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[0 : 00] For me, in reading through God's handling of Egypt in particular right now, I'm grateful that He decided that I could be born in the day of grace.

! Because there are a lot of hints as to coming judgment that He's given. And Pharaoh's a slow learner, but I think he's indicative of mankind, isn't he?

So, here we go. We're ready for, we'll pick up with verse 8, chapter 9. And so, we have just, God has just sent a plague upon all the cattle, and the livestock in Egypt died.

What about the livestock in Goshen? Okay, he made a separation, and he told Pharaoh that he was going to make a separation.

And he did so. Now, even though Pharaoh checked on those cattle, everything was exactly as God had told him it was going to be.

[1 : 42] God using Moses and Aaron at this time, of course. But, God had already told him, this is what's going to happen. And he sees that this is what's going to, that it happened exactly that way.

And so, he changed his mind. Nope. Says he was hardened again. It's getting to be a recurring theme here, isn't it? So, he was hardened again, and he did not let them go.

We're ready for plague 6. Well, I'm not ready for it, but they are. So, we're taken up with verse 8, chapter 9.

So, what is this sixth plague going to be? Okay, it's going to be sores and boils on, okay, on everything.

On all the lives, on the animals and on the humans. All right. So, what, how did it come about?

[2 : 51] What did God tell Aaron and Moses to do? Okay, take some ashes. And what?

Okay, he's going to make boils break out.

Because he gives them a sign, a visual sign. I want you to take ashes. Toss them out on the ground. And they'll, they'll be boils.

So, what happens? That's exactly what happened. Now, what about the, remember the, the Egyptian sorcerers have been involved up to this point.

What happens with the Egyptian sorcerers this time? They got them too, and they couldn't even come and stand before Moses, it says, right?

[4 : 08] So, what's the result? Okay, so, Pharaoh's heart is hardened.

Good morning. Pharaoh's heart is hardened again. We're in Exodus. Dave has it.

And he hearkened not unto them. So, now we're at verse 13. Now, they have had the boils, and now God tells Moses what?

Get up early, Moses. Stand before Pharaoh and say to him, Thus saith the Lord.

Let my people go that they may serve me. Verse 14. What is he? He doesn't stop there. Why does God say that he is sending these plagues?

[5 : 48] Okay. Okay. Now. Have you ever heard, I have heard, it said to me, that God acts like he's all that.

That God's acting like he's, yeah. And that's exactly the answer, isn't it? He's acting like he's God. God. Now. Should he defer to man? Why? Why should he not?

Okay. Because he's God. What else do we know? He's holy and set apart. Yes. What is one of the main things God cannot do?

He cannot lie. And he cannot deny himself. He cannot pretend that he is not supreme.

[7 : 00] There are many things that God can't do. But there are a couple. He can't do anything that does not conform to who he is and his nature and his person.

So. God has to say I'm God. And by the way, he will say later on. I am the Lord.

I will share my glory. With whom? With no one. God. And time and again, he has said to Egypt and to mankind, I am the Lord.

Now. Well, I'll wait. I'll wait to jump in with it until just a little later, I think. But be thinking about something from the Apostle Paul that kind of goes along with this thinking about God and who he is and who knows and who doesn't know.

Okay. Now. Thou mayest know that there's none like me in all the earth. Remember what Pharaoh said when Moses first came to him.

[8 : 34] Who? Who's the Lord? I don't know him. Why should I listen to him? And God says, I'm going to show you who I am.

So. He says. I know not the Lord. Then. Then. After that.

Let's look at just a couple of verses to remind ourselves. About what God says. In response.

Chapter 7, verse 5.

Someone grab that and read God's response. Okay.

Verse 17 of the same chapter. Someone please. Someone. Someone. Someone. Someone. You notice that God's saying, By this they're going to know that I am the Lord.

[10 : 06] Okay. Chapter 8, verse 10. We've been through these, I realize, but we're just rehearsing them to see. Pharaoh says, Who's God, and why should I listen to him?

These are God's responses. Verse 10, please, of chapter 8. And he said, Okay.

Okay. Spoken to Pharaoh. This was with the frogs when he allowed Pharaoh to decide what day the plague would cease. All right.

And the last one we'll look at is verse 22 of chapter 8. Okay. Okay. So, is God a God, as the Assyrians said, a God of the hills?

okay is he a god of the mountains he's a god in all the earth in all creation the psalmist will say if i go to the highest heaven who's there god if i go to the deepest part of the sea where can i go nowhere that's important to understand the well i say it's important to understand i'm not sure i really understand it in terms of comprehension i just know it to be true the eminence of god and the eminence of god he's immediate everywhere and he fills all his creation that's pretty amazing and it's really amazing when we consider that this god is mindful of us he knows us he knows what does he know about you he knows how many hairs are there and how many hairs used to be there well we laugh about it but he he says not a sparrow falls except that my father allows it that so yesterday i was working around i was mowing and out by the water our water ditch a mallard hen had tried to make a nest something found her i think it was a red-tailed hawk by the way but anyway the point of it is god knew that's pretty amazing is that not amazing and this god says that he loves us and gave himself for us when i was his friend no when i was his enemy he gave himself for me i'm glad for god's grace so back to chapter 9 god's going to give we're about verse 15 god's going to give pharaoh a little bit of a hint here what does god say this is a hint that's right and he he tells him what the end is going to be and and of course pharaoh's going to listen right spoiler right okay so we continue who does god say raised pharaoh up to his power now okay why now

[15 : 19] we'll get in our little time box and we'll move ahead a few years quite a few years and we're going to sit with joshua and and you're one of the spies that went into jericho and you hear this about the children of israel what is it we've heard about what happened we heard what you what your god did to egypt and we're like water there's there's no she told them all the men of war here are scared of you so that my name may declare through all the earth by the way i want to recognize god for who he is now and not wait until he has to show me more because let's go with the apostle paul i'm a little bit earlier than i plan to be on deliver on this part but let's go with the apostle paul to to to um corinth or not corinth on the way to corinth we stop in at athens right and as he's as he's going through the city he sees all these idols in the city of athens and he starts talking to reasoning with the jews in the synagogue and then even with people who will talk to him in the marketplace and some of the philosophers there take him up to the areopagus to the the big deal philosophical forum says let's hear what you have to say and he reasons with them and he tells them that the god that you don't know i'm going to declare to you this would be i think chapter 17 if you're looking for it in acts acts chapter 17 i hope i think that's where he is and and he's going to reason with them and he's going to say look you ought not think that the that god who gives everything to you and has created heaven and earth that he's like a man you shouldn't think that way and he's certainly not like a beast and he's not like any of these stone and gold idols that you have he doesn't live in temples now were any of you raised in a tradition where we called the

church building god's house well we did in my in the tradition i was they don't run you're in god's house does god live in this building this morning he does yeah where is the temple of god in in the believer not in every individual over all the earth i have to have trusted jesus christ to save me but in every believer god dwells by his holy spirit now that by that by the way is also fairly amazing to me fairly amazing boy there's an understatement that is incomprehensible frankly to me i trust him but i don't get it so he's going to say he's going to go on in the areopagus and he's going to say this god who created everything you can check me on it those of you who have turned to chapter 17 in acts he said this god is the one who orchestrated all the nations of men he planned that and he set them up and he took them down god did all that and now he and for the times of ignorance or the times basic let's let's just rephrase it this way god the apostle paul said that god has not judged every person immediately and he hasn't judged the whole world right away he did that once in the flood but now he's he's waiting but he said he has appointed the day that he's going to and so what should i do according to the apostle paul in acts chapter 17 someone who has looked it up he expects all men to repent because he has set a day on which he will judge the earth in righteousness perfect righteousness by the way not my idea see you know someone who thinks or you have at least met them that thinks that god has this balance scale and if my good if my good self outweighs my bad self i'll go to heaven or if my good self outweighs the really bad people i'll go to heaven who's on the who's on the righteous side of the scale jesus christ god so if my righteousness does not balance his i'm not going to heaven that's why in in revelation at the great white throne the books are opened and the people who are at the white throne judgment are only the people who have rejected the righteousness of jesus christ they have not trusted god and if they haven't trusted god then they will be judged by their works but it's not going to be against everybody else's works it's going to be against the perfections and holiness of god that's why in romans he will say for all have sinned and do fall short of the glory of god that's why i need a savior i need a savior because i can't save myself well back to back to egypt now does pharaoh get god's message so what's going to happen tomorrow in case i digress too far we're about verse 17 18 in that area what's going to happen tomorrow a grievous hail storm how grievous very grievous such as has never before seen it's never hailed like this before okay it's going to beat down the trees it's going to beat down the crops it's going to beat down the animals and it's going to beat down the humans he said you've never seen anything like this the insurance companies are fleeing so this time god does something a little bit different what does he do he's not done this before in the plagues yeah he said well look at verse 19 he tells them specifically what to do he says if you don't want them to die what do you do get them into the house shelters get them into the shelters because if you don't what they're going to die out in the field if you leave them now did anyone heed that some of them said sent runners and said you tell them to get inside and do it now tomorrow is going to be too late so some of them did what about the others they left them in the field all right so what happened okay the hail storm came how bad was it it was bad what about the land of Goshen well how'd that happen God made a difference who's in control of nature on the sea of Galilee we're rowing across the storm comes up and we can't quite make it to land who's in control of that storm who calms it and great fear comes on us when Jesus stops the storm we were scared in the storm but we were terrified when Jesus stopped it why because they realized who they were with who is this that even the storm the wind and the waves obey see it goes along with that duck or with the sparrow it doesn't happen unless God allows it to happen he and to the Christian let's go to Corinthians and to the Christian God will say this about my life what kind of testing will come to me that I can't stand by the grace of God that's easier for me to say now than it is when I'm in it isn't it but I need to believe it now and remind myself now so that when the days get dark I don't have to wonder about it because God doesn't say Roger I love you because I gave you a car he doesn't say [28 : 49] Roger I love you because I gave you food he does that but what he does say is Roger I went to the cross for you so that you don't have to stand in your sin you don't have to stand before almighty God in your own righteousness while I was yet a sinner hateful to God he doesn't say I was friendly but the Doobie brothers were wrong Jesus is not just alright with me he's either your he's either your savior or he's not you either trust him as God or you don't he's not your buddy and it doesn't matter frankly eternally whether Jesus is alright with me or not what matters is does he accept me or not have

I trusted him and if I've trusted him God says I am accepted by God in the beloved I am not accepted by God in my own it's only I am accepted in the beloved who's the beloved Jesus Christ so well I didn't mean to digress that far I'm sorry about that but some heeded the warning see some of them are getting the hint Pharaoh is not getting that but some of his household when it says Pharaoh's household they're talking about princes or important people in the government some of these guys are saying you know we've seen this happen a few times maybe we're going to send in so they send in protect their animals the ones that did not lost their servants and their animals excuse me well god willing we'll get there and they do recognize it but do they remember it very long mankind right

I'm glad god in I think it's in the psalms god will say I know man's frame that he is dust he knows my weakness doesn't he it's not like god's asking me to do something that can't be done he doesn't think I'm hercules he's not fooled okay so verse 29 well let's go back to 27 what does pharaoh do okay I'm wicked God's righteous that is the

Lord God and entreat the Lord for me that this stops alright and I will let you this is a second time he said that right alright but he means it this time okay so is Moses going to entreat the Lord Lord yes why so that they will know that the earth belongs to whom the creator the earth is the Lord's and the let's try it again the earth these are verses that come come to your memory from years back right the earth is the

Lord's and the fullness thereof the world and they that dwell therein now now when it says that all the world belongs to God including all the people that doesn't mean that all are God's people the way we normally use that phrase is it the way we normally use the phrase when we say God's people who do we mean Christians believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and that's reasonable that is a specific but God says he owns everybody there's no such thing as a completely autonomous person I may make my own decisions but I don't get to make my own outcomes I don't get to make my own eternity that's up to whom well you choose but

[34 : 54] I don't get to make it God gives me the choice I don't get to choose I want to do this I want to reject the Lord and I also don't want punishment even for the Christian by the way even in my day to day life God will say don't be mocked or don't be mocked do not be deceived God is not mocked you will reap what you sow and he's talking to the church he's talking to Christians and he's saying he's not talking about your eternal destiny there he's saying look Roger if you make stupid decisions in life or you make rebellious decisions in life which by the way are stupid then things are going to happen in your life that are rough if

I used to tell the guys NOR this if you want to grow corn you don't sow thistle I mean that seems kind of simple doesn't it but that's what God is saying don't ignore the law of the harvest and here so here Pharaoh is being told it will stop so that you will know that the earth belongs to the Lord and I will stop there before I go further now God willing we will pick up with verse 29 next week by the way whether I'm whether

I'm discouraged about politics or not Tuesday is voting and the Christian votes for the for the policy and the person who they think will most likely give the best results for peace for the church and the advancement of the gospel now sometimes that's the least of two evils but as Roger and I the other Roger and I were talking this morning you know as as a Christian I may know that the world is headed for a one world government and the antichrist is going to take power but that doesn't mean I'm voting for him on purpose it means that the

Christian still goes with the moral values that we know to be so so anyway pray for the leadership and I know these are primaries but you're also going to be voting for taxes and other things so remember that have a wonderful week so have a good