

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
JULY 10, 2024
EXODUS 10.1-11

INTRODUCTION:

1. With the severe hailstorm, Pharaoh called Moses and acknowledged his sin.
 - a) **EXODUS 9.27:** *"I have sinned this time."* Why did Pharaoh repent? (2 Cor. 7.10)
 - b) **EXODUS 9.30:** *"I know that you will not yet fear the LORD God"* Lit., respect. How did Moses know? (v. 35).
 - c) **EXODUS 9.34:** *"And when Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet more"* (cf. Isa. 57.11; Jer. 48.11)
2. Exodus 10.1-20 directs our attention to the seventh plague: Locusts

I. THE PURPOSE OF THESE PLAGUES REVEALED

- A. We do not always know why God does what He does.
 1. God's revelation is complete but limited.
 - a) We have everything we need to know. (2 Tim. 3.16,17; 2 Pet. 1.3)
 - b) We do not have everything we want to know. (Acts 1.7; 1 Pet. 1.10-12)
 2. Not knowing leads us to speculate. (Job 6.24; 10.2)
- B. Through these plagues, God would make Himself known to Pharaoh.
 1. **EXODUS 10.1:** *"...that I may show these signs of Mine before Him"*
 2. These signs were designed to give Pharaoh a chance to change. (Ex. 9.15,16)
- C. Through these plagues, God would make Himself known to future generations.
 1. **EXODUS 10.2:** *"that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son"*
 2. The children of Israel were to teach their descendants. (Ex. 13.8,9; Deut. 6.20-22)
 3. Who is responsible for teaching future generations? (Eph. 6.4)
 - a) The consequence of failing to teach our children. (Judges 2.10)
 - b) Children still make their own choices. (Ezek. 18.10-13)
- D. Through these plagues, God would make Himself known to Moses.
 1. **EXODUS 10.2:** *"that you may know that I am the LORD."*
 2. Why did Moses need to know that God is the LORD? (Ex. 3.14,15; 5.22,23)
 3. Though we know, the word of God needs to be reinforced. (2 Pet. 1.12)

II. THE PROMISE 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)
- C. Pharaoh still refused to let Israel go. (Ex. 10.7-11)