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What A Day That Will Be

Hymn 314



Stand Up For Jesus

Hymn 616



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Call to Worship

Psalm 23

Psalm 23 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Showers of Blessing

Hymn 580



Heaven Came Down

Hymn 657





Praise and Prayer Request

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Receiving of the Offering



2 Corinthians 9:5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready **as a willing gift**, not as an exaction.

Famous Quote:

“Surely God would not have created such a being as man, with an ability to grasp the infinite, to exist only for a day. No, no, man was made for immortality.”

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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Today's Message

“God Promises Deliverance”

“Let My People Go!”

Scripture text: Exodus 6:1-13

As an overview, let us look today at Exodus Chapters 5-10.

The Command

Seven times in these chapters, **God says to Pharaoh, “Let my people go!”** (See Exodus 5:1; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3.) **This command reveals that Israel was in bondage, but God wanted them to be free that they might serve Him.** This is the condition of every lost sinner: enslavement to the world, the flesh and the devil (Eph. 2:1–3).

Ephesians 2:1-3 And **you were dead** in the trespasses and sins **in which you once walked**, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience**--among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, **and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.**

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin.** The slave does not remain in the house forever; **the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**

“Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice?” was Pharaoh’s response to God’s command (Ex. 5:2). **The world has no respect for God’s Word;** it is “vain words” to them (Ex. 5:9).

Moses and Aaron presented God’s command to Pharaoh, and **the result was more bondage for Israel!** **The sinner will either yield to God’s Word, or resist it and become hardened** (see Ex. 3:18–22 and 4:21–23). In one sense, God hardened Pharaoh’s heart by presenting His claims, but Pharaoh himself hardened his own heart by resisting God’s claims. **The same sun that melts the ice also hardens the clay.**

Unfortunately, the people of Israel looked to Pharaoh for help rather than to the Lord who had promised to deliver them (Ex 5:15–19). No wonder the Jews were unable to agree with Moses (Ex 5:20–23) and accused him instead of encouraging him. **Believers who are out of fellowship with God bring grief to their leaders instead of help.** Moses certainly was discouraged, but he did what is always best—he took his problem to the Lord.

Exodus 5:20-23 They met Moses and Aaron, who were waiting for them, as they came out from Pharaoh; and they said to them, "**The LORD look on you and judge, because you have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.**" Then Moses turned to the LORD and said, "**O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.**"

God encouraged Moses in chapter 6 by reminding him of **His name** (6:1–3), **His covenant** (6:4), **His personal concern** (6:5), and **His faithful promises** (6:6–8).

God's **"I AM"** and **"I WILL"** are enough to overcome the enemy! **God's purpose in allowing Pharaoh to oppress Israel was that His own power and glory might be known to the world** (Ex. 6:7; 7:5, 17; 8:10, 22; see Rom. 9:17).

Romans 9:17 For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "**For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.**"

The stage is set: Pharaoh refused God's command, and now **God would send His judgments on Egypt.** He would fulfill His promise in Gen. 12:3 **to judge the nations that persecute the Jews.** He would reveal **His power** (Ex. 9:16), **His wrath** (Ps. 78:43–51), and **His greatness**, showing **that the gods of Egypt were false gods, and that Jehovah alone is the true God** (Ex. 12:12; Num. 33:4).

Psalm 78:43-51 when he performed his signs in Egypt and his marvels in the fields of Zoan. He turned their **rivers to blood**, so that they could not drink of their streams. He sent among them **swarms of flies**, which devoured them, and **frogs**, which destroyed them. He gave their crops to the destroying **locust** and the fruit of their labor to the locust. He destroyed their vines with **hail** and their sycamores with frost. He gave over their cattle to the **hail** and their flocks to thunderbolts. **He let loose on them his burning anger, wrath, indignation, and distress, a company of destroying angels.** He made a path for his anger; **he did not spare them from death**, but gave their lives over to the plague. **He struck down every firstborn in Egypt**, the firstfruits of their strength in the tents of Ham.

The Conflict

The ten plagues of Egypt accomplished several things: (1) they were signs to Israel, assuring them of God's power and care, Ex. 7:3;

(2) they were plagues of judgment to Egypt, punishing the people for persecuting Israel and revealing the vanity of their gods, Ex. 9:14; and

(3) they were prophecies of judgments to come, as revealed in the Book of Revelation.

Note the sequence of the plagues. They fall into three groups of three each, with the tenth plague (death of the firstborn) set off last:

1. Water to blood, 7:14–25 (**warning given, 7:16**)
2. Frogs, 8:1–15 (**warning given, 8:1**)
3. Lice/Gnats, 8:16–19 (**no warning, and magicians could not duplicate, 8:18–19**)
4. Flies, 8:20–24 (**warning given, 8:20**)
5. Murrain on cattle, 9:1–7 (**warning given, 9:1**)
6. Boils on the people, 9:8–12 (**no warning given, magicians afflicted, 9:11**)

7. Hail, fire, 9:13–35 (**warning given, 9:13**)
8. Locusts, 10:1–20 (**warning given, 10:3**)
9. Thick darkness, 10:21–23 (**no warning, Pharaoh refused to see Moses again, 10:27–29**)
10. Death of the firstborn, 11–12 (**the final judgment**).

The plagues were actually a “**declaration of war**” **against the gods of Egypt** .

Exodus 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; **and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.**

The Nile River was worshiped as a **god since it was their source of life** (Deut. 11:10–12), and when Moses turned it into blood, **God showed His power over the river**. The goddess **Heqt** was pictured as a **frog, the Egyptian symbol of resurrection**. The plague of frogs certainly **turned the people against Heqt!** **The lice and flies brought defilement to the people—** a terrible blow, for **Egyptians could not worship their gods unless they were spotlessly clean**. The murrain attacked the cattle which were sacred to the Egyptians; **Hathor was the “cow-goddess” and Apis was the sacred bull.**

The gods and goddesses that controlled health and safety **were attacked in the plagues of boils, hail, and locusts. The plague of darkness was the most serious, since Egypt worshiped the sun god, Ra, the chief of the gods.** When the sun was blotted out for three days, **it meant that Jehovah had conquered Ra.**

The final plague (the death of the firstborn) conquered Meskhemit the goddess of birth, and Hathor, her companion, both of whom were supposed to watch over the firstborn. All of these plagues made it clear that Jehovah was the true God!

We may trace these same plagues in the Book of Revelation, when God describes His final conflict with the god of this world, Satan: water to blood (Rev. 8:8 and Rev. 16:4–6); frogs (Rev. 16:13); disease and afflictions (Rev. 16:2); hail and fire (Rev. 8:7), locusts (Rev. 9:1ff); and darkness (Rev. 16:10).

The Egyptian magicians were able to imitate some of Moses' miracles—turning the rod into a serpent (Ex. 7:8–13) and the water into blood (Ex. 7:19–25), and bringing forth the frogs (Ex. 8:5–7). **But they could not turn the dust into lice (Ex. 8:16–19).**

2 Timothy 3:8–9 warns us that in the last days **false teachers will oppose God** by imitating His miracles.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all **power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.**

Satan is a counterfeiter who deceives the lost world by imitating what God does (2 Cor. 11:1–4, 13–15).

2 Corinthians 11:1-4 I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! For I feel a divine jealousy for you, **since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.** But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such men are **false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.** And no wonder, **for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.** So it is no surprise if his servants, also, **disguise themselves as servants of righteousness.** **Their end will correspond to their deeds.**

Act 17:11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, **examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.**

Here is the call for discernment!

The Compromises

Pharaoh is a type of Satan: he was the god of Egypt; he had supreme power (except where limited by God); **he was a liar; he was a murderer; he kept people in bondage; he hated the Word of God and the people of God.** Pharaoh did not want to release the Jews, so he offered four subtle compromises:

*A. **Worship God in the land (8:25–27).***

God demands complete separation from the world; the friendship of the world is enmity with God (James 4:4). Since the Egyptians worshiped cows, they would be offended if they saw the Jews sacrificing their cattle to Jehovah. **The believer must “come out and be separate”** (2 Cor. 6:17).

B. Do not go too far away (8:28).

“Don’t be a fanatic!” says the world. **“It’s fine to have religion, but don’t get too serious about it.”** Here we have the temptation to be **“borderline believers,”** trying to stay close to the world and close to the Lord at the same time.

C. Only the men should go (10:7–11).

This meant leaving the wives and children in the world. **Faith involves the whole family,** not the men only. **It is the privilege of the husband and father to lead the family into the blessings of the Lord.**

D. Keep your possessions in Egypt (10:24–26).

Satan loves to get hold of our material wealth so that we cannot use it for the Lord. All that we have belongs to Christ. And Jesus tells us, **“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matt. 6:21).** What a tragedy to rob God by leaving our “flocks and herds” for Satan to use (Mal. 3:8–10). **Moses refused each of these compromises** because he could **not compromise with Satan and the world and still please God.** We may think that we have won a victory by pacifying the world, but we are mistaken. **God demands total obedience, complete separation.** This was to be effected by **the blood of the lamb and by the crossing of the Red Sea,** pictures of **Christ’s death on the cross and our resurrection with Him, delivering us from “this present evil world” (Gal. 1:4).**

Holy Communion



The Family of God

I'm so glad to be part of the family of God

**I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by
His blood**

Joint heirs with Jesus as we travel this sod

For I'm part of the family, the family of God.