

(Exodus 9)  
“Resistant to Change”

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled this message: “Resistant to Change”
  - (Exodus 9) NKJV

~ INTRO ~

OK...

- As we continue to navigate thru the OT...
  - We're working our way thru the 10-Plagues of Egypt.
    - (A series of judgments poured out by God).

NOW... IN OUR MODERN CULTURE...

- We have a strong dislike around the thoughts of judgment!

MANY HAVE EMBRACED...

- The *sacred-secular*, which views judgment as the ultimate sin...
  - AND labeling judgment...
    - As an enemy of “my feelings” that guide me to what I want!
- (*This makes me feel good... so don't tell me it's wrong.*)

YET...

- In an honest reading of the Bible...
  - We learn... God's motivation behind judgment.
- It's to awaken humanity... to the reality...
  - Of what life & eternity is without Him!
- God is the source of ALL life...
  - And without Him it's total depravity / suffering / & darkness.

IN AMERICAN CHURCHES...

- It's become unpopular to explore the whole counsel of God...
  - Because it's too radical.
    - People have become intolerant of hearing His truth.

(Rom. 15:4) NKJV

*“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”*

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(1 Cor. 10:11) NKJV

*“Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”*

**HERES THE POINT...**

(2 Tim. 3:16) NLT

*“All scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.”*

**HERE’S A FEW THINGS WE CAN LEARN TODAY...**

**IDEA #1 – A SIMPLE CHOICE:**

(vv.1-6)

- We’re looking at the 5<sup>th</sup> Plague...
  - Which falls upon the livestock of the country...
    - (cattle, horses, donkeys, camels, oxen, & sheep).

(v.1) GOD GAVE A **COMMAND**...

- For Pharaoh to follow.

(vv.2-3) GOD GAVE THE **CONSEQUENCES** ...

- If Pharaoh chose to disregard His direction.

(v.4) GOD SHOWED **WHO WOULD BE PROTECTED**...

- If Pharaoh chose to go *head-to-head* with God.

(v.5) GOD APPOINTED **A SET TIME**...

- When this was going to happen.

NOW...

- It’s important to remember all that has taken place.
- God has already demonstrated **His** grace...
  - **His** willingness to allow time... for a change of heart.
    - And **He’s** provided events that proved...
      - **His** ability to do just as **He** said.

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IF ALL YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BIBLE...

- Is what we've read in Genesis & Exodus...
  - You already know...

(Gen. 6:8) NKJV

- God desires grace before wrath!

(Gen. 7:1a) NKJV

- God gives every human freewill to respond to the invite into safety.

IF YOU'VE READ FURTHER INTO THE N.T.

- You've seen the motivation of the Father (John 3:17) NKJV

THE BIBLE SAYS...

- (Rom. 5:6)
  - *Christ died for the ungodly...*

THE BOOK OF ROMANS (Rom. 4) CONFIRMS THAT PEOPLE...

- Made right with God by faith NOT works
- Made right with God by grace NOT law
- Made right by God NOT by human effort

**IDEA #2 – I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES:**

(v.7)

- Pharaoh confirmed that God DID... exactly as He said He would.
  - But it only resulted in Pharaoh's heart getting harder.

TODAY IN THE CHURCH...

- All across our Country... men & women have heard...
  - Of the grace of God thru Christ Jesus...
    - And have delayed obeying Him.

BUT... THE UNNOTICED RESULT...

- Is a heart becoming more desensitized by darkness...
  - AND a growing inability to receive God's grace...
    - Just like Pharaoh's hard heart!

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JUST LIKE WITH PHARAOH...

- God makes firm your choices either for Him or against Him.

(2 Cor. 6:1-2) NLT

(Heb 9:27-28) NLT

DOES THAT DESCRIBE YOU?

- Are you eagerly waiting for Jesus?
  - Or have you abused the grace of God...
    - With daily choices that reject God’s heart?

YOU SEE...

- This is exactly what Pharaoh was doing!

**IDEA #3 – TIME IS RUNNING OUT:**

IN OUR DAILY LIVES AS AMERICAN’S...

- We busy ourselves in privileges...
  - And have neglected the bigger matters of God’s grace.

(vv.16-17) God told Pharaoh...

- “*allowed you to remain*” NASB
- “*I spared you*” NLT

(Jer. 29:11) NLT

- God has plans for you.

BUT AS WE OBSERVE GOD’S TIME PIECE (Israel)...

- We recognize the moment we’re living in...
  - Is in... anticipating of Jesus’ return.

(Rev. 22:12) NKJV

LAST SATURDAY (Oct. 12, 2024)...

- Turkish President Erdogan (ehr-dow-aan)...
  - Called for Russia, Iran, & Turkey...
    - To come together to protect the regional interest of Syria.

AND IN CASE YOU DON’T UNDERSTAND THIS...

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- Bible commentators & researches believe the **alliance** of (Ezk. 38) <sup>1</sup>
  - *Gog and Magog war against Israel...*
    - Is happening right before our eyes...
    - And the rapture of the church is imminent.

BACK IN (Ex. 9)...

- Pharaoh acknowledged his sin... (v.27b)
  - Called on God... (v.28)
    - And then returned to sin... (v.34)

IT'S AN ABUSE OF GOD'S GRACE...

- And we see IT... in the OT & NT.

SO...

- Let's be certain of God's perspective on this...
  - (Ezk. 18:26-32) NLT

~ IN CLOSING ~

IF YOU NEED TO GET RIGHT WITH GOD...

- Please come visit the pastors up front.

IF YOU NEED PRAYER...

- Come down front.
  - Ladies we also have a women's ministry leaders down front too.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://allisrael.com/axis-of-ezekiel-erdogan-calls-for-alliance-of-russia-iran-turkey-and-syria-against-israel>