

Sermon Notes for Young People

April 5, 2020 | Exod. 8:16-32 | Ground Assault

I. **Introduction:** What does Israel's exemption from the latter plagues remind us?

II. Main Argument

A. Sacred Cows (vv. 1-7)

1. Pharaoh's Enemy (v. 1): why might Pharaoh not know who is against him?

a. **Application:** why is God a much more dreadful enemy than Satan?

b. **Application:** how can God's anger be appeased so that He is no longer an enemy?

2. Gracious Warning (vv. 1-5)

a. **Severity:** by what measure will the plagues increase in severity?

b. How does this plague target the gods of Egypt gods and assault the worship of Egypt?

c. **Application:** What comfort is offered to God's people here?

3. God's Word Vindicated (vv. 6-7)

a. What is the dispute regarding which livestock die?

1) What can *all* mean?

2) Which animals were particularly targeted by the plague (cf. v. 3)

b. How is Pharaoh a "classic skeptic"?

B. Unholy Sores (vv. 8-12)

1. Justice (vv. 8-9)

a. Why does God tell Moses to perform the sign-act in the sight of Pharaoh?

b. What is significant about the source of the soot?

2. Disgrace (vv. 10-11)

a. What distinction does God make here?

b. In what sense can the magicians not *stand* before Moses, and how is that fitting?

c. Why was being covered in boils (or other physical impurity) a grave problem for the Egyptian elites?

d. **Application:** how does the God of the Hebrews beautifully contrast with the gods of Egypt in this area particularly?

3. God's Word Vindicated (v. 12):

a. How is God's freedom and sovereignty displayed here?

b. Even though God hardens Pharaoh's heart, is Pharaoh doing anything against his will?

III. **Questions:** for my parents or the pastor...