

in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—<sup>24</sup> even us whom he has called...

## V. Do We Tremble in the Face of Jesus' Glory?

- A. Let Us Give Up Our Idolatrous Thinking
- B. Learning to Hate Our Sin

### Proverbs 28:13 (Cf. Matt. 5:27-30)

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

- C. Faith in the Face of a Hard Hearted World

### Matthew 24:7-14

<sup>7</sup> For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

<sup>9</sup> "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. <sup>10</sup> And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. <sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Psalm 2)

### Exodus 10:16-17

<sup>16</sup> Then Pharaoh hastily called Moses and Aaron and said, "I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. <sup>17</sup> Now therefore, forgive my sin, please, only this once, and plead with the LORD your God only to remove this death from me."

Exodus 8:20-10:29

## Trembling in the Presence of Jesus

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Sermon Outline

Notes

## I. Introduction

- A. The Absolute Sovereignty of God

### Isaiah 45:7

I form light and create darkness,  
I make well-being and create calamity,  
I am the Lord, who does all these things.

- B. Nature & Egyptian Idolatry

### Key Idea

*The LORD has absolute, unchallenged rule over all the earth. We should tremble in his presence!*

## II. Six More Plagues:

- A. 4<sup>th</sup> Flies (Exodus 8:20-32)
  - 1. Two Additional Elements (22-24)
  - 2. Pharaoh's Compromise (In the land...)
- B. 5<sup>th</sup> Livestock Die (Exodus 9:8-12)
  - 1. Religious & Economic Impact
  - 2. Distinction between Egypt/Israel (v. 7)
- C. 6<sup>th</sup> Boils (Exodus 9:1-7)
  - 1. "soot from the kiln"
  - 2. Gnats/lice vs. Boils
- D. 7<sup>th</sup> Hail (Exodus 9:13-35)

### Exodus 9:19

Now therefore send, get your livestock and all that you have in the field into safe shelter...

- E. 8<sup>th</sup> Locusts (Exodus 10:1-20)

### Canary Islands over 300 years ago:

*"The air was so full of them, that I could not eat in my chamber without a candle; all the houses being full of them, ...it was a troublesome thing when a man went abroad to be hit on the face with those creatures, so that there was no opening one's mouth but some would get in.*

Yet all this was nothing, for when we were to eat, these creatures gave us no respite; when we cut a bit of meat, we cut a locust with it; and when a man opened his mouth to put in a morsel, he was sure to chew one of them. I have seen them at night, when they sit to rest them, that the roads were four inches thick of them, one upon another..."

#### Exodus 10:7-10

<sup>7</sup> 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?" <sup>8</sup> So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh. And he said to them, "**Go, serve the Lord your God. But which ones are to go?**" ...<sup>10</sup> But he said to them, "**The Lord be with you, if ever I let you and your little ones go!**"

#### F. <sup>9</sup><sup>th</sup> Darkness (Exodus 10:21-29)

"Re (Ra) was the Egyptian sun god ...closely connected to the Pharaoh, Egypt's king. While the king ruled earth, Re was the master of the universe so they were of the same nature and were in effect a mirror image of each other."

<<http://www.touregypt.net/featurestories/re.htm>>

#### Exodus 10:23

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.

### III. The Purpose of the Plagues

#### A. To Judge Egypt – A Shadow (Exodus 6:6; 7:4)

#### Exodus 9:15

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.

#### Revelation 8:7

The first angel blew his **trumpet**, and there followed **hail and fire**, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was

burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

#### B. To Redeem Israel – A Shadow...

#### C. To Display the LORD's Glory

#### Exodus 8:22 (Flies)

But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, ***that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth.***

#### Exodus 9:14, 16 (Hail)

<sup>14</sup> 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.*** ... <sup>16</sup> 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.***

#### Exodus 10:1-2 (Locust)

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may show these signs of mine among them, <sup>2</sup> and ***that you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your grandson*** how I have dealt harshly with the Egyptians and what signs I have done among them, ***that you may know that I am the LORD.***"

### IV. The View from Heaven

#### A. The Return of Jesus is the Real Thing

#### Revelation 19:15b-16

He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

#### B. Vessels of Wrath & Mercy

#### Romans 9:22-24a

<sup>22</sup> What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, <sup>23</sup>