

## FAITHFUL AND TRUE

### **WHEN BAD GETS WORSE**

Exodus 9:13-10:29      Jeff Schreve

*Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me. For this time I will send all My plagues on you and your servants and your people, **so that you may know that there is no one like Me in all the earth.**"*

*Exodus 9:13-14*

**What do we learn about God from the last triplet of plagues?**

#### **1. God is merciful.**

*"For if by now I had put forth My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have been cut off from the earth." Exodus 9:15*

*We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful. James 5:11*

#### **2. God is purposeful.**

*"For if by now I had put forth My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have been cut off from the earth. But, indeed, for this reason I have allowed you to remain, in order to show you My power and in order to proclaim My name through all the earth." Exodus 9:15-16*

#### **3. God is Almighty and all-knowing.**

*Then Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time; the LORD is the righteous one, and I and my people are the wicked ones. Make supplication to the LORD, for there has been enough of God's thunder and hail; and I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer." Moses said to him, "As soon as I go out of the city, I will spread out my hands to the LORD; the thunder will cease and there will be hail no longer, that you may know that the earth is the LORD'S. But as for you and your servants, I know*

A. He is the only One in charge.

B. He knows the truth about your heart.

C. He knows who means business and who is blowing smoke.

#### **4. God is to be feared and obeyed.**

*Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even a darkness which may be felt." So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days. They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings. Exodus 10:21-23*

**A. His judgments are severe and terrifying.**

*And Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not realize that Egypt is destroyed?" Exodus 10:7*

"And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28

**B. His commands are non-negotiable.**

*And Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, 'How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me?'" Exodus 10:3*

**Is there an area in your life where you refuse to bow to the LORD?**