

## Exodus 11:1-10

Death – From Palace to Prison

*A stark forewarning ...*

### I. The Promised Turning Point

A. Another Plague!

B. The Last Straw

### II. A Favored People

A. The Eyes of God

B. The Heart of the Hoi Polloi

### III. A Catastrophic Night

A. Death of the Firstborn

B. With Distinction

*... to an increasingly callous soul.*

## Breaking the Camel's Back

Pharaoh's stubbornness is legendary, but he had his limits. God makes it clear that the tenth plague would be so devastating and so personal to the Egyptian ruler that he will finally give in to the command from God that he had so far rejected. The death of the firstborn would not only be a tragedy for common families, but it would serve to remove the heir apparent of the man who thought he was a god himself. It would be the last straw. The very position of the firstborn in itself is significant throughout Scripture as we will see. In contrast the Israelites would once again be spared of the heart wrenching effects of the plague. Once again God distinguishes between those under His wrath and those under his unmerited favor. This sign of the judgment and mercy of God points us to the necessity of Christ, the firstborn of all creation. Needless to say, the only begotten Son of God, the firstborn of all creation, could not be held by death.

### **Children, listen ...**

1. What does God say will happen after this plague comes?

2. Pharaoh did not like Moses or the Israelites much, but how did some of the Egyptian people, especially the servants feel about them?

3. What is the horrible plague that is coming on many Egyptians?

How will things be different for God's people?