

# Show Me Your Glory

## Lessons from the Life of Moses

### Lesson 5 Exodus 9–10

The waters of the Nile had turned red with blood; frogs, lice, and flies had covered the land, animals and man, but Pharaoh had refused to let God's people go. Each time Moses cried out on behalf of Pharaoh for the Lord to remove the plague, the Lord did according to the word of Moses. However, the worst was yet to come—from this point on the divine signs and wonders intended to instruct and enlighten Pharaoh and his servants would instead serve as God's judgment upon them.

Read Exodus 9–10.

#### *Day One:* Disease and Boils

The plagues upon Egypt would now become progressively more severe. While the previous ones were annoying and uncomfortable, the next would result in death. The fifth plague would result in an economic crisis of catastrophic proportions affecting the food and dairy supply, and forcing Pharaoh to somehow remedy the situation.

*The Fifth Plague: Livestock Diseased (9:1–7)*

- a. What message did God tell Moses to repeat to Pharaoh?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. How would God's hand be evident if Pharaoh refused to let His people go?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. In what way did the Lord show a marked difference between the Israelites and the Egyptians?

In an act of mercy as this plague was announced, the Lord granted Pharaoh and his people one day to remove their livestock—all the horses, donkeys, camels, oxen, and sheep—from the fields while they considered what was about to take place.

- d. What was the affect of this judgment upon . . .
  - *the livestock?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - *the Egyptian economy?*
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - *Pharaoh?*



- c. How did God once again show His mercy? Who heeded His warning—why?
  
- d. How did God instruct Moses to use the rod in his hand?
  
- e. What was the affect of this judgment upon . . .
  - *the land and trees?*
  
  - *the people and animals?*
  
  - *Pharaoh?*

It was a storm involving the elements of nature—thunder and lightening, fire and ice—the likes of which never existed before! The explosiveness of the violence was devastating, destroying everything left in its path. For the first time, Pharaoh admitted that he sinned, that he and his people were wicked, and that the Lord is righteous (v. 27). Moses was not moved by Pharaoh’s confession; he knew Pharaoh’s words were coming from fear and not from a repentant heart.

### *Look closer . . .*

Once the storm had passed, explain the affect upon Pharaoh’s heart and that of his servants. See verses 34–35.

### *Selah . . .*

Can you think of a time when you have felt the affects of a *storm* in your life that caused you to admit your own hardness of heart? Once it passed, did you return to your old ways or did you look to the Lord for His purpose in it? Please give an example.

*Review this week’s memory verse.*

## *Day Three:*

## Locusts

*The Eighth Plague: Locusts (10:1–20; read these verses for review.)*

Whatever remained after the hail would now be devoured by the swarms of locusts that came in such great numbers they darkened the sky!

- a. How did God reaffirm His purpose involving Pharaoh and the Egyptians?
- b. What question did God have Moses and Aaron pose to Pharaoh?
- c. What did Pharaoh's servants perceive that he did not?
- d. Pharaoh attempted a compromise with Moses—what did he offer?

In an earlier attempt to negotiate, Pharaoh offered to let the Israelites go, but stipulated that they should not go far away. This time he attempted to limit the numbers of individuals going, keeping the younger ones close by in an effort to ensure Moses' return.

- e. What was the affect of this judgment upon . . .
  - *the land?*
  - *the trees and vegetation?*
  - *the people?*
  - *Pharaoh?*
- f. When Moses prayed for Pharaoh, what did God graciously provide?

## *Selah . . .*

As we see in Pharaoh's case, one of the dangers of compromise is that it can lead to further hardening of the heart. What can *you do* to prevent this from happening in your life?

*Review this week's memory verse.*

## Day Four:

## Darkness

*The Ninth Plague: Darkness (10:21–29; read these verses for review.)*

Egypt is known to have severe sandstorms, some so severe they can completely block out the sunlight, but the darkness about to fall upon the land could not be attributed to any force of nature, but only to the hand of God!

- a. What did the Lord instruct Moses to do?
- b. How did the text describe the darkness that fell?
- c. What was the affect of this judgment upon . . .
  - *the Egyptians?* (Imagine living for three days in darkness so thick it could be felt.)
  - *Pharaoh?*
- d. Imagine what it was like in Goshen, for *“all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.”*

God’s people had endured suffering for such a long time that they must have concluded that either He didn’t see or He didn’t care about them. But as God began to execute judgment upon their oppressors and show himself strong on their behalf, they once again began to hope and to believe!

- e. What was Pharaoh’s last attempt to strike a compromise with Moses?

Pharaoh was indeed a proud man, but he was not above calling out for help if needed. Once compromise failed, he would again resort to intimidation. In the end, that too would fail. Moses remained resolute before Pharaoh, refusing to compromise: *“not a hoof shall be left behind”* (v. 26).

- ❖ Is there someone you know who is very hard hearted and resistant to the Word of God? If so, then like the Egyptians, they are walking in darkness. What does the Bible have to say about such a person? See John 3:19–21.
- ❖ Like the Israelites in Goshen, God’s people walk in the light. What does this mean for you, according to Ephesians 5:8–10?

Please take a moment today and thank the Lord, *“who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light—(you) who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy”* (1 Peter 2:9b–10).

*Day Five:*

## Praying with Purpose

**Selah . . .** Be still and consider how to *work out* in your daily life what God has *worked into* your heart through your study of His Word. Then pray each aspect through.

❖ **A Point Pondered:** Is there an example from the lesson or a truth from Scripture that has taken on a new meaning this week? Please note it below.

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❖ **A Path Pursued:** Knowledge must be applied in order to make a difference. Name one thing can you act upon in obedience to the Holy Spirit's leading.

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❖ **A Promised Possessed:** If God has spoken a particular verse or word of hope to your heart, write it down and pray it back to Him.

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❖ **A Praise Proclaimed:** God loves to hear you praise Him! What aspect of God's character particularly blessed you this week? Will you praise Him today?

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❖ **A Prayer Presented:** Write out the most pressing request on your heart and lift it to the Lord.

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**Other requests:**

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