

The Life of Moses - Learning to Follow God

Before Moses - God's Grace and Power made clear!

Exodus 4:20-13:22 (Focus on 12:1-13)

Background Moses protected in his birth, trained in the palace, failed in his attempt to free his people from slavery. 40 years
Settled in the wilderness - married with 2 children - 40 years
Then awakened by God to return and with God's power to free God's people.
Stood before Pharaoh - the most powerful man on earth.
Called upon Pharaoh to let God's people go. 10 Plagues
Ultimate picture of God delivering us from sin.

I. Questions about the Plagues

- A. Why 10?-(Mercy of God) but number of completion**
- B. How long did it take?** At least 50 days but probably a year
- C. Why such things** as Water to Blood, Frogs, Lice, Flies, Disease on Cattle, Boils on people. Hail, Locusts, Darkness? - Each corresponded with one or more of the "gods" the Egyptians worshipped.
- D. Could they have been natural disasters?** Yes, but all together in a short period of time and to the extent that they came.
- E. Did Pharaoh offer any compromises?**
Yes three --1. Don't go far - stay in Egypt, 2. Go but only the men -Leave families behind, 3. Go but leave wealth behind
- F. Why did God harden Pharaoh's heart?**
18 times a hard heart is mentioned.
--Pharaoh, God, His heart was hardened
God extended great grace and mercy - taken as a curse

II. The final plague - the death of the first born son.

- A. It was to overcome the final "god" of the Egyptians - Pharaoh himself who was worshipped over all the others**
- B. It was performed openly with warning to all.**
- C. It required active obedience instead of passive waiting**
 - 1. A spotless male lamb was chosen
 - 2. The lamb was held until the proper time

- 3. The lamb was slain
- 4. The blood was put on the sides and above the door
- 5. The lamb was roasted and eaten completely
- 6. All must stay in the house to be saved
- 7. The people were to be packed and dressed to go

III. The meaning of the Plagues

- A. There is no god like the one God -**
- B. God has great patience, compassion and mercy**
- C. God alone could deliver the people from Egypt**
- D. God's grace is seen in His power**

IV. Christ seen in the Passover

- A. He is the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world.**
 - 1. Chosen before the foundation of the world **I Peter 1:20**
 - 2. He is sinless/spotless **I Peter 1:18-20**
 - 3. He was slain for our forgiveness **Hebrews 9:22**
- B. His blood is the price paid**
 - 1. Shed on cross - over and on sides of door
 - 2. Accepted and eternal life delivered **Romans 6:23**

What God does for us through His Grace and Power!

He offers us many chances to repent

He offers His Son as the sacrifice for our sins

He offers us eternal life

What God expects from us

Confession of our sins

Faith to except Christ as Lord

Commitment that includes

Separation from the world

Includes our whole family

Using all our resources for God

*It requires faith and obedience
- both also given freely.*