

EXODUS

GOD STILL DELIVERS, LEADS AND SUSTAINS US TODAY.

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WARM UP QUESTIONS: In what things, people, etc. do you find comfort or security?

READ: Exodus 9:13-17

FOCUS: There is none like the Lord; He deserves our trust, and He fully delivers.

OBSERVE:

- God plagued the Egyptian people by attacking the gods in whom they had placed their trust, including the gods of the fertility, weather, sky, ground and livestock. This was to show them that their gods were not God, and that the Lord God is all-powerful creator of the heavens and the earth.
- God showed the children of Israel that there was none like Him. He displayed His justice and authority in the plagues against the Egyptians, but He also showed His mercy and grace by protecting the Israelites from the plagues.
- We are called to fully depend on God and trust in Him to bring us fruitfulness and success in every area of our lives. While we have a responsibility to work and give effort, we must put our trust for provision, protection and our ability to work in God alone.
- Our response to both God's justice and mercy must be *humility*. Pharaoh is our ultimate example of what not to do when we encounter the Lord. Whether through grace or discipline, we must soften our hearts toward God, lest we fall into a cycle of perpetual hardening of our hearts.
- These plagues reveal the severity of God's wrath and judgment. As the plagues intensify in magnitude, we see an undoing of God's creative work: creating life and order from chaos. In the plagues, we see God using His created order to bring chaos to those who have fallen under His wrath.
- In the end, God's love and mercy are displayed through His plagues. Not only is God delivering Israel from their oppressors, He is also revealing Himself to Egypt in order for them to repent, leave their gods, and trust in Him alone as the one true God.

REFLECT:

- In your own life how have you experienced both God's gracious blessings and His discipline?
- How does your heart respond to prosperity from God?
- How does your heart respond to discipline from God?

TAKE ACTION:

- Identify areas in your life where you are experiencing God's blessings, whether you are in a challenging or prosperous season.
- How can you soften/sensitize your heart toward God and His people even more?

PRAY: *Thank You Lord Jesus for coming to the earth to take our sins and shame so we can spend eternal life with You and partake in Your joy and peace. Father, help me to fully trust in You as my deliverer and all-powerful God. Help me to respond to You with humility and gratitude regardless of my circumstances. Help me to give You all the glory, honor and praise. In Jesus' name, Amen!*