

One More Night With the Frogs

Lesson Text: **Exodus 8:1-15**

INTRODUCTION:

A. **Exodus 8:1-15** - Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

"But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite your whole territory with frogs.

"The Nile will swarm with frogs, which will come up and go into your house and into your bedroom and on your bed, and into the houses of your servants and on your people, and into your ovens and into your kneading bowls.

"So the frogs will come up on you and your people and all your servants.'"

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, ' Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the streams and over the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt."

So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

The magicians did the same with their secret arts, making frogs come up on the land of Egypt.

Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, " Entreat the LORD that He remove the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD."

Moses said to Pharaoh, " The honor is yours to tell me: when shall I entreat for you and your servants and your people, that the frogs be destroyed from you and your houses, that they may be left only in the Nile?"

Then he said, "**Tomorrow**." So he said, "May it be according to your word, that you may know that there is no one like the LORD our God.

"The frogs will depart from you and your houses and your servants and your people; they will be left only in the Nile."

Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried to the LORD concerning the frogs which He had inflicted upon Pharaoh.

The LORD did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs died out of the houses, the courts, and the fields.

So they piled them in heaps, and the land became foul.

But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

B. Background:

1. Joseph's family had entered Egypt because of the famine some 400 years earlier.

2. The Scriptures had been silent for approximately three centuries. When they did speak again they told us “Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph” **Exodus 1:8**

3. This new dynasty of rulers enslaved the Israelites

4. **Exodus 1:9-14** - He said to his people, "Behold, the people of the sons of Israel are more and mightier than we.

"Come, let us deal wisely with them, or else they will multiply and in the event of war, they will also join themselves to those who hate us, and fight against us and depart from the land."

So they appointed taskmasters over them to afflict them with hard labor. And they built for Pharaoh storage cities, Pithom and Raamses.

But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread out, so that they were in dread of the sons of Israel.

The Egyptians compelled the sons of Israel to labor rigorously; and they made their lives bitter with hard labor in mortar and bricks and at all kinds of labor in the field, all their labors which they rigorously imposed on them.

5. The Israelites cried out for deliverance. God raised up a deliverer—Moses. God prepared him eighty years for forty years of work.

6. Ten plagues were sent upon Egypt.

a. The first had been the waters of Egypt being turned into blood.

b. When “the magicians of Egypt did the same with their secret arts,” Pharaoh heart became hardened. The NASB says in **Exodus 1:23** – Then Pharaoh turned and went into his house with no concern even for this.”

c. Seven days later when Pharaoh again refused God’s request through Moses, a second plague, a plague of frogs, was brought upon the land of Egypt.

1. **Exodus 8:6-7** – So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt.

The magicians did the same with their secret arts, making frogs come up on the land of Egypt. However there is no indication that they could remove the frogs from the land . . . they could not make them go away.

d. Certainly you know what a frog is? In case anyone may have forgotten, a frog is a tailless, chiefly aquatic amphibian having a smooth, moist skin, webbed feet and long hind legs for jumping.

e. Describe the nuisance and aggravation of having of so many frogs. Totally disrupt the Egyptian way of life.

1. Pick up a cup to get a drink of water . . .there’s a frog in it.

ILLUSTRATION: Elder’s wife at Cheap Hill . . . ceramic frog in coffee

cup . . . she did not know . . . we were alerted to watch her drink her coffee . . . eyes glared up at her.

2. Draw water from a well and get a bucket full of frogs instead.
 3. Frogs on everything, under everything, and in everything.
 4. Teachers trying to teach would be competing with a room full of frogs.
 5. Could not walk without frogs being under your feet.
 6. Try sitting down but every seat is covered with frogs already
 7. Try dressing only to find frogs inside your clothes.
 8. Be still for just a minute only to have a frog land on your head. Try sitting for a minute only to have you lap become a resting place for several frogs.
 9. Every bowl and cooking pot had frogs in them.
 10. Sit down to eat and a frog was sitting on your plate.
 11. Trying to bathe, reach for soap and pull back a big fat frog.
 12. Try going to bed when your bed and bedroom are both covered with little Kermits.
 13. Turn over at night to kiss your wife and you kiss a frog instead. I know, some of you probably still feel you do that today!
 14. I guess if you liked frog legs you were in luck.
- f. Probably when the third plague, the plague of flies came, the Egyptians wished they had the plague of frogs back to consume the flies.
7. Pharaoh summoned Moses and asked him to end the plague of Frogs. A further indication that his magicians could not.
- a. Moses said “**When**.” Here is one of the most amazing lines in the Bible is uttered. Pharaoh could have this terrible plague removed any time he chose . . . and he said, “**TOMORROW**.”
 - b. So, the Pharaoh chose **ONE MORE NIGHT WITH THE FROGS**.

C. Why did Pharaoh choose one more night with the frogs?

1. Maybe, just maybe
 - a. Maybe he liked the nuisance of having them around . . . but I don’t think so.
 - b. Maybe his son, who would die in the tenth plague, hadn’t quite picked out a favorite pet frog yet . . . but I don’t think so.
 - c. Maybe he wanted one more helping of frog legs . . . but I don’t think so.
 - d. Maybe Pharaoh wanted the challenge of trying to kiss his wife good-night without missing and kissing a frog. Friends, I’m not even going there!
2. Why did Pharaoh choose to spend one more night with the frogs?
 - a. He probably refused to believe that the God of Moses had actually caused the plague. He probably thought the situation had been caused by some natural phenomena and wanted one more night for the situation to improve . . . **without God’s help**.

- b. He was warned that the frogs would come, and come they did. **The remedy was standing right in front of him**, and yet, **because of his unbelief**, he spent one more night with the frogs.
- c. Pharaoh's actions may seem absurd to us, but many are acting the very same way this very hour because of their unbelief. **Acts 17:30-31** - "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."
- D. Listening friend, it is foolish to put off obeying the gospel and spend one more night with the frogs for any reason. Why is this so?

IT IS FOOLISH TO PUT OFF OBEYING THE GOSPEL, AND IN SO DOING, THEREBY SPENDING ONE MORE NIGHT WITH THE FROGS BECAUSE THE DAY COULD COME WHEN GOD WILL GIVE UP ON YOU?

- A. It could really happen!
 - 1. Consider the people of Noah's time, some 1,656 years after Adam and some 427 years before Abraham.
 - 2. The very thoughts of men were continually evil. **Genesis 6:3, 5-6** - And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."
 - Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
 - And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.
 - 2. God gave them 120 years in which to repent and improve, but when he sealed the door of the ark, it was too late for any man to open it.
 - 3. Friends, they had spent one night too many with the frogs, and God gave them up.
- B. **Hosea 4:17** - "Ephraim is joined to idols, Let him alone." "Ephraim" here stands for the entire northern kingdom of Israel.
- C. After the Pharaoh had closed his ears to the pleading of the Israelite slaves and to the pleading of God's commissioned servant (Moses), God hardened his heart.
- D. **Jeremiah 8:20** - "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, And we are not saved from our sins."
- E. God gave up the Gentiles. **Romans 1:24-28** - Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,
 - who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting.

F. God gives up on a person when that person's heart becomes so depraved by repeated

rebellion to God that his conscience is no longer open to the Word of God.

1. **1 Timothy 4:1-2** — Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,
2. **2 Thessalonians 2:10-12** - And with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

IT IS FOLLY TO SPEND ONE MORE NIGHT WITH THE FROGS BECAUSE THE CONSCIENCE MAY BECOME HARDENED.

A. **Hebrews 3:13** — But exhort one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

B. Listening friends, consider this:

1. Every drunkard was once an innocent child.
2. Every thief was once an innocent child.
3. Every murderer was once an innocent child.
4. Every serial killer was once an innocent child.
5. Every rapist was once an innocent child.

C. I have read that:

1. 5 of every 6 conversions take place before the age of 20.
2. 11 of 12 conversions take place before the age of 25
3. 1 out of 1,000 conversions take place after the age of 30.

IT IS FOLLY TO SPEND ONE MORE NIGHT WITH THE FROGS BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE AND THE CERTAINTY OF DEATH.

James 4:13-14 — Now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

- A. Just like the policeman in Columbus, Ohio, who played Russian Roulette with his father's gun at a party and killed himself, you are playing Russian Roulette with your soul if you leave this building at the conclusion of this worship service without Jesus Christ.
1. If you do, you are gambling with your soul . . . And that which you are gambling with is subject to being lost.
 2. Don't gamble period! And . . . don't gamble with you life and your soul!
- B. **Psalm 103:14** - For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.
- C. Please open your Bible to Genesis 5. In the early years of man's history on the earth, the life spans were far longer than they are today.
1. **Verse 5** — So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, **AND HE DIED.**
 2. **Verse 8**— So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, **AND HE DIED.**
 3. **Verse 11** - So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; **AND HE DIED.**
 4. **Verse 14**— So all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years; **AND HE DIED.**
 5. **Verse 17** - So all the days of Mahalalel (muh-HAY-uh-lil) were eight hundred and ninety-five years; **AND HE DIED.**
 6. **Verse 20** — So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; **AND HE DIED.**
 7. **Verse 27** — So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; **AND HE DIED.**
 8. **Verse 31** - So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years; **AND HE DIED.**
- D. **Illustration:** True Story: David E. Parks, minister of the Waterford (Michigan) Church of Christ told about a boy who actually stepped out in the aisle in the next-to-the-last night of a Gospel Meeting, and then stepped back to his seat without continuing to walk forward in response to the Lord's invitation. Listen to his own words: "We watched for him the last night of the meeting, but he was not in his seat. We were informed after services that he had died in an accident with some of his friends on the way home the night before."

IT IS FOLLY TO SPEND ONE MORE NIGHT WITH THE FROGS BECAUSE WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN THE LORD IS COMING AGAIN.

- A. Some have felt that they knew.. .but they were wrong.
1. Garner Ted Armstrong said Jesus was coming on January 2, 1972 . . . but he was wrong.
 2. Pat Boone said the Lord would come before 1980... but he was wrong.
 3. Hal Lindsay gave a formula, which when worked out, indicated Christ would come in 1981 . . . but he was wrong.

4. Some thought it would happen in 1988. . . but they were wrong.
- B. All of these people think they know more than Christ knew. Mark 13:32 - “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”
- C. The day of the Lord will come as unexpected as a thief.
1. **2 Peter 3:10** - The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.
 2. **1 Thessalonians 4:16-17** - For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

CONCLUSION:

- A. My friends, if you choose to spend on more night with the frogs, you may think it would be unfair for God to bring down the door of opportunity to you.
1. If you turn your back on the invitation of Christ, you will be turning your back on GOD’S LOVE. **Romans 5:8** - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
 2. If you turn your back on the invitation of Christ, you will be turning your back on **THE PLEADING OF THE PROPHETS**.
 - a. **2 Peter 1:19** - And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.
 - b. **Hebrews 11:37-38** — They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented -- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.
 3. If you turn your back on the invitation of Christ, you will be turning your back on **CHRIST**.
 4. If you turn your back on the invitation of Christ, you will be turning your back on **THE GOSPEL**.
 5. If you turn your back on the invitation of Christ, you will be turning your back on **THE PRAYERS OF LOVED ONES**. Are their tears wasted on your rebellion against God?
 6. If you turn your back on the invitation of Christ, you will be turning your back on **THE EXHORTATION OF FRIENDS AND CONCERNED**
 7. If you turn your back on the invitation of Christ, you will be turning your

back on **YOUR PREACHER, ELDERS, DEACONS, AND YOUR BIBLE CLASS TEACHERS.**

- B. What will your answer be? Will you accept God's deliverance from the sin that plagues your life _____. Or . . . will you spend **ONE MORE NIGHT WITH THE FROGS?**
- C. You say it was folly for the Pharaoh to spend one more night with the frogs. Surely, you are smarter than Pharaoh . . . Come give your heart to God in obedience to His divine will.
1. "Remove your foot from evil." **Proverbs 4:27**
 2. It is foolish to put off obeying the Gospel and in so doing thereby spend one more night with the frogs because:
 - a. **The day could come when God will give up on you.**
 - b. **You conscience may become so hard that you will never change.**
 - c. **The uncertainty of life and the certainty of death.**
 - d. **We do not know when the Lord is coming again.**
- D. **God's Plan for Man's Salvation**