

Lessons from the Plagues

Exodus 7:14-17, 20-24; 8:1-3, 6, 8-13, 15; 9:22-24, 26, 33-35

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Take-Home Truth: The LORD is the living and true God.

Lesson #1: **OUR GOD IS THE GOD OF MORAL ABSOLUTES.**

See 1 Thessalonians 1:9b-10 and 2 Timothy 2:17.

Lesson #2: **OUR GOD IS JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH.**

“Pharaoh will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and bring my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment.”
Exodus 7:4 (English Standard Version)

How Pharaoh’s Heart was Hardened

- The Lord hardened Pharaoh’s heart. (9:12)
- Pharaoh hardened his own heart. (8:15)
- Pharaoh’s heart became hard. (7:13, 22)

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. Exodus 12:12 (ESV)

Lesson #3: **OUR GOD IS THE SOVEREIGN, THE ALL POWERFUL GOD.**

How the Plagues Demonstrate God's Power

- By depicting the plagues as God's personal intervention; actions that happen on His initiative and power. (See Exodus 8:10 and 9:3.)
- By emphasizing the timing of the plagues. (See Exodus 9:18.)
- By showing how He sovereignly directs history.

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 (NIV)