

Wednesday Night Bible Class
July 24, 2024
Exodus 10:21-29

INTRODUCTION:

1. After suffering from extreme locust infestation, Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste.
 - a) **EXODUS 10.16:** *"I have sinned against the Lord your God and against you."*
 - b) **EXODUS 10.17:** *"Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once."*
 - c) **EXODUS 10.17:** *"...that He may take away from me this death only."*
2. Moses pleaded to God to remove the plague of locusts.
 - a) **EXODUS 10.18,19:** *"...turned a very strong west wind" cf. Ex. 10.13)*
 - b) **EXODUS 10.19:** *"...blew them into the Red Sea."*
 - c) **EXODUS 10.19:** *"There remained not one locust" (cf. Ex. 8.31)*
3. Instead of being a man of integrity, Pharaoh once again hardened his heart provoking God to bring the ninth plague: Darkness.

I. THE INFLICTION OF DARKNESS

- A. God brings darkness over the land of Egypt.
 1. It was a *"darkness which may even be felt"* (Ex. 10.21,22)
 - a) God is the creator of light. (Gen. 1.1-3,17.18)
 - b) Scholars suggest that the darkness was a thick fog or haboob. (Ex. 19.16,17; 20.21)
 2. It was a darkness that lasted *"three days"* (Ex. 10.22,23)
 3. **EXODUS 10.23:** *"But all the children of Israel had light" (cf. Ex. 14.19,20)*
- B. How is darkness used in the Bible?
 1. Darkness is used to characterize a lack of knowledge. (1 Thess. 5.4,5; 1 John 2.11)
 2. Darkness is used to characterize secrecy. (2 Pet. 2.13)
 3. Darkness is used to characterize sin. (Eph. 5.11; 1 John 1.5-8)
 4. Darkness is used to characterize eternal condemnation. (Matt. 8.12)
- C. We face a thick darkness by having an unhealthy perspective. (Matt. 6.22,23)

II. THE INSISTENCE OF MOSES

- A. The darkness compelled Pharaoh to call in Moses and Aaron.
 1. Pharaoh offered to let Israel go conditionally.
 - a) **EXODUS 10.24:** *"Only let your flocks and your herds be kept back"*
 - b) This wasn't the first time. (Ex. 8.28; 10.11)
 2. Moses insisted that every animal be allowed to go.
 - a) **EXODUS 10.25,26:** *"not a hoof shall be left behind"*
 - b) **EXODUS 10.26:** *"Even we do not know with what we must serve the LORD"*
- B. There can be no compromise in our worship to God.
 1. Moses was unwilling to compromise. Was he being unreasonable?
 2. God tells us what He desires. (John 4.23,24; Micah 6.6-8)
 3. We cannot compromise on the details. (Gen. 6.14,15,22; Ex. 25.40; Lev. 10.1-3)

III. THE INDIGNATION OF PHARAOH

- A. Pharaoh and Moses part ways.
 1. Pharaoh drives Moses and Aaron out in anger.
 - a) **EXODUS 10.27,28:** *"Get away from me! Take heed to yourselves..."*
 - b) This was a threat to Moses and Aaron. *"...you shall die."* (v. 28)
 2. Moses leaves the presence of Pharaoh in anger.
 - a) **EXODUS 10.29:** *"You have spoken well."* What Pharaoh said was accurate.
 - b) Yet Moses appears before Pharaoh to announce the tenth plague. (Ex. 11.8)
- B. The word of God can incite anger among the world. (Luke 6.11; Acts 5.33; 7.57,58)