

(Exodus 8)
“A Break Through In Faith”

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled this message: **“I’m Trying To Get Your Attention”**
 - (Exodus 8) NLT

~ INTRO ~

OK...

- The Israelites had been enslaved in Egypt for about 400 years.
 - And it seems that they had lost faith in God's promise...
 - To Abraham, Issac, and Jacob.

NO DOUBT...

- They believed God existed AND went thru the motions of worshipping
 - However, they doubted He could, or would, set them free...
 - From the difficult circumstances of their lives in Egypt.

IN THE CHURCH AGE...

- We read the Gospels and how Jesus came...
 - With a ministry of mercy & grace & truth.

FLIP TO (Matt 9)

JESUS CAME TO SEEK LOST PEOPLE...

- People who know they're sick and looking for help.

THOSE WHO CRIED OUT TO HIM RECEIVED HELP:

- Forgiveness of sin to walk again (v.6b)
- Life into a sick & dying situation (v.18 & v.25)
- Healing in a hopeless condition (vv.20-22)
- Sight for those stumbling blindly in darkness (vv.27-30)
- Freedom for a person trapped without a voice (vv.32-33)

THE POINT IS...

- Jesus desires mercy over sacrifices (Matt. 9:13).

YET...

- God is not afraid to take radical steps to get the attention of creation.

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SO... LAST WEEK...

- We ended with the 1st PLAGUE as the Nile was turned to blood.
 - (Egypt's Ten Plagues Info Sourced From ¹).

HERE'S A FEW THINGS WE CAN LEARN TODAY...

IDEA #1 – MY NAME IS TO BE HONORED:

(Mal. 1:14b) NKJV

For I Am a great King, says the Lord of hosts, and My name is to be feared among the nations.

IN THIS SCENE IN (Exodus 8)...

- Pharaoh was being stubborn & rebellious to the direction of God.
 - So Moses was sent to command judgment over Egypt.

REMEMBER (Ex. 5:2) Pharaoh said...

“Who is the Lord? Why should I listen to him and let Israel go? I don't know the LORD, and I will not let Israel go.”

WE'RE READING HOW THE REBELLION...

- Against the God of heaven and earth expands in (Chp. #7 – Chp. #11)...
 - While God tries to get the attention of Pharaoh to no avail.

ONE AUTHOR SAYS...

“The Egyptians... worshiped a wide variety of nature-gods and attributed their powers to the natural phenomena they saw in the world around them.”

- They had no respect for honoring the God of heaven and earth!

SO...

- In the case of the Nile turning to blood...
 - This judgment brought deviation to daily life...
 - As the national economy was destroyed...
 - Because the fish died from the blood water (Nile).

(Ex. 8:2) THE 2nd PLAGUE...

¹ Got Questions Ministries, Egypt's Ten Plagues. Sourced on 10/09/2024 from <https://www.gotquestions.org/ten-plagues-Egypt.html>

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- Brings frogs from the Nile, this was a judgment against **Heqet**
 - Was a frog-headed goddess of birth & fertility...
 - Who helped women.

SO... FROGS WERE THOUGHT TO BE...

- Sacred in Egypt and not to be killed.
 - God had the frogs invade every part of Egypt & die.
- And here's what happened when the frogs died (Ex. 8:13-15) NLT

(Ex. 8:16) THE 3rd PLAGUE...

- Gnats (mosquitos / lice) and unlike the previous plagues...
 - The magicians were unable to duplicate this one...
 - And they declared to Pharaoh...
 - “*This is the finger of God*” (Ex. 8:19).

(Ex. 8:21) THE 4th PLAGUE...

- Swarms of flies

IDEA #2 – PERFECT DISCIPLINE:

NOW...

- Let's consider some application from the OT that flows into the NT...
 - Consider how God desires to get our attention.

FLIP TO (Lev. 26:14-39) & (Heb. 12:5-13)

- We're looking at two-side of the same coin...
 - God trying to get humans attention to save & help.

(Lev 26) Seven steps to break stubborn pride:

- (v.16) sudden terror (confusion of mind)
- (v.19) difficult work situations (Ps. 66:18) NLT
- (v.22) stripped of precious possessions
- (v.26) food problems
- (v.30) destruction of idols (Isa. 59:1-2) NKJV
- (v.33) I will scatter you
- (v.36) demoralize you (loss of confidence & hope)

Now we're not Israel...

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- But God does chasten us to break stubborn pride.

(Heb 12:5-13) we get a fresh perspective of disciple.

SO... What's the remedy?

~ IN CLOSING ~

May we submit to the mighty hand of God...

- And enjoy the blessings for those in right relationship with Him.

“Leave your simple ways behind and begin to live; learn to use good judgment.”
(Proverbs 9:6)NLT

IF YOU NEED PRAYER TONIGHT...

- Please take a step of faith and visit with one of the pastors down front.
- Ladies we also have a women's ministry leader down front too.