

ANOTHER NIGHT WITH THE FROGS II (Exodus 8:1-15)

Intro: At exactly 8:02 AM on May 8, 1902. Almost **30,000 people died** instantly in one of history's worst natural disasters.

The immediate cause of their deaths was the violent volcanic eruption of Mount Pelee on the French colonial island of Martinique.

It hurled millions of tons of rock, boiling lava and a terrible blast of super-heated air at the town of St. Pierre. **The indirect cause of their deaths was human stupidity, greed.**

The volcano first began misbehaving a full week before the final disaster as a gigantic rock and mudslide **killed several hundred people** at a factory outside the town.

Only a few people made the effort to evacuate the town, which lay at the foot of the rumbling volcano.

DEFINITION - Procrastination! - to be slow or late about doing something that should be done.

Some things can wait, some cannot! ***Our text speaks of the danger of delay.***

The 10 plagues sent upon Egypt represent **the great duel between Jehovah and the various false gods of Egypt.**

This passage concerns the second of the plagues, the plague of frogs.

- **Why Did God Send the Plague of Frogs?**
- The Egyptians also worshiped a god of resurrection named Heqt.
- Heqt was believed to take the form of a frog.
- The plague of Frogs was a way of saying ***that God could control any form of frog.***

This plague was clearly designed to show Egypt that **Jehovah alone was God.**

In the midst of this scene sits a man named Pharaoh. His actions during this plague are of interest to me this morning.

Here is a man who could have been delivered from the plague, yet he asked for *Just One More Night With The Frogs*. (vs-10)

Allow me to share some aspects of this story that ***teach us***:

The Great Danger Of Delay - especially in spiritual matters.

I. v. 1-7 **A TRAGIC DISASTER**

A. **A Disgusting Disaster** Frogs Everywhere! Illustrate the extent of this plague.

B. **A Disturbing Disaster** Frogs were considered sacred and, as a result, could not be killed.

C. **A Devastating Disaster** There wasn't a single person beyond the reach of the frogs influence.

D. **A Defiling Disaster** The frogs filled all the temples and there by ***defiled them and prevented the people from worshipping any of their other gods***.

E. **A Descriptive Disaster** – A clear picture of a plague that afflicts all men.

1. **Sin Is Universal – It touches Every Life!!!** - **1 John 5:19** - We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.
2. **Sin Is Uncontrollable – Prov. 13:15** - Sound judgment is praised, but people without good sense are on the way to disaster. (CEV)
3. **Sin will take you farther than you want to go**, keep you longer than you want to stay and cost you more than you want to pay!

A man in Haiti wanted to sell his house for \$2,000. Another man wanted to buy it, but could only pay \$1,000. After some negotiation, the homeowner agreed to sell the home for \$1,000, provided he was allowed to **retain ownership of one single nail** just over the front door.

After some years, the original owner wanted to buy back the house. The new owner refused to sell.

So, the original owner went out and found the carcass of a dead dog and hung it over the front door on the single nail that he still owned.

It wasn't long until the house became unlivable and the new owner and his family had to move out of the house. ***Sin brings the same sort of corruption into a life.***

It is ***a constant downward spiral*** into depravity and increasing levels of sin,

Eph. 4:22 - You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, **to put off your old self**, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires;

4. **Sin Is Ungodly** - It separates the sinner from God,

Isa. 59:2 - Your sins are the **roadblock between you and your God**. That's why he doesn't answer your prayers or let you see his face.

II. v. 8-10 **A TRAGIC DECISION**

A. **An Understandable Desire** – To be free from the frogs.

B. **An Unwanted Dilemma** – To call on God would be to admit his own helplessness.

C. **An Unwise Decision** – He decided to **put off until tomorrow** that which should have been done right then.

D. **An Unerring Depiction** – *He pictures the lost sinner.*

Most lost people want a relationship with God.

- It gnaws at their souls. Their sins bother them
- **They know they need to prepare for the day when they will leave this world.**

However, **before they can come to the Lord**, they **must confess** their own sinfulness and inability before God.

- They **must acknowledge God** to be their only hope.
- **As a result, they delay their coming to God**
- **Make up various excuses**
- In **an attempt to justify their indecision.**

Some Typical Excuses:

I love my sin – 2 Tim. 3:4 - They will be sneaky, reckless, and puffed up with pride. Instead of loving God, they will love pleasure.

I am a good person – (Matt. 5:20 – obey God’s commands)

I am too evil – (Luke 19:10 – Jesus came to save the lost)

There is too much to give up – (Mark 8:36 – What if you gain the whole world but lose your Soul)

There are too many hypocrites in the church – Better to sit with them in church than to fry with them in Hell!

I just don’t understand the Gospel – (Rom. 10:9 Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth!)

I am waiting for a feeling – (Eph. 2:8-9 it is by grace your saved!)

I’ll wait until I can live it – Can’t live it until you have it.

I’ve got plenty of time – Luke 12:16-20 – Tonight your life will be required of you!

What’s your excuse? Is it Procrastination? You want one more night?

III. v. 10-15 A TRAGIC DEVELOPMENT

(**Note:** Because of Pharaoh’s refusal to comply with the command of God, he and his people were required to spend another night with the frogs they so despised.)

A. The Reason For This Development– V. 10 – Pharaoh’s own words decided his fate.

B. The Reach Of This Development– V.9, 11 – **Pharaoh’s decision affected more than just him.** Every person and family in Egypt was affected.

C. The Relevance Of This Development– The consequences of **Pharaoh’s decision teach us a valuable lesson about the dangers of delay** in making spiritual decisions.

The Dividends On Sin Are Always Paid –

Gal. 6:7-8 - Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. **A man reaps what he sows.** ⁸Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh **will reap destruction**; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

The Damage Of Sin Is Always Pronounced - Sin always affects more than just the sinner! (Pebble in a pond!)

The Dangers Of Sin Are Always Profound

The Danger Of Deadlines - **Prov. 29:1** - If you keep being stubborn after many warnings, you will suddenly discover you have gone too far.

German farmer who moved to Nicaragua. Returning to Germany who noticed his toe was sore and found that a nigua fly had laid eggs under his toenail.

- Wanting to show his family he allowed it to stay in his toe until he arrived home in Germany.
- By the time he arrived, his entire foot and legs were sore.
- His uncle was impressed and wanted him to wait until the rest of the family had seen it before he removed it.
- To make a long story short, he died! **Delay is dangerous!**

The Danger Of Destinies - Eternity is a long time, and there are only two possible destinations in eternity - **Heaven and Hell!** **Where will you be?**

Those who repent and turn to Jesus will spend eternity in Heaven

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him **shall not perish but have eternal life.**

Those who rebel and stay in their sins will spend eternity in Hell

2 Thes. 1:8-9 - He will punish those who **do not know God** and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **They will be punished with everlasting destruction** shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might

CLOSE:

Where will you spend eternity? It all depends on what you do with Jesus Christ –

1 John 5:12 – Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Will you choose to spend **another night with the frogs, that is, in your sins?**

Or Will You Fully Rely On God?

- Will you come to Jesus Christ for salvation today?
- There are consequences that follow each decision.
- What will you decide today?
- Will it be sin or the Savior?
- Will it be Heaven or Hell?
- Will it be forgiveness or the frogs?
- What will you do with the message you have heard this morning?

WILL YOU FULLY RELY ON GOD????????????????????

WILL YOU CHOOSE TO SPEND ANOTHER NIGHT WITH THE FROGS????????????

Delay or Procrastination is dangerous!

It is the wrath of God we need to worry about!

John 3:36 - Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but **whoever rejects the Son** will not see life, for **God's wrath** remains on them.

There is an antidote, but **you must** come to Jesus to receive it,

Rom. 10:13 - for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Exodus 8:1-15

8 ¹ he said to Moses:

Go to the palace and tell the king of Egypt that I order him to let my people go, so they can worship me. ²If he refuses, I will cover his entire country with frogs. ³Warn the king that the Nile will be full of frogs, and from there they will spread into the royal palace, including the king's bedroom and even his bed. Frogs will enter the homes of his officials and will find their way into ovens and into the bowls of bread dough.⁴Frogs will be crawling on everyone—the king, his officials, and every citizen of Egypt.

⁵Moses, now command Aaron to hold his stick over the water. Then frogs will come from all rivers, canals, and ponds in Egypt, and they will cover the land.

⁶Aaron obeyed, and suddenly frogs were everywhere in Egypt.⁷But the magicians used their secret powers to do the same thing.

⁸The king sent for Moses and Aaron and told them, "If you ask the LORD to take these frogs away from me and my people, I will let your people go and offer sacrifices to him."

⁹"All right," Moses answered. "You choose the time when I am to pray for the frogs to stop bothering you, your officials, and your people, and for them to leave your houses and be found only in the river."

¹⁰"**Do it tomorrow!**" the king replied.

"As you wish," Moses agreed. "Then everyone will discover that there is no god like the LORD, ¹¹and frogs will no longer be found anywhere, except in the Nile."

¹²After Moses and Aaron left the palace, Moses begged the LORD to do something about the frogs he had sent as punishment for the king. ¹³The LORD listened to Moses, and frogs died everywhere—in houses, yards, and fields. ¹⁴The dead frogs were placed in piles, and the whole country began to stink. ¹⁵But when the king saw that things were now better, he again did just as the LORD had said and stubbornly refused to listen to Moses and Aaron.