Is God Fair?

Exodus 9:8–11:10
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The Nine Mighty Acts

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Morning Confrontation	1. Blood (7:14–28)	4. Flies (8:20-32)	7. Hail (9:13–35)
“Go to Pharaoh”	2. Frogs (8:1-15)	5. Animal diseases (9:1–7)	8. Locusts (10:1–20)
No warning	3. Gnats (8:16–32)	6. Boils (9:8–12)	9. Darkness (10:21–29)

–Adapted from J.A. Motyer, *The Message of Exodus*, p. 111

Seven Pieces to the Puzzle of God’s Fairness

1. All people are born with a _____: the inability to trust and love the one, true God.
2. God _____ to “soften” the hearts of some people so that they desire to trust and love Him.
3. All people are born with a _____: the ability to choose according to our greatest desire at the time of the decision.
4. All people are _____ by God, through common grace, from doing more evil than they do.
5. When God _____ restraints, the heart is hardened to do the evil desires that already _____.
6. Applied: God is not _____ Pharaoh to do what Pharaoh does not want to do, but is _____ Pharaoh to do exactly what Pharaoh wants to do, exercising his free will.
7. Conclusion: While some receive _____ from God, and others receive _____, no one receives _____ from God.