

Moses Week 11

Releasing the Power of God

Exodus 7:1-5, 8-18

Exodus 7:1 Then the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet. 2 You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country. 3 But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my miraculous signs and wonders in Egypt, 4 he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. 5 And the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it."

8 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, 9 "When Pharaoh says to you, 'Perform a miracle,' then say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,' and it will become a snake."

10 So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the LORD commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. 11 Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: 12 Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs. 13 Yet Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the LORD had said. 14 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go. 15 Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the water. Wait on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake. 16 Then say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the desert. But until now you have not listened. 17 This is what the LORD says: By this you will know that I am the LORD: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood. 18 The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.'" NIV

- Satan says “this is my favorite and best tool... it’s the tool I call _____.”
- The first time Moses made his request to Pharaoh, he produced his God-given _____ only; now he is directed to produce his _____ and does accordingly.
- This was proper, not only to affect Pharaoh with wonder, but to strike _____ upon him.
- I believe Satan can imitate many of the powers of God, but the rod of Moses ate up the _____ powers of Satan.
- Satan’s power is always limited by and _____ by God.
- Our reluctance to really know God’s plans, His ways, and His _____ is what allows counterfeits to have power over us.
- _____ will always prevail over the counterfeits Satan offers.

The real facts about Pharaoh’s character should be a _____ to all of us:

1. Pride will always _____ the lowly Shepherd or the God of truth.
2. Because Pharaoh is _____, he will not free the Hebrews.
3. Being obstinate, we refuse to _____ to spiritual influences.

While you're waiting on God to fulfill His promises, remember:

1. God's _____ fall on the ones He loves and the ones who refuse his will.
2. God will address the _____ that are foreign gods in the lives of both believers and unbelievers.
3. God requires us to be _____ until He is ready to act against the things He will judge.
4. God's _____ gives us ample time to obey before He begins to correct the problems.
5. Every man-- even the worst men-- will one day acknowledge the _____ of God.
6. Those who seek God will, in time, listen to godly _____.
7. God desires to rescue all men from the _____ that hold us hostage.

It really gets down to this:

- God in His wisdom made a _____ with His truth into human personality, and it was guided like a ship because the rudder was the Spirit of God.
- Truth and man's _____ will, with the leading of the Spirit of God, can do great things in our lives and the lives of others.
- Truth without _____ will fall on deaf ears.
- Today Christians have all the _____ they need to accomplish God's purpose; they just need to turn on the power.
- An _____ Pharaoh could not derail the plans of God, nor the Spirit of God in the lives of man.
- This requires _____ and waiting on God.

Life is not always fair; remember our vision in response to God's revelation has to go beyond the circumstances into the realm of _____.

How do we respond to the tyrant circumstances of life?

1. Remain _____ to the responsibility God has given you--God is not done yet.
2. We must trust God to break through the _____ of hardened hearts.
3. Never fear being _____ with the Lord.
4. _____ are a normal part of accepting the call of faith.