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THE TEN PLAGUES

“You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.” (1 Corinthians 7:23)

Objectives

<i>Knowledge of God’s Will</i>	God punishes those who have hard hearts that resist His will. God wants to free His people from bondage.
<i>Knowledge of God</i>	God is a God of redemption and salvation.
<i>Good Works</i>	Learn to soften our hearts to God’s will. Free ourselves from sin so that we can receive the wages of holiness, which is eternal life.

A. The Egyptian Pharaoh

The Egyptian Pharaoh was equivalent to divinity in the eyes of the Egyptians. His sacred position was directly connected to their polytheistic worship. In other words, Egyptian beliefs were in direct opposition to the one true God. By the end of the ten plagues, not only did the Egyptians learn to fear Him, but “on their gods the LORD had executed judgments” (Num 33:4).

B. The Ten Plagues

With each passing affliction, the Lord showed His mighty hand with greater and greater power. After the first two plagues, the magicians could no longer duplicate the miracles and admitted to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God” (Ex 8:19).

C. The Passover

When Moses first returned to Egypt, both he and the Israelites questioned God when Pharaoh treated them even more harshly (Ex 5:17–23). But the ten plagues solidified their faith. By the end, all of the Israelites obediently requested articles of silver and gold from their neighbors and followed God’s instructions in preparing for their first Passover meal (Ex 12:28, 35).

Redemption Through Christ, the Passover Lamb

The Passover is an amazing foreshadowing of Jesus Christ, hundreds of years before His birth! Just as the Israelites were saved because of their obedience, we also need to obey God to receive salvation.

Life Application

1. Checking the Condition of Our Hearts

- What kind of heart do I have?* Do you think you have hardened your heart towards God? Or have you learned to have a “heart of flesh”?
- Softening our hearts towards God:* To soften our hearts requires that we change the way we think about ourselves. When we remember the blessings God has given us, it becomes easier for us to humbly soften our hearts towards His will.
- The Lord will judge His people:* When we ignore the truth for too long, our hearts become too hard to break through, and God may give us up (Rom 1:24, 26, 28). To avoid this, we must learn to soften our hearts to God’s will or face His judgment as the Egyptians did (Heb 10:31).

2. Freedom from Sin

While the payment we receive as slaves to sin is death (Rom 6:21), as slaves to righteousness, “the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life” (Rom 6:22 NIV)!

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Lesson 11 Homework Assignment

The Ten Plagues

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (1 Corinthians 7:23):

1. In what way were we “bought at a price”?
2. “For we know Him who said, ‘ _____ is Mine, I will _____,’ says the Lord. And again, ‘The LORD will _____ His people.’ It is a _____ thing to fall into the _____ of the _____ God.” (Hebrews 10:30–31)
3. Why was the Egyptians’ religion in direct opposition to God?
4. What was different about the Israelites’ attitude to God before and after the ten plagues?
5. What danger do we face when we ignore the truth and harden our hearts for too long?
6. How do we soften our hearts towards God?
7. What sin(s) are you still a “slave” to? How can you free yourself from them?