

The Power of God - 10 Plagues

Exodus 7:8-12:42

Introduction: Pharaoh's hardheartedness & Moses' obedience; and Israel's blessings & Egypt's destruction highlights the story.

Moses' obedience - Exodus 7:10, 20; 8:6, 17; 9:10, 23; 10:3, 13, 22 - The principle of Satan is rebellion and by contrast the principle of God is obedience.

Conclusion: All obedience begins with obeying God and extends to those that God has put in authority over us. Rebellion, in any form, is the principle of Satan. Absolute obedience is the principle of God. We owe God, alone, absolute obedience.

Second, my unconscious response to ungodly authority is a test of my understanding of authority; it tests my heart by testing its submission.

Israel's blessings:

Conclusion: Following the person that follows the Lord leads to blessings that are from the Lord. Be careful who you follow. Obedience is the foundation for present and future blessings.

Caveat: The Hebrew Midwives (Exodus 1:17; Daniel: 3:8-30)

Egypt's destruction:

Conclusion: The destruction of the economy, the national pride and the people of Egypt should not be overlooked: leadership matters. Choose leaders wisely, follow with discretion and be listening to God.

When God is the voice that we hear and obey we get the blessings of God. When Satan is the voice that we hear and obey we get the destruction that he always brings.

Pharaoh and the Egyptians heard one voice. Satan plans to blind us to the truth, causing us to mindlessly walk into total destruction. Only God can open our eyes to end such blindness. Israel was blessed even if their eyes were not open to the glory of God. Listen, obey and follow is what we all do; those who listen to, obey and follow God will be blessed—all others are deceived.