

FAITHFUL AND TRUE

GOD vs. THE DEVIL

Exodus 8:20-9:12

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... that you may tell in the hearing of your son, and of your grandson, how I made a mockery of the Egyptians, and how I performed My signs among them; that you may know that I am the LORD." Exodus 10:2

What do we see from the next round of plagues?

1. God makes a mockery of their worship of flies/beetles.

Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. Romans 1:22-23

A. This plague was painful and severe.

And there came great swarms of insects into the house of Pharaoh and the houses of his servants and the land was laid waste because of the swarms of insects in all the land of Egypt. Exodus 8:24

He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them. Psalm 78:45

B. This plague showed who is God and who belongs to God.

"But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where My people are living, so that no swarms of insects will be there, in order that you may know that I, the LORD, am in the midst of the land. And I will put a division between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall occur." Exodus 8:22-23

C. This plague was countered with a demonic compromise.

And Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Go, sacrifice to your God within the land." But Moses said, "It is not right to do so, for we shall sacrifice to the LORD our God what is an abomination to the Egyptians. If we sacrifice what is an abomination to the Egyptians before their eyes, will they not then stone us? We must go a three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He commands us." And Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only you shall not go very far away. Make supplication for me." Then Moses said, "Behold, I am going out from you, and I shall make supplication to the LORD that the swarms of insects may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people tomorrow; only do not let Pharaoh deal deceitfully again in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD." So Moses went out from Pharaoh and made supplication to the LORD. And the LORD did as Moses asked, and

removed the swarms of insects from Pharaoh, from his servants and from his people; not one remained. But Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and he did not let the people go. Exodus 8:25-32

2. God makes a mockery of their worship of livestock.

"Let My people go, that they may serve Me. For if you refuse to let them go, and continue to hold them, behold, the hand of the LORD will come with a very severe pestilence on your livestock which are in the field, on the horses, on the donkeys, on the camels, on the herds, and on the flocks. But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that nothing will die of all that belongs to the sons of Israel."

And the LORD set a definite time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land." So the LORD did this thing on the morrow, and all the livestock of Egypt died; but of the livestock of the sons of Israel, not one died. And Pharaoh sent, and behold, there was not even one of the livestock of Israel dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go. Exodus 9:1-9:7

A. This plague hit their wealth and worship.

His (Job's) possessions also were 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, 500 female donkeys, and very many servants; and that man was the greatest of all the men of the east. Job 1:3

B. This plague reminds us to never worship the idol of wealth.

No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth." Matthew 6:24

3. God makes a mockery of the worship of health and healing.

Then the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Take for yourselves handfuls of soot from a kiln, and let Moses throw it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh. And it will become fine dust over all the land of Egypt, and will become boils breaking out with sores on man and beast through all the land of Egypt." So they took soot from a kiln, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses threw it toward the sky, and it became boils breaking out with sores on man and beast. Exodus 9:8-10

A. The boils were painful and unrelenting.

B. The boils humiliated the magicians.

And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boils were on the magicians as well as on all the Egyptians. Exodus 9:11

C. The boils marked the point of no return.

And the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not listen to them, just as the LORD had spoken to Moses. Exodus 9:12

It is dangerous to harden your heart before God.