

THE PLAGUES, PART 2

EXODUS 8:20-9:12

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- ***God will graciously go to extreme measures to get our attention***
- ***God wants people to understand that He is God and there is no other!***
- ***God is revealing His mercy through these plagues. He is revealing the lies that the Egyptians have built their lives upon.***
- ***It wasn't offensive to Pharaoh that the Hebrews believed in a God... What was offensive was the thought that God had some sort of authority over him.***

EXODUS 5:1-2

The Fourth Plague: Flies (v.20-32)

- **My People, Your People... There is always a _____.**
God's people are NOT separated from difficulty but they ARE separated from judgment.

Compromise & Counter Offers (v.25-28)

- **What the Lord demands of us is _____.**

The Fifth Plague: Egyptian Livestock Die (9:1-7)

Egyptian god Apis – the bull god, the god of fertility and economic success.

- **A very common danger we face today is that we can put our hope and trust in _____ and not God _____.**
- **Let us be careful to maintain the correct understanding that God Himself is the one that _____!**

“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.” – Augustine
That is, in God Himself, not simply the blessings He provides. (PSALM 50:7-10)

The Sixth Plague: Boils (v.8-12)

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- **In all of these plagues, God is simultaneously showing Himself as _____ of all things and _____ all things.**
- **We aren't better than these people... We _____ these people. And we desperately need the _____ of Yahweh God on our behalf.**

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