

THE PLAGUES, PART 1

EXODUS 7:14-8:19

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EXODUS 5:1-2

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JAMES 1:16-18

Frogs (8:1-15)

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A lesson for us in verse 15... When things get difficult we turn to God and then when things get better we harden our hearts to Him.

Gnats (8:16-19)

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- **The comfort our souls are hungry for can only be given by the _____ of our soul.**
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