

current sermon series

EXODUS

THE GOD WHO REDEEMS

Exodus 9:13-21

¹³ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, the God of the Hebrews, “Let my people go, that they may serve me.’”

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¹⁴ For this time I will send all my plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth.

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¹⁵ For by now I could have put out my hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, and you would have been cut off from the earth.

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¹⁶ But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth. ¹⁷ You are still exalting yourself against my people and will not let them go.

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¹⁸ Behold, about this time tomorrow I will cause very heavy hail to fall, such as never has been in Egypt from the day it was founded until now. ¹⁹ Now therefore send, get your livestock and all that you have in the field into safe shelter,

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for every man and beast that is in the field and is not brought home will die when the hail falls on them.””²⁰ Then whoever feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh hurried his slaves and his livestock into the houses,

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²¹ but whoever did not pay attention to the word of the Lord left his slaves and his livestock in the field.

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²⁷ Then Pharaoh sent and called Moses and Aaron and said to them, “This time I have sinned; the Lord is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong.

²⁸ Plead with the Lord, for there has been enough of God's thunder and hail.

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I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer.”²⁹ Moses said to him, “As soon as I have gone out of the city, I will stretch out my hands to the Lord. The thunder will cease, and there will be no more hail, so that you may know that the earth is the Lord's.

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³⁰ But as for you and your servants, I know that you do not yet fear the Lord God.”

Hebrews 3:12-15

¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Hebrews 3:12-15

¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

¹⁵ As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

Exodus 10:7-11

⁷ Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, “How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the Lord their God. Do you not yet understand that Egypt is ruined?”

⁸ So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh.

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And he said to them, “Go, serve the Lord your God. But which ones are to go?”⁹ Moses said, “We will go with our young and our old. We will go with our sons and daughters and with our flocks and herds, for we must hold a feast to the Lord.”

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¹⁰ But he said to them, “The Lord be with you, if ever I let you and your little ones go! Look, you have some evil purpose in mind. ¹¹ No! Go, the men among you, and serve the Lord, for that is what you are asking.” And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

Exodus 10:16-20

¹⁶ Then Pharaoh hastily called Moses and Aaron and said, “I have sinned against the Lord your God, and against you. ¹⁷ Now therefore, forgive my sin,

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please, only this once, and plead with the Lord your God only to remove this death from me.”¹⁸ So he went out from Pharaoh and pleaded with the Lord.¹⁹ And the Lord turned the wind into a very strong west wind,

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which lifted the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea. Not a single locust was left in all the country of Egypt.

²⁰ But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the people of Israel go.

Exodus 10:21-29

21 Then the Lord said to Moses,
“Stretch out your hand toward heaven,
that there may be darkness over the
land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt.”

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²² So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. ²³ They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived.

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24 Then Pharaoh called Moses and said, “Go, serve the Lord; your little ones also may go with you; only let your flocks and your herds remain behind.”

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²⁵ But Moses said, “You must also let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God. ²⁶ Our livestock also must go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind,

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for we must take of them to serve the Lord our God, and we do not know with what we must serve the Lord until we arrive there.”²⁷ But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go.

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28 Then Pharaoh said to him, “Get away from me; take care never to see my face again, for on the day you see my face you shall die.” 29 Moses said, “As you say! I will not see your face again.”

Three Effects of Sin

The first thing sin produces is rebellion. This is more than breaking a few rules; it is a fundamental flaw in my character. It is not something I learn; I was born with it.

Three Effects of Sin

Sin also produces foolishness in us. Foolishness believes that there is no perspective, insight, or “truth” more reliable than our own. It buys into the lie that we know better. It causes us to distort reality and live in a world of our own making.

Three Effects of Sin

Finally, sin renders us incapable of doing what God has ordained. This *inability* colors every situation and relationship of our lives.

Three Effects of Sin

It is not just that I don't want to do God's will, or that I think my way is better, it's that even when I have the right intentions, I can't pull it off. I always fall short of God's standard.