



LightHouse Ranch Bible Study

Exodus 8-10 - No Middle Ground

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We will find that God works with individuals in many different ways. Sometimes we tend to place rules and methods on God's work. God's people are His workmanship. God works individually, but there is one aspect of God's Word that is constant in every situation of which I can think – He sends His Word first; then the Holy Ghost works through yielded vessels. Scripture cannot be broken – even by God.

In this study, God is not playing favorites and he is not just looking out for the Hebrews. God is working with the team of Moses and Aaron, He is working with the Egyptian people, God is working on the Israelites, and, the LORD is giving Pharaoh multiple times a space to repent. Now Moses and Aaron are His sanctified vessels, and their job is to do exactly what God says to do it at God's appointed time.

Today, we will see God's team giving out God's Word, at God's appointed time, then the response. To those who fear God, God works further; but to those who rebel against God's Word, the LORD will not always strive. Sometimes God's vessel, after giving out the Word, needs to obey God in the laying on of hands, sometimes on anointing, sometimes on Bible correction, but always with obedience. Consider God dealing with Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, His disciples, the Apostle Paul – all differently but always by His Word, obedience, and seeking the LORD first. [Psalm 63](#). Let's follow God's ways in this study.

[Hebrews 10:38](#) Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Hebrews 10:39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

No Middle Ground

Rise up early, Moses – Give out My Word at My appointed time

Exodus 8:20 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Second group of warnings to Pharaoh

Exodus 8:21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of *flies* upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of *flies*, and also the ground whereon they *are*.

As in creation - God separates

Exodus 8:22 And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of *flies* shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the earth.

Exodus 8:23 And I will put a division between my people and thy people: to morrow shall this sign be.

I. The Forth Plague - Here comes the flies after the warning

Exodus 8:24 And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm of *flies* into the house of Pharaoh, and *into* his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of *flies*.

Pharaoh's first of four compromises – (Trying to take the middle ground)

Exodus 8:25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land.

Moses objects - Discerns that Pharaoh's compromise would be foolish

Exodus 8:26 And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us?

Obedience not compromise is what God wants

Exodus 8:27 We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us.

Pharaoh's Second of four compromises

Exodus 8:28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.

Moses warns Pharaoh about dealing deceptively

Exodus 8:29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD that the swarms of *flies* may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD.

And the LORD did according to the words of Moses

Exodus 8:30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.

Exodus 8:31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of *flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one.

And Pharaoh hardened his heart

Exodus 8:32 And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

Pharaoh's forth warning

Exodus 9:1 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Exodus 9:2 For if thou refuse to let *them* go, and wilt hold them still,

Exodus 9:3 Behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which *is* in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: *there shall be* a very grievous murrain.

The LORD severs the Israel's and Egypt's cattle

Exodus 9:4 And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all *that is* the children's of Israel.

It will happen again at the LORD's appointed time

Exodus 9:5 And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land.

II. The fifth Plague after warning - Murrain

Exodus 9:6 And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one.

Pharaoh checks out the Word of God

Exodus 9:7 And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

III. The sixth plague with no warning – Pharaoh has already given His answer – Boils

Exodus 9:8 And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh.

Exodus 9:9 And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.

Moses performs God's Word

Exodus 9:10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beast.

Egyptian priests have to be spotless – no disease in order to serve Egyptian style

Exodus 9:11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians.

The LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart

Exodus 9:12 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

Third round of warnings - Rise up early Moses – Again God's appointed time

Exodus 9:13 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.

Exodus 9:14 For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that *there is none like me in all the earth.*

IV. The seventh plague with warning - Hail

Exodus 9:15 For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

Exodus 9:16 And in very deed for this *cause* have I raised thee up, for to shew *in* thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

Exodus 9:17 As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go?

Exodus 9:18 Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.

Exodus 9:19 Send therefore now, *and* gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; *for upon* every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.

Exodus 9:20 He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses:

Exodus 9:21 And he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.

Exodus 9:22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.

Moses did as God commanded

Exodus 9:23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt.

Exodus 9:24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.

Exodus 9:25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that *was* in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field.

But not in Goshen

Exodus 9:26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel *were*, was there no hail.

Pharaoh's fake repentance

Exodus 9:27 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD *is* righteous, and I and my people *are* wicked.

Exodus 9:28 Intreat the LORD (for *it is* enough) that there be no *more* mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer.

Exodus 9:29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; *and* the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth *is* the LORD'S.

Exodus 9:30 But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God.

What was smitten and what was not

Exodus 9:31 And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley *was* in the ear, and the flax *was* bolled.

Exodus 9:32 But the wheat and the rie were not smitten: for they *were* not grown up.

Exodus 9:33 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

Pharaoh hardened his heart after the hail ceased

Exodus 9:34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

Exodus 9:35 And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

Pharaoh's warning of the sixth plague unless you truly repent

Exodus 10:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him:

Exodus 10:2 And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I *am* the LORD.

Exodus 10:3 And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.

Exodus 10:4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast:

Exodus 10:5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field:

Exodus 10:6 And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh.

Pharaoh's servants can see that Egypt is being ruined during **Biden's** no Pharaoh's watch

Exodus 10:7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?

So, Pharaoh calls on Moses and Aaron

Exodus 10:8 And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: *but* who *are* they that shall go?

Exodus 10:9 And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we *must hold* a feast unto the LORD.

Exodus 10:10 And he said unto them, Let the LORD be so with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look *to it*; for evil *is* before you.

Pharaoh's third of compromises

Exodus 10:11 Not so: **go now ye that are men**, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

V. The eighth Plague – warning has been given – Here come the locusts

Exodus 10:12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, *even* all that the hail hath left.

Exodus 10:13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all *that* night; *and* when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

Exodus 10:14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous *were they*; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

Exodus 10:15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

Again Pharaoh's fake repentance against Moses and God

Exodus 10:16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you.

Exodus 10:17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

Exodus 10:18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD.

Exodus 10:19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

The LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart

Exodus 10:20 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

VI. The Ninth Plague – No warning – Pharaoh had already falsely repented (He did not "hold fast")

Exodus 10:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even **darkness which may be felt**.

Exodus 10:22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt **three days**:

Exodus 10:23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: **but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings**.

Pharaoh's forth compromise

Exodus 10:24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.

Exodus 10:25 And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God.

Exodus 10:26 Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither.

The LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart

Exodus 10:27 But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

Exodus 10:28 And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in *that* day thou seest my face thou shalt die.

Exodus 10:29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.

Plagues against the gods of Egypt										
<p>God's Word to Pharaoh: And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel <i>is</i> my son, <i>even</i> my firstborn: And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, <i>even</i> thy firstborn. (Exodus 4:22-23)</p>										
<p>God's Purpose: Exodus 7:17 Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I <i>am</i> the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that <i>is</i> in mine hand upon the waters which <i>are</i> in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. (To Pharaoh) Exodus 7:5 And the Egyptians shall know that I <i>am</i> the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them. (To Egyptian people) Exodus 10:2 And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I <i>am</i> the LORD. (To Israel)</p>										
Plague	Water to blood	Frogs	Lice	Flies	Cattle murrain	Boils	Hail	Locusts	Darkness	1 st born death
Passage	Exodus 7:19-25	Exodus 8:1-15	Exodus 8:16-20	Exodus 8:20-32	Exodus 9:1-7	Exodus 9:8-17	Exodus 9:18-35	Exodus 10:1-20	Exodus 10:21-29	Exodus 11:1-10
Religious Situation In Egypt	Nile thought to bring life to crops	Frogs Sacred don't kill them	Egyptians worshipped the Earth god, Geb	Sacred to Ra signified life eternal	Black Bull god, Apis worshiped	Priests spotless & disease-less to serve	Sky god, nut canopy protection	couldn't worship, must find food	Sun god Most high Egyptian god	The Firstborn Designated as gods of Egypt
God's Word To Moses	Exodus 7:14-19	Exodus 8:1-5	Exodus 8:16-17	Exodus 8:20-23	Exodus 9:1-5	Exodus 9:8-9	Exodus 9:13-22	Exodus 10:1-2	Exodus 10:21	Exodus 11:1-2
God's warning	Exodus 7:16-17	Exodus 8:1-4	No Warning	Exodus 8:20-21	Exodus 9:1-5	No Warning	Exodus 9:13-21	Exodus 10:1-6	No Warning	Warning had been given
Pharaoh's Compromise	None	None	None	1. Do it here Vs 25 2. Not far away Vs 28	None	None	None	3. Leave wives and children	4. Leave the Flocks	None
Egyptian god Directed Against	Nile god, Hapi sacred to Osirus	Heka, Frog Headed goddess of fertility	Earth god reports to Osirus about the harvest	Kepara, and RA	Apis, the black bull	Magician's judgment that could not serve	Nut, Sky goddess could not protect	Egyptian Life In without food	Sun God powerless over darkness	Pharaoh, a god, but lost his heir to the throne
Effect On Egypt	Nile to bring death for 7 days	Frogs everywhere land stinks	Egyptian god now hated Lice out of dust	Thousands of flies everywhere	Sacred cattle have fatal disease	All worship stopped Boils on Egyptian's animals	The flax and barley was smitten	All crops left after hail gone	Egyptian Religion devastated	Egyptian belief that Pharaoh was a god devastated
Effect On The Egyptian Religion	Priests duplicated plague, Powerless to stop it	Priests duplicated the Plague	Priests Could <u>not</u> duplicate	Egyptian gods powerless against God's judgments	Egyptians Forced To Worship Sick Cattle	Religious Rituals Came To A Screeching Halt	Sky goddess, helpless against God	Pharaoh's servants realize That Israelites are a snare	The Highest god Helpless Against God	Highest god completely ineffective
Effect On Pharaoh	Hardened his heart	As frogs gone Pharaoh hardened his heart	Did <u>not</u> ask for plague to be removed	Wanted to compromise but hardened his heart	Pharaoh hardened his heart	The Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart	Hail ceased; Pharaoh hardened his heart	False repentance, hardened his heart as locusts left	Pharaoh Hardened His Heart	All Israel get out - Parents animals, children, possessions
Effect On Israel	Same as Egypt	Same as Egypt	Same as Egypt	Israel no flies in Goshen	No Israelite cattle died	No boils on Israelites	No hail in Goshen	Teach the children	All Israel (in Goshen) had light	Delivered by Blood of the Lamb