

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Exodus 11:1-10--December 1st, 2024

Sermon Recap:

Plagues- Passover Pt.1

I. God is Sovereign

- **V.1-** The death of only the firstborn is not natural. This is an act of sovereign, divine intervention.
 - Before, God was sovereignly, providentially using and moving nature to strike blows on Egypt. But this is supernatural, as the God who breathed life into man comes to remove that breath, not through nature (no disease or infection), but his mighty hand.
 - Psalm 135:1-8
- **V.4-** God is specific in his pronouncement.
 - "I am going to tell you what will happen, when it will happen, and how it will happen. Not only that, I'm going to make it happen. Such is my power."

II. God is Jealous

- John MacArthur, "God's jealousy is His zealous protectiveness of all that belongs to Him (Himself, His name, His glory, His people, His sole right to receive worship and ultimate obedience, His land, and His city)."
 - Isaiah 48:11
- In Egypt, God's glory, honor, and worship are being given to Pharaoh and the plethora of false gods.
- God is jealous and responds by defeating Pharaoh and swallowing their false gods.
 - Here there is probably some reference to Osiris, the god of the dead; and his assistant Anubis, who is the god of the underworld.

III. God is Just

- We may think that this is unfair, but the punishment fits the crime.
 - Exodus 4:23- God warned them this would happen.
 - Exodus 1- Pharaoh attempts to kill the Israelite sons.
 - The Egyptians were complicit in the bondage of Israel.
 - Ultimately, all Egyptians (and all people) are sinners by nature after Adam, and are, therefore, guilty in the eyes of God. The wages of sin is death.
- We may not like the God is jealous or just, but is the Bible wrong?
 - If it is true, then you have a holy God with which you must deal and to whom you are accountable.

IV. God is Merciful

- God displays his mercy by:
 - Freeing the Israelites.
 - Granting Moses the favor of the Egyptians.
 - Providing them with Egyptian gold and silver.
 - Providing Pharaoh with another warning and another opportunity to repent.

Why do we continually focus on the sovereignty of God? It is so that we might know what God is like—so we might know the God of wonders.

Heed the warning of Pharaoh: do not harden your heart but humble yourself before the Lord and while there is still breath in your lungs cry out in repentance

Discussion Questions:

- How is the sovereignty of God displayed in chapter 11?
- How does the tenth plague distinct from the previous nine?
- What does it mean that “God is jealous?”
- What offense was being done in Egypt that would make God jealous?
- How did he respond in jealous?
- Was it fair for God to strike a blow on every household in Egypt? Why or why not?
- How is God’s mercy displayed in chapter 11?
- Again, what is the expectation for Pharaoh?
- What can we learn about God from the plagues?
- What is the warning provide to us in the plagues, specifically in the final plague?

Application:

- How has your view or position on God’s sovereignty been shaped by Exodus 7-12?
- Have you ever thought of God as a “jealous God?” How does that attribute make you feel?
- In what ways do you think God is jealous for you?
- How does the “justice of God” influence our worship?
- How has God been merciful to you recently?
- As we close this portion of Exodus, what idols are in your life? In what ways do you harden your heart? What have you learned from the plague accounts, God, Moses, Pharaoh, etc?
- How has this influenced your faith?

