

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
JULY 17, 2024
EXODUS 10:11-11

INTRODUCTION:

1. These remaining plagues were sent *“to your very heart”* (Ex. 9.14).
 - a) The heart of Pharaoh was stubborn. But for the first time, Pharaoh acknowledged that *“The LORD is righteous, and my people and I are wicked”* (Ex. 9.27).
 - b) Yet he was not sincere, for *“I know that you will not yet fear the LORD God”* (Ex. 9.30,34)
2. With the eighth plague, God brought locusts on the land of Egypt.
 - a) These plagues were meant to touch the heart of Pharaoh. (Ex. 10.1)
 - b) These plagues were meant to educate future generations. (Ex. 10.2)
 - c) These plagues were meant to reinforce the faith of Moses. (Ex. 10.2)
3. Locusts were announced as the eighth plague.

II. THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO BRING LOCUSTS INTO THE LAND

- A. Moses and Aaron come to Pharaoh with a message.
 1. Through Moses, God poses a question.
 - a) **EXODUS 10.3:** *“How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me?”*
 - b) Consistent with obedience is humility. (Ex. 9.17; cf. Phil. 2.8; James 4.10)
 2. Through Moses, God issues an ultimatum.
 - a) **EXODUS 10.4:** *“Or else, if you refuse to let My people go...”*
 - b) What was the consequence of his disobedience? (Ex. 10.4)
- B. The plague of locusts was sent *“to your very heart”* (Ex. 9.14).
 1. **EXODUS 10.4:** The locusts would be pervasive.
 2. **EXODUS 10.5:** The locusts would be destructive. (cf. Joel 1.4)
 3. **EXODUS 10.6:** The locusts would be invasive. (cf. Ex. 8.13,21)
 4. **EXODUS 10.6:** The locusts would be unrivaled. (cf. Ex. 9.18)

II. THE REACTION OF PHARAOH AND THE EGYPTIANS

- A. The reaction of the servants of Pharaoh.
 1. The servants of Pharaoh had grown intolerant.
 - a) **EXODUS 10.7:** *“How long...”*
 - b) The servants of Pharaoh were among the afflicted. (Ex. 9.14)
 2. The servants of Pharaoh had grown afraid. (Ex. 10.7)
 - a) **EXODUS 10.7:** *“How long will this man be a snare to us?”*
 - b) Snare: Literally, a trap. Moses was the hunter and Egypt the prey.
 3. The servants of Pharaoh had grown bold. (Ex. 10.7; cf. Gen. 40.20-22)
 - a) **EXODUS 10.7:** *“Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God.”*
 - b) **EXODUS 10.7:** *“Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed.”* (Present tense)
- B. The reaction of Pharaoh.
 1. Pharaoh asked a question. (Ex. 10.8,9)
 2. Pharaoh placed conditions on Moses. (Ex. 10.10,11; cf. 8.28)
 - a) A threat. **EXODUS 10.10:** *“The Lord had better be with you.”*
 - b) An accusation. **EXODUS 10.10:** *“Beware, for evil is ahead of you.”*
 - c) A limitation. **EXODUS 10.11:** *“Go now, you who are men.”*
 3. Pharaoh ended negotiations. (Ex. 10.11)