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My Message Notes

As Israel prepares to leave Egypt God is at work on multiple levels to prove He is the One True God. Of course He wants the people of Israel to see Him as their God, protector and deliverer. But He also wants the Egyptian people to see that He is more powerful than the numerous false gods they currently follow and finally He wants Pharaoh to come to grips with his own mortality and weakness. All of this hinges on an individuals obedience that leads to deliverance.

Part 4 - Oops I Did It Again

Have you ever tried to argue with a child (or teenager) who absolutely believed they were right, even in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary?

As we're trying to figure out how to follow God, how to get out the darkness of our sin and walk in what Paul calls the "light that offers life that never ends" (2 Timothy 1:10) at some point we've got to come face-to-face with the reality that God is sovereign over all things – including us. That means that God has ultimate command and control over everything in all of creation. And just because He allows us to choose He never gives up control.

The SOVEREIGNTY of God requires my SURRENDER to God

As we dive back into the Exodus story I want us to see that whether we're talking about the Pharaoh in Egypt or each of us personally, we all must fight the idea that we're the king.

when we try to rule our own little kingdom, like Pharaoh tried to control his kingdom, we're just a child arguing with a parent who watches the consequences go from bad to worse.

Exodus 7:5 CEV

...When this happens, the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.

The plagues have some interesting attributes:

- They get progressively worse,
- They make a clear distinction between the Egyptians and the Hebrews,
- They show the complete weakness of the false gods of Egypt and
- The complete power of the Hebrew God, YHWH over everything and everyone (sovereignty)
- And we see that God cares for people even in the midst of consequences

Each plague was a direct challenge of the false gods of Egypt

1. Nile river turns to blood
2. Infestation of frogs
3. Infestation of Gnats
4. Infestation of Flies
5. Mass animals deaths
6. Sores or boils on people
7. Hail stone devastation
8. Infestation of Locusts
9. Thick and complete darkness
10. Death of firstborn males of people and animals

- God is constantly revealing His power and grace to us if we're willing to see it.
- God's goal is our surrender for OUR own benefit, so we're not selling ourselves to the false gods of money, power and sex that are interested in our slavery not our success. Ultimately, these are the same gods the Egyptians worshiped they just had a bunch of different names for them.
- While God is trying to rescue US from the slavery of sin, He's also and always trying to rescue others THROUGH us, our freedom is not just for us it's for others too.
- Ultimately, Pharaoh is ME. And over and over I pretend that I'm the god of my own life.

The last god that must be defeated by The God is ME

8x in the narrative we're told that God is doing this so that the Egyptians, the Israelites and the whole world will know God:

7:5 – when this happens the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD

7:17 – The LORD is going to do something to show you that He really is the LORD

8:10 – Then everyone will discover that there is no god like the LORD

8:23 – that's how you will know that the LORD is here in Egypt

9:14 – Then you will find out that no one can oppose the LORD

9:29 – you will know that the earth belongs to the LORD

10:2 – then all of you will know that I am the LORD

11:7 – then you Egyptians will know that the LORD is good to the Israelites even while He punishes you

Exodus 12:38 CEV

Many other people went with [the Israelites] as well

OBEDIENCE precedes DELIVERANCE

JESUS THE KING died in our place and rose as our defender inviting us into a relationship with the Father where we can live our real lives through the Holy Spirit's power as we **DAILY SURRENDER TO JESUS' REIGN** and wait for His return.

Is there something in your life that you haven't surrendered? It's time.

Next Sunday: Special Guest Alan Funk

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