

**God Sends Plagues Against Egypt**  
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We have been reminded that God can and will use anyone, however walking step in step with Jesus is what Christianity is all about and it is God's plan and much greater to be used out of obedience and unto others (John 17:3).

*But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him.* **Exodus 3:19**

Plagues-Blood, frogs, gnats, flies, livestock, boils, hail/lightening, locusts, darkness, and death.

**Why the Plagues?**

**1) To show God's Power and Name**

*But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my **power** and that my **name might be proclaimed** in all the earth.*  
**Exodus 9:16**

God would use Pharaoh's unbelieving and hardened heart so the world would know about God.

*'Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof and said to them, "I know that the LORD has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you"'*  
**Joshua 2:8-9**

**2) God's Warning and Judgment**

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

*But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in Egypt.*  
**Exodus 7:3**

Remember, Pharaoh didn't know about Joseph (or his God- Ex 1:8-10) nor did he take the time to care or know about the Pharaoh before him!

What about God hardening his heart? "Does this mean that God was unfair and that Pharaoh shouldn't be held responsible for what he did? No, for the same sun that melts the ice also hardens the clay. It all depends on the nature of the material" (Warren Wiersbe).  
1 Samuel 6:6. He didn't have in mind the things of God!

"Here is a foreshadowing of the fundamental conflict between good and evil; the model of the world is what Egypt really represents. Pharaoh represents Satan, whose heart is hardened (contrast with the origin of Lucifer, Isa 14; Ezek28; Rev 12). We will see in this narrative the absolute triumph of God. Nothing conditional or marginal... We will see Him redeem His people and we will see utter overthrow of the enemy." Chuck Missler

**THE FIRST THREE PLAGUES WERE DISTRESSFUL (blood, frogs, flies)**  
**THE SECOND THREE WERE PAINFUL AND COSTLY (flies, livestock, boils)**  
**THE LAST FOUR WERE DANGEROUS AND DESTRUCTIVE (hail and lightning, locusts, darkness, death foretold)**

The longer Pharaoh resisted God, the more serious the judgments became. "The longer sinners resist God's will and refuse to hear His Word, the 'louder" He has to speak to them through His judgments" (Warren Wiersbe).

**3) God's Concern and Protection of His People (8:22, 9:4, 9:14, 10:23)**  
*And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them.*  
**Exodus 3:9**

Reminder that God cares and loves his people- that even as we walk through the difficulties of life God is right there with us, he will be with us, we have nothing to fear!

That which the Israelites endured through the plagues wasn't enjoyable but they knew they had God's protection, so do we!

Whose side are you on God's or Satan's? There is no middle ground. If you are on God's team but not in the game or you are playing for the other team; repent! It's all about God's name being lifted up!