

The Greatest Hits – Principles from the Plagues
Exodus - The Greatest Journey!
Exodus 9:1-7
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- I. Define what the Plagues really are.
- II. Discern the Patterns in the Plagues.
- III. Determine the Purpose of the Plagues!
 - NOT to destroy Egypt or it's people!
 - To execute judgment on the gods of Egypt. (Ex 12:12; Num 33:4)
 - To obtain the liberation of Israel.
 - To make God's name known among the Israelites! (6:7)
 - To make God's name known among the Egyptians! (7:5)
 - To make God's name known to all the Earth! (9:16)

IV. Dig into the Details: Plague on Livestock.

"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Go in to Pharaoh and tell him, 'Thus says the Lord God of the Hebrews: 'Let My people go, that they may serve Me. For if you refuse to let them go, and still hold them, behold, the hand of the Lord will be on your cattle in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the oxen, and on the sheep—a very severe pestilence. And the Lord will make a difference between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt. So nothing shall die of all that belongs to the children of Israel.' Then the Lord appointed a set time, saying, 'Tomorrow the Lord will do this thing in the land.' So the Lord did this thing on the next day, and all the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the children of Israel, not one died. Then Pharaoh sent, and indeed, not even one of the livestock of the Israelites was dead. But the heart of Pharaoh became hard, and he did not let the people go." (Exodus 9:1-7; NKJ)

V. Discover the Principles in the Plagues.

How God Deals with a Hard Hearted Person...

A. God is not _____ or _____ about His purposes and expectations for our lives. (v1)

"And Pharaoh said, 'Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, nor will I let Israel go.'" (Ex 5:2; NKJ)

B. God is _____ and _____ the hard-hearted person. (vv 1-2)

"Or do you have no regard for the wealth of His kindness and tolerance and patience [in withholding His wrath]? Are you [actually] unaware or ignorant [of the fact] that God's kindness leads you to repentance [that is, to change your inner self, your old way of thinking—seek His purpose for your life]?" (Romans 2:4; AMP)

C. God keeps _____ the _____ on the hard-hearted person. (vv 2-3)

D. God _____ at the things in which the hard-hearted person is _____ .

E. God puts in a _____ of _____ in the hard-hearted person. (v5)

☞ A _____ can't _____ God and a _____ doesn't _____ about tomorrow!

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:33-34; NKJ)

F. God will _____ and _____, but will leave the _____ up to us. (vv 6-7)

"Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity." (Proverbs 28:14; ESV)

"... 'Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said: 'Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.'" (Hebrews 3:7-15; NKJ)