

Exodus 9

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Sunday Morning

Review:

1. I will remind you that there is value in studying the O.T.
 - a. The things that are recorded in O.T. are recorded for a reason
1 Corinthians 10:6 Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved.
2. We have watched as God has begun destroying the gods of Egypt
3. God will ultimately destroy all man-made / false gods that exist
 - a. I hesitate to say man-made gods (although they are man-made) because I believe most of them are demonically inspired
1 Corinthians 10:19 Do I mean then that a sacrifice offered to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything?^(he is saying that an idol is nothing)
²⁰ **No**, but the sacrifices of pagans^(lost man) are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.^(behind the idol is a demon)
 - b. Behind the idols of Egypt were the demons who inspired them

The plagues we studied were:

1. The Nile was turned to blood
Exodus 7:20 So Moses and Aaron did even as the LORD had commanded. And he lifted up the staff and struck the water that *was* in the Nile, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants, and all the water that *was* in the Nile was turned to blood.
2. Plague of frogs
Exodus 8:6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.
3. Plague of gnats
Exodus 8:17 They did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff, and struck the dust of the earth, and there were gnats on man and beast. All the dust of the earth became gnats through all the land of Egypt.

4. Plague of swarms (maybe scarab beetle) (the land of Goshen was exempt)

Exodus 8:22 "But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My people are living, so that no **swarms** of flies will be there, in order that you may know that I, the LORD, am in the midst of the land.

V.24 Then the LORD did so. And there came great **swarms** of flies into the house of Pharaoh and the houses of his servants and the land was laid waste because of the **swarms** of flies in all the land of Egypt.

1. We saw how Pharaoh tried to get the Jews to compromise w/ him & compromise their worship

Exodus 8:25 Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God **within** the land."

2. In the same way Satan & the world try to get us to half-heartedly worship our God

1 John 2:15 Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Ex.9:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and speak to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

V.2 "For if you refuse to let them go and continue to hold them,

V.3 behold, the hand of the LORD will come with a very severe pestilence on your livestock which are in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the herds, and on the flocks.

1. "a very severe pestilence on your livestock which are in the field"
 - a. Plague #5
 - b. Probably not every animal but all left out in the field

V.4 "But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that nothing will die of all that belongs to the sons of Israel."""

V.5 (NP)

V.5 The LORD set a definite time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land."

1. "The LORD set a definite time...Tomorrow"
 - a. God gave Pharaoh 24 hrs. to repent – but he didn't
 - b. What do you think Pharaoh was thinking about that night?

V.6 So the LORD did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the sons of Israel, not one died.

1. "So the LORD did this thing on the next day"
 - a. This would have been against several Egyptian gods
 - i. One of the main gods would have been "**Apis**" (the black bull of the Egyptians)
 - ii. The intermediator between the gods & man
 - iii. Many mummified bulls in Sarcophagi (large tombs)
 - iv. As many as 60 in one Sarcophagus
 - v. Second largest temple in Memphis to the black bull "**Apis**"
 - vi. And "**Hathor**" the goddess of love (woman w/ cow head or just cow horns) (mother of Apis)

V.7 Pharaoh sent, and behold, there was not even one of the livestock of Israel dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

1. "Pharaoh sent...there was not even one of the livestock of Israel dead"
 - a. God is showing more than the fact that He is the only real God
 - b. He is showing that He those Hebrews belong to Him

Ex.9:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and speak to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the **God of the Hebrews**, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

- c. God is also showing the futility in not fearing God –
 - i. To the Egyptians their cattle were their wealth – similar to our stock market
 - ii. Pharaoh was bankrupting Egypt with his stubbornness
 - iii. Wisdom comes from God & Pharaoh had none

Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

V.8 (NP)

V.8 Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take for yourselves handfuls of soot from a kiln, and let Moses throw it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh.

V.9 "It will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and will become boils breaking out with sores on man and beast through all the land of Egypt."

V.10 So they took soot from a kiln, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses threw it toward the sky, and it became boils breaking out with sores on man and beast.

1. "they took soot from a kiln"
 - a. This is the 6th plague – 3 & 6 & 9 plague had no advanced notice of their coming
 - b. No one knows what kind of kiln this was – some say human sacrifices burned here – others not sure
 - i. This was done in the presence of Pharaoh
 - c. Was a declaration against the goddess **Sekhmet** (goddess of disease)
 - d. Also "**Isis**" goddess of healing & resurrection
2. "it became boils breaking out with sores on man and beast"
 - a. Boils – blisters &/or boils – irruption of the skin

V.11 The magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians as well as on all the Egyptians.

1. "The magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils"
 - a. The magicians were always w/ Pharaoh – but not now b/c of boils
 - b. They also couldn't worship or perform rituals in their own temples

V.12 And the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

V.13 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

V.14 "For this time I will send all My plagues on you and your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth.

1. "**that you may know** that there is no one like Me in all the earth"
 - a. Remember what Pharaoh said when confronted by Moses the 1st time?

Exodus 5:2 (NP)

Exodus 5:2 But Pharaoh said, " **Who** is the LORD that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? **I do not know the LORD**, and besides, I will not let Israel go."

b. God makes Himself clear to everybody at some point!

Philippians 2:10 that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

V.15 "For if by now I had put forth My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have been cut off from the earth.

V.16 "But, indeed, for this reason I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth.

1. "I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power"

a. Paul states the same reason in Romans

Romans 9:17 (NLT) For the Scriptures say that God told Pharaoh, "I have appointed you for the very purpose of displaying my power in you and to spread my fame throughout the earth."

2. "in order to proclaim My name through all the earth"

a. What happened in Egypt became known all over the world even in the day of little communication

Joshua 2:1^(in Canaan) Then Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as spies secretly from Shittim, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." So they went and came into the house of a harlot whose name was Rahab, and lodged there.

V.8 Now before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,

⁹ and said to the men, " I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that the terror of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land have melted away before you.

V.10 (NP)

V.10 " For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

¹¹ "And when we heard *it*, our hearts melted and no courage remained in any man any longer because of you; for the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

- b. And we are proclaiming His name this very day – 3500 years after Pharaoh's day

V.16 x "But, indeed, for this reason I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth.

V.17 "Still you exalt yourself against My people by not letting them go.

V.18 "Behold, about this time tomorrow, *I will send a very heavy hail, such as has not been seen in Egypt* from the day it was founded until now.

V.19 "Now therefore send, ^(give the order) bring your livestock and whatever you have in the field to safety. Every man and beast that is found in the field and is not brought home, when the hail comes down on them, will die."

1. "I will send a very heavy hail, such as has not been seen in Egypt"
 - a. This will be the battle between God and Egyptian gods: "**Nut**" the sky goddess & "**Set**" god of storms & "**Osiris**" god of crops & fertility

V.20 *The one among the servants of Pharaoh who feared the word of the LORD* made his servants and his livestock flee into the houses;

1. "The...servants of Pharaoh who feared the word of the LORD"
 - a. There are by now some Egyptians who had become believers
 - i. They brought everything inside

V.21 but *he who paid no regard to the word of the LORD left his servants and his livestock in the field.*

1. "he who paid no regard to the word...left...servants...livestock in...field"
 - a. Some believed & some did not – the same as today
 - i. There was no grey area here – they either believed or they didn't believe

V.22 (NP)

V.22 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that hail may fall on all the land of Egypt, on man and on beast and on every plant of the field, throughout the land of Egypt."

V.23 Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth^(lightening?). And the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt.

V.24 *So there was hail, and fire flashing **continually** in the midst of the hail, very severe*, such as had **not** been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

V.25 The hail struck all that was in the field through all the land of Egypt, both *man and beast; the hail also struck every plant of the field and shattered every tree* of the field.

1. "there was hail...fire flashing **continually**...very severe" (V.24)
 - a. Unique hail, had lightening & fire in it
 - b. The word fire means fire
 - c. Probably those in houses were totally terrified – only they lived
2. "man...beast; the hail also struck every plant...shattered every tree"
 - a. This hail storm devastated everything outside
 - b. Can you imagine stepping outside afterward

V.26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, *there was no hail*.

1. "In Goshen...there was no hail"
 - a. God had personally directed every hailstone & lightening bolt

V.27 *Then Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron*, and said to them, *"I have sinned this time"*; the LORD is the righteous one, and I and my people are the wicked ones.

1. "Then Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron"
 - a. Can you imagine who had to go outside take that message to Moses?
 - i. And Moses had to get out in the hail to get to Pharaoh
 - ii. God controlled every hailstone
2. "I have sinned this time"
 - a. Scripture talks about 2 different kinds of repentance involving sin

2 Corinthians 7:10 (NP)

2 Corinthians 7:10 For the sorrow that is according to *the will of God* produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

1. "a repentance without regret, *leading to salvation*"
 - a. The repentance leading to salvation is found in **1 Jn.1:9**
 - i. **First repentance**, the salvation spoken of here is **not** salvation from hell
 - ii. It is referring to having victory over the sin
 - iii. Repenting of sins can only be done by someone already saved –
 - iv. You don't have the power to repent from sins until after you are saved

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*"If we confess our sins"

*"**confess**" is made up of 2 words

*Means to say the same thing about the sin God says about it

*Confessing means to line up w/ God about that sin

2. "the sorrow of the world produces death"
 - a. **Second repentance** can be emotional & is not based off of truths of God
 - b. It is being sorry but not aligning w/ God's plan
 - c. This is what **Judas Iscariot**
 - i. His conscience was struck w/ sorry but he didn't align himself w/ God –

Matthew 27:3 Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

⁴ saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See *to that yourself!*"

⁵ And he threw the pieces of silver into the sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself.

V.28 "Make supplication to the LORD, for there has been enough of God's thunder and hail; and I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer."

1. "there has been enough of God's thunder and hail"
 - a. I believe the thunder was as bad on Pharaoh as the hail

V.29 Moses said to him, "As soon as I go out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the LORD; the thunder will cease and there will be hail no longer, that you may know that the earth is the LORD'S.

V.30 "But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the LORD God."

1. "I know that you do not yet fear the LORD God"
 - a. Moses is learning how to have setbacks w/ God – which are really victories in disguise
 - i. The mature believer has the eye of faith to see & know it is never backwards w/ God
 - ii. Apostle Paul gives perfect example in 2 Corinthians

2 Corinthians 6:4 but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, **V.8** by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; regarded as deceivers and yet true; ⁹ as unknown yet well-known, as dying yet behold, we live; as punished yet **not** put to death, ¹⁰ as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things.
 - iii. The Christian life is made up of things that can't be seen!

2 Corinthians 4:18 while we look not at the things which are seen, **but** at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.
2 Corinthians 5:7 for we walk by faith, **not** by sight--
 - iv. As a believer, how do you view this life w/ all its setbacks?

1 John 2:17 And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever.