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“Gnats, Flies, and Dead Animals” Exodus 8:16-9:7

Memory Verse: James 4:7

Introduction

A. This “battle pitted Jehovah, the true God, who moved Moses and Israel, against all the false gods of the Egyptian pantheon, backed by a host of fallen angels who had turned from God as a part of Lucifer’s original rebellion” James Boice

B. “When it pleases God by his judgments to humble men, he is never at a loss for means: he can use lions or lice, famines or flies. In the armory of God there are weapons of every kind, from the stars in their courses down to caterpillars in their hosts” Charles Spurgeon

I. God Is Sovereign over All of Life (8:16-17)

A. Exodus 8:20-24; 9:1-6

B. Psalm 115:3

C. Only a King with no sin can reign over a kingdom with no end.

D. Revelation 11:15-18

II. Satan Has His Limitations (8:18-19)

A. No magic is equal to the power of God.

B. Miracle—a direct act of divine intervention in which God overrules his creation to display his glory.

C. Satan is very powerful. (2 Thessalonians 2:9; Hebrews 2:14)

D. Satan is very powerful, BUT HIS POWERS ARE LIMITED (1 John 3:8b; Revelation 20:10)

E. Satan is potent but not omnipotent. Amen!

F. Encouraging Scripture: Matthew 6:13; Ephesians 6:11; 1 John 4:4; James 4:7

III. God Makes a Distinction between His People by His Special Providence (8:22-24; 9:6-7)

A. Ephesians 1:4-5

B. Two practical implications:

1. The absolute necessity of coming to faith in Christ

2. The absolute necessity of missions and evangelism

C. God’s mission is our commission.

IV. God Does Not Accept Compromised Worship (8:25-28)

A. Mark 12:30

B. John 4:23-24

Conclusion

- A. Apart from Christ, we are pharaoh.
- B. Ephesians 4:18
- C. Hebrews 3:12
- D. The exodus shows us the pattern of redemption.
- E. The Gospel Definition