

Session Five: Salvation Through Plagues (Ex. 8:20-11:10):

**“To be My People” Song:**

God delivered the people of Israel,  
He delivered the people to show who he is.  
God, the LORD is all gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. That's who he is.

And he said, yes he said,  
I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God  
I will take you to be my people,  
And you will know that I am the Lord your God."

God delivered the foreigner Gentiles  
He delivered the people by sending his Son  
Christ delivered all nations from bondage by dying the death every sinner had won

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Read Ex. 8:20-9:35; 11:1-10

1. Recall God's promise to Moses in Ex. 3:7-10; especially 3:19-20; also 6:6-8. Why were the plagues needed for God's act of salvation?
  - a.
2. God used the plagues to show who he is, who his people were, and what was his. See 8:22-23; 9:4; 10:22-23; 11:6-9. What is God up to revealing himself in this way? What does this say about who the redeemer is? Even as he makes himself known as judge, in these verses, how does he make himself known to his people?
  - a.
  - b.
3. Not only is God one who saves *his* people, whom he sets aside, to whom else does he offer salvation? See Ex. 9:18-21.
  - a.
4. How is that a comfort to you? Remember the Israelites were Jews and were God's chosen people, but are you?

a.

### Striking Connections in Exodus:

#### Read Ex. 12:29-32

1. Notice the repetition of the verb “strike.” See Exodus 7:17, 8:17, 9:15 Interestingly, plagues 8 and 9 don’t use the word “strike.” Remember who else did some striking earlier on? See Ex. 2:12.
  - a.
2. But who is the one really doing the striking? See Ex. 12:12. Read Ex. 12:1 to see who is speaking. Also check out Ex. 12:29 to see a final answer. What does this say about Moses? What does it say about God?
  - a.
  - b.

### Salvation as Service:

1. Note Ex. 1:13 in the King James Version: “And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour.” This picks up on a significant connection. Who is to be served? See especially Ex. 3:12 and also Ex. 4:23; 7:16; 8:1, 20; 9:1, 13; 10:3.
  - a.
2. Who is the true King in Exodus?
  - a.
3. Who do Pharaoh’s servants admit ought to be served? See Ex. 10:7.
  - a.
4. What does service to God look like? See Ex. 10:24-26.
  - a.
5. What does Pharaoh finally admit? See Ex. 12:31. But how much of God’s signs and wonders did this take?
  - a.
6. What does service to God mean in regards to the way he saves his people?
  - a.

### Salvation Through Death:

1. What does Pharaoh say about death?
  - a. See Ex. 10:16-17
    - i.
  - b. See Ex. 10:28-29
    - i.
2. But what does God say about death and Pharaoh?
  - a. See Ex. 11:4-6
    - i.
  - b. Whose word ultimately happens? See Ex. 12:29-30.
    - i.
  - c. What does this say about Pharaoh and God?

- i.
3. What other word of God happens, which Pharaoh said would never happen? See Ex. 5:2, 11:1 and 12:31-32; also 3:22 and 12:36.

Take Away:

I urge you to do these things this week:

1. Consider Pharaoh and God and ask yourself, how does God prove he alone is God?
2. Consider the kings in your life. Who is ruling over you? What do you serve? Is it God or something else?
3. Remember that God forgives those who believe in Christ.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we have seen and heard how you saw and heard the Israelites' affliction in Egypt. We have seen and heard how you began to deliver them through your plagues. We ask that you would deliver us today from any false kings we have in our lives. Help us always to trust in you and you only, for you saw and heard our affliction and sent Jesus to deliver us. In Jesus' name, amen.