

Exodus
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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am
To be discussed –08/09 /21

Lesson 7
Exodus 8:20-10:29

1. Read Exodus 8:20-32, Fourth Plague of Flies. What demand and warning were given to Pharaoh? What was the purpose and *miraculous sign* that was clear evidence this plague was from the God of Israel? (vv. 22-23) What was Pharaoh's initial response? What concession did he offer? Why did Moses refuse? What was Pharaoh's second response? Final response?

2. Read Exodus 9:1-7, Fifth Plague on Livestock. How did God identify himself this time? What livestock were affected? How did Pharaoh respond?

3. Read Exodus 9:8-12, Sixth Plague of Boils. Who was affected? According to v. 12, why would Pharaoh not listen to Moses and Aaron? How does a person harden one's own heart? How does God harden a person's heart? Why would he do so?

4. Read Exodus 9:13-35, Seventh Plague of Hail. According to vv. 14-16, how had God acted with forbearance and grace in the first six plagues? Why? What opportunity for his mercy and grace does he still give to the Egyptians? (v. 19-21) Who benefited and who did not from his warning? Why did Pharaoh summon Moses and Aaron? Was he sincere? (vv. 27-30) What was the end result of this plague?

5. Read Exodus 10:1-20, Eighth Plague of Locusts. Whose hearts are said to be hardened? What new purpose for the plagues is given here? (vv. 1-2) What question did God finally raise against Pharaoh that applies to all obstinate sinners? What did his officials recognize that the Pharaoh refused to accept?

6. How did Pharaoh try to “bargain” with Moses? Was he really in a position to do so? (vv. 8-11) What confession did Pharaoh make this time? Why? What would have been the increasing effects of the plagues on Egypt? Yet ultimately, what did Pharaoh continue to do?

7. Read Exodus 10:21-29, Ninth Plague of Darkness. What was the extent of this plague? What concession did Pharaoh try to make? How did Moses respond? What was the end result?

8. Can followers of God ever compromise with evil?

9. Looking back over these plagues, what was Moses’ repeated request of Pharaoh? What would you say was the real battle being fought – that is still being fought in our lives today?