



EXODUS

Deliverance, Law, & Prophecy

GROUP/FAMILY SESSION 3

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- Dive deeper into the text through Devotions 967-972 on video at Allies.Network, or on our podcast and share them with the one you're discipling;
- Apply your life to the Bible alongside your group or family with the honest questions in this lesson.



This Week's Sermon exposit Exodus 12:1-42

Devotions 967-972 (on Allies.Network or podcast) exposit Exodus 9:1-35, 10:21-29, 11:1-10 and 12:43-51

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CONTEXT

The ancient Egyptians had mastered the Nile River. Using basin irrigation techniques, they had a thriving agricultural economy in a region that is 96% desert. The locusts from the judgment of God on Egypt in this text were devastating.

They destroyed more than just Egypt's crops, though. They proved that the Egyptian god Seth was powerless to stop Yahweh. In fact, each plague was tailor-made to humiliate a specific Egyptian god. God hardened Pharaoh's heart in four out of the ten plagues (Ex. 9:12, 10:1, 10:27, 11:1) to make His point and create His chosen nation. In the first plague through the fifth, as well as the seventh plague, Pharaoh's heart was already hard of his own volition (Ex. 7:22b; 8:15,19,32; 9:7b,34).

THE BIG IDEA OF THE TEXT

With the eighth plague of Egypt, the locusts took all that remained after the plague of hail. Pharaoh almost relented, but the Lord hardened his heart again.

BIBLICAL TEXT (CSB) - EXODUS 10:1-20

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his officials so that I may do these miraculous signs of mine among them, 2 and so that you may tell your son and grandson how severely I dealt with the Egyptians and performed miraculous signs among them, and you will know that I am the Lord.”

3 So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh and told him, “This is what the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, says: How long will you refuse to humble yourself before me? Let my people go, that they may worship me. 4 But if you refuse to let my people go, then tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory. 5 They will cover the surface of the land so that no one will be able to see the land. They will eat the remainder left to you that escaped the hail; they will eat every tree you have growing in the fields. 6 They will fill your houses, all your officials’ houses, and the houses of all the Egyptians—something your fathers and grandfathers never saw since the time they occupied the land until today.” Then he turned and left Pharaoh’s presence.

7 Pharaoh’s officials asked him, “How long must this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, so that they may worship the Lord their God. Don’t you realize yet that Egypt is devastated?”

8 So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. “Go, worship the Lord your God,” Pharaoh said. “But exactly who will be going?”

9 Moses replied, “We will go with our young and with our old; we will go with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds because we must hold the Lord’s festival.”

10 He said to them, “The Lord would have to be with you if I would ever let you and your families go! Look out—you’re heading for trouble. 11 No, go—just able-bodied men—worship the Lord, since that’s what you want.” And they were driven from Pharaoh’s presence.

12 The Lord then said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt, and the locusts will come up over it and eat every plant in the land, everything that the hail left.” 13 So Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the Lord sent an east wind over the land all that day and through the night. By morning the east wind had brought in the locusts. 14 The locusts went up over the entire land of Egypt and settled on the whole territory of Egypt. Never before had there been such a large number of locusts, and there never will be again. 15 They covered the surface of the whole land so that the land was black, and they consumed all the plants on the ground and all the fruit on the trees that the hail had left. Nothing green was left on the trees or the plants in the field throughout the land of Egypt.

16 Pharaoh urgently sent for Moses and Aaron and said, “I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you. 17 Please forgive my sin once more and make an appeal to the Lord your God, so that he will just take this death away from me.” 18 Moses left Pharaoh’s presence and appealed to the Lord. 19 Then the Lord changed the wind to a strong west wind, and it carried off the locusts and blew them into the Red Sea. Not a single locust was left in all the territory of Egypt. 20 But the Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not let the Israelites go.

APPLYING OUR LIVES TO THE TEXT TOGETHER

- According to verses 1 and 2, why did God do this? What was the end goal and how does our small group gathering fulfill it right now as we study it?
- Moses did not mince words before Pharaoh in verses 3-6. Why is this actually the most loving way to speak on God's behalf and how does it influence the way we share God's truth with a lost world today?
- In verses 10 and 11, Pharaoh offered a pathetic compromise. Why does attempting to compromise with the Lord never work out for us? Have you ever tried to pull a "Pharaoh" this way?
- The utter devastation of verses 12-15 was exactly as God, through Moses, warned Pharaoh it would be. He was judging Egypt, proving himself to be God over the Egyptian gods, and creating His chosen nation. Was it worth the devastation? Explain.
- In verses 16 and 17, Pharaoh had another *partial* change of heart. What was missing from Pharaoh's appeal and what was God's response, both regarding the locusts and Pharaoh's heart?
- As we discussed last week, it was absolutely God's prerogative to harden Pharaoh's heart this way (see [Romans 9:14-29](#)). Why does this make some Christians uncomfortable and what is the solution, if any, to that discomfort?

THE TAKEAWAY: SO WHAT, CHURCH?

We know that the Lord alone is God. He hardened Pharaoh's already hard heart and brought plagues for the explicit purpose of letting it be known that He alone is God (v.2). If we held to notions from false teachings that God brings only blessings and never judgments, we repent of that and correct our view of God so that it is now biblical. This may be tough, but we choose to be people of the Bible!

FOR PARENTS: SHOW YOUR KIDS JESUS IN THIS PASSAGE

The ancient Egyptians did not worship God. They worshipped a long list of imaginary gods because the devil deceived them. In their artwork, we see paintings of Egyptian gods with bodies like ours, but with animal heads. For example, one of their gods had the head of a frog.

When God was setting His Old Testament people free from slavery in Egypt, He sent plagues on the whole land. One of these plagues was the plague of frogs. There were frogs everywhere! This was not random. God was showing that He alone is God and proved that the Egyptian goddess Heket, the one with the head of a frog, was not able to control the frogs. Those were God's frogs!

When we set up idols, things that take our worship away from God, God will always knock them down because He is the One true God. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." He is the only way. He is the only truth. He is the only life. It is good of God to knock down our idols because He alone is God. Just ask the ancient Egyptians who worshipped Heket!

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