

“This Was the Finger of God”

Lesson #4, Exodus Chapters 8-11

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Exodus 10:1-2 (memory verse): *Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, so that I may perform these signs of Mine among them, and that you may tell in the presence of your son, and of your grandson, how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and how I performed My signs among them, so that you may know that I am the LORD.”*

INTRO: Incredible? “FAITH IS the A_____ of things hoped for, the C_____ of things not seen.” (Heb. 11:1) ***Faith is believing the Word of God and acting on it, no matter how I feel, knowing that God promises a good result.***

OVERVIEW: “Exodus stands at the heart of the O.T. as the greatest example of the S_____ A_____ of G_____ before Christ. **The Exodus is the Central Event of the O.T. as the Cross is of the N.T.**”

REMARKABLE => God’s Self-Revelation/Intervention into the F_____ of His people.

1. **Sovereignty** of God to S_____. “There is a Redeemer!” 🎵

A. Sovereignty over Pharaoh’s H_____ H_____. A Hardened Heart:

1. Does not obey God (Ex. 7:13; 22).
2. Does not change after some relief in tough circumstances (8:15).
3. Does not recognize the “Finger of God” (8:19).
4. May want something from God but does not hear God (8:28).
5. Expects the Word of God to fail and does not recognize its authenticity (Ex. 9:7).
6. Remains hardened even under severe pain (9:8-12).
7. May even say the right words (9:27).
8. Does not recognize its chaos (10:7).
9. Blames the messenger instead of recognizing its condition (10:28).
10. **(WARNING!)** Can be broken beyond healing! (Pr. 29:1)

⇒ Three times in Romans 1 God speaks of **giving individuals over** to their sinful, hardened hearts (vv. 24, 26, 28). John MacArthur believes our present culture is experiencing God’s **wrath of abandonment**. MacArthur: “When God Abandons a Nation” (2006) - <https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/80-314/when-god-abandons-a-nation>

⇒ SUGGESTION: A point of discussion for small groups might be God’s righteous judgement per Romans 1:14ff.

Pharaoh’s hardening was the necessary prerequisite for the display of D_____ D_____.

- “It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” (Acts 26:14).

“I will have mercy on whomever I have mercy, and I will show compassion to whomever I show compassion” (Rom. 9:14-18).

⇒ Don’t bet against the Word of God! (Isa. 55:11).

B. **Sovereignty** of God over Egypt’s F _____ D _____.

Acts of God Directed at the False Deities of Egypt

The Plague	Egyptian Deity	The Effect
1. Blood (7:20), the Nile	Hapi, Osirus	Pharaoh hardened (7:22)
2. Frogs (8:6)	Heqt	Pharaoh begs relief, promises freedom (8:8), but is hardened (8:15)
3. Gnats (8:17)	Hathor, Nut	Pharaoh hardened (8:19)
4. Flies (8:24)	Shu, Isis	Pharaoh bargains (8:28), but is hardened (8:32)
5. Livestock diseased (9:6)	Apis	Pharaoh hardened (9:7)
6. Boils (9:10)	Sekhmet	Pharaoh hardened (9:12)
7. Hail (9:23)	Geb	Pharaoh begs relief (9:27); promises freedom (9:28), but is hardened (9:35)
8. Locusts (10:13)	Serapis	Pharaoh bargains, begs relief (10:17), but is hardened (10:20)
9. Darkness (10:22)	Ra	Pharaoh bargains (10:24), but is hardened (10:27)
10. Death of firstborn (12:29)		Pharaoh and Egyptians beg Israel to leave Egypt (12:31-33).

“He made a M _____ of them”! (Ex. 10:2).

2. There’s Power in the B _____. Lev. 17:11.

3. D _____ of God’s People (8:23; 11:2-3, 7; Psa. 147:19; Gal. 3:6).

POA:

➤ FEAR NOT - We are God’s People (2 Cor. 4:4-6; John 8:12). Fear God! (Luke 12:4-5).

➤ FEAR NOT - God is With Us (Dt. 31:1-6).

➤ FEAR NOT – It’s all About R _____ (Ex. 6:6).

“Sound theology leads to D _____” (-CK). My prayer is that the truths of this lesson would cause us to not only properly **fear God**, but to be **dazzled by God** – that it would make us want to fall on our knees and W _____ our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – the Lamb of God (Rev. 5:11-14).

The more we meditate on His worthiness, His glory, His power, His wisdom, His grace, His faithfulness, His righteousness, His patience, His zeal to redeem, His commitment to His eternal promises to His people, the better we will deal with the mysteries and the adversities in our life. Why? *Because we know the One behind it all is gloriously good, worthy not only of our trust but the **worship** of our heart.*

Q: Is it Well with Your Soul? - Horatio Spafford story

Psalm 91