

Responding to God with Godly Repentance

Exodus 7-11

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There was a pattern in all of the plagues

1. Obedience (7:8-10)
2. God's Superior Power Over Egypt's God's (7:8-12)
3. Counterfeit Signs (7:11-12)
4. Pharaoh's Response (7:13)

Pharaoh's responses:

7:11-13

Plague 1 - 7:22-23 - Pharaoh's heart remains hard and unmoved.

Plague 2 - 8:8,15 - Pharaoh is finally moved. He asks Moses to go to God ask Him to take away the frogs.

Plague 3 - 8:19 - Pharaoh's heart remains hard.

Plague 4 - 8:25-28, 32 - There is no sign of remorse or acknowledgement of sin, he just wants to do as little as possible to get the bad consequences to leave.

Plague 7 - 9:27-28, 30-35 - He finally acknowledges sin, but says, "this time."

- Verse 30 - He doesn't fear God.

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Plague 8 - 10:16-17 - "Forgive my sin, only this once." Pharaoh refused to let them leave after the locusts were removed.

- He did not see himself as a sinner. He was not ready to fully repent. He just wanted to deal with this one sin and its consequences.

Plague 9 10:24 - He let the people go, but he didn't want to let them take livestock and their crops. Repentance was too costly for Pharaoh.

Godly Repentance Vs. Worldly Repentance :: 2 Corinthians 7:7-10

Belief is further broken down three ways:

1. Knowledge of the Gospel facts James 2:19

2. Agreement with the Gospel facts - Jonah 3

3. A personal transfer of trust and reliance from oneself to Jesus alone. This involves godly sorrow and repentance for all sin, which means that you turn from your life of sin and turn to following Christ.
 - This involves an eagerness on your part, not trying to cling to as much of your old life as possible.

Different Types of Responses to the Gospel

1. Conviction/Sorrow and Desire to Repent - Job 42:5-6

2. Conviction But Uncertainty - We must give the Holy Spirit time to work. Do not be overzealous here. We want genuine professions that flow from godly sorrow!
 - You can ask them to consider what you have talked about and if it is okay if you follow up with them in a week. You may also leave them with a tract or other material.

3. Willingness to accept for reasons other than a desire to repent
 - This could be a fear of hell, desire to please parents, desire for attention, right thing to do, etc...

4. Apathy/Rejection - Most likely these people have no fear of God. You need to teach them to fear God
 - Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 14:9-11