

Exodus Chapter 9

Verse 1 – Notice, the Hebrews were His people, He claimed them even when they were still in Egypt.
Application for us?

- If God wants them to be free from Egypt, we must not be able to properly serve Him there today.
- Really not free until you are serving God.

Verse 3 – another plague coming if he doesn't obey. This plague against the Egyptian god Hathor who was in the form of a cow. Their religion considered cows sacred; symbol of fertility. Attacks the things that they own.

- Pharaoh receives the same message, same word, same instructions again....because he has never obeyed the first word he received.
- Simply give them the word of God.

Verse 4 – God can keep some things from hitting you even when it is happening to those around you.

Turner Note: We never would have done it the first time if we knew it would be so difficult making this the last time.

Verse 5 – God has a set time for doing exactly what He said so don't be discouraged in the process.

Verse 6 – All that Egypt faced could have been avoided if he had only obeyed. Application – how many things could we have avoided had we simply obeyed?

Verse 7 - One reason the Hebrew's cattle were spared could be because God knew they would need them later for sacrifices. If you lost it along the way, you probably don't need it for your future.

Verse 8-10 – took ashes from the furnace. God will use it to bring another plague of boils. When Aaron and Moses obey...it happens like God says it would.

- Probably against god Imhotep, god of medicine.

Verse 11 – magicians were able to stand against them before....but they have to sit before them now. What was standing against them before is about to take a seat.

Verse 12 – still hard headed.

Verse 13 – Moses instructed to go to him again with another message. Reaches out a number of times to get Pharaoh to obey.

Verse 16 – God has allowed someone like Pharaoh to rule for the express purpose of carrying out His will. That will is to show His power and that people would know and declare His name throughout the earth. Most people know or heard about the exodus and the Red Sea crossing.

Verse 17 – exalted instead of humble. He is still missing the first step to truly knowing God by identifying his need for Him and humbling himself.

Verse 18 – Hail coming. God using natural causes...things they have seen before but never like this.

Verse 19 – warning that any cattle left out in the field would be killed.

Verse 20 – people that feared God and heard His word and applied it their cattle were spared. In order to avoid death and loss, they had to hear the word, receive it, believe it and act upon it.

Verse 21 – there were still those who didn't heed the warning or obey.

Verse 22 – 25 – fire hail and thunder bring devastating impact on the land. They had never seen it happen like this before. Was never this bad. Application – during end times similar events will happen before the final judgment.

Verse 26 – no hail or damage in Goshen. Israel protected from these troubles. Application – the rapture? Some stuff shouldn't be bothering you if you are in Goshen.

Verse 27 – process observed:

- Pharaoh calls for help. He is in need.
- Confesses that he sinned "this time". Clue – what about all the other times. That's a clue he may still not be coming correct. Saying he is wrong this time could imply he wasn't that wrong all the other times he disobeyed.
- Declares that God is right and his people and he are not right/wicked. All this sounds good and different from how he has responded in the past.

Verse 28 – Asks for prayer...thinks that Moses prayer would be good enough. This is true, but you should want to learn to pray like this for yourself. Asks for relief from this current problem. Application – people seek prayer often for the current problem, but Pharaoh had bigger issues than this. Could have been asking how he could be saved and set free as well.

- Same problem as before. When God moves then I will do what I should have been doing any way. Why wait to let them go?
- We often want relief before we obey. Why? Either lack of faith so feel we need to bargain, or we really don't want to do what He wants us to do.
- Faith says I'll obey even if I haven't gotten my healing yet.

Verse 29 – 30 -- Moses knew that even though he would pray and give him relief, that Pharaoh would not keep his promise. How did he know this? God told him in advance how this would play out.

Verse 31-32 – Lost some crops but still had some wheat and rye left.

Verse 34 – 35-- after the miracle went back to sinning even more. This has always been a puzzling event. You help someone get out of trouble and instead of repenting, they get worse.

- After you receive your break-through....what you do next is an indication of your motives and heart condition. Didn't even say thank you.
- Application – don't be amazed if you do something good to help someone and they don't appreciate it or change. If God told you to do it and you obey the Spirit, then rejoice in the fact that you were doing His will...God will deal with them in their condition soon enough.