

Trusting God to Care for His People
Exodus 8-9

Exodus 8:20–24 (ESV): 20 Then the Lord said to Moses, “Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord, “Let my people go, that they may serve me. 21 Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. 22 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. 23 Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.” ’ ” 24 And the Lord did so.

Trust God to care for his people because...

1. He has made us a chosen people
2. He has power over all things
3. He has control over the future

1. Trust God to care for his people because he has made us his chosen people.

Exodus 8:20

Let my people go, that they may serve me. Or else if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses.”

Exodus 8:22-23 “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. Thus I will put a division between my people and your people.”

Deut 7:7-8

7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all

peoples, 8 but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Exodus 8:23 shows us the greatest contrast. “Thus I will put redemption (a division) between my people and your people.

Jesus is the new and true Israel

- coming out of Egypt
- 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness tempted and obedient
- 12 apostles
- Mt. Transfiguration speaking of his exodus
- suffered as the passover lamb whose blood washes us clean and saved us from eternal death.

2. Trust God to take care of his people because he is all-powerful.

All-powerful over his people, over animals, sickness, and weather and over enemies.

All-powerful over his people

Exodus 8:22

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.”

Exodus 9:2-6

For if you refuse to let them go and still hold them, 3 behold, the hand of the Lord will fall with a very severe plague upon your livestock that are in the field, the horses, the donkeys, the camels, the herds, and the flocks. 4 But the Lord will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that nothing of all that belongs to the people of Israel shall die.” (And the next day the Lord did it.) “...all the livestock of The Egyptians died, but not one of the livestock of the people of Israel”

Exodus 9:11 “...boils came upon the magicians And all the Egyptians.”

Exodus 9:26 “Only in the land of Goshen, where the people of Israel were, was there no hail.”

He can protect us or inflict us but make no mistake about it, whatever befalls us as his chosen children is a mercy.

Psalm 23:6 Only goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life.

All-powerful over animals, sickness, and weather

Exodus 9:3 “a very severe plague upon your livestock that are in the field, the horses, the donkeys, the camels, the herds, and the flocks.

Exodus 9:6 “...all their livestock”

Exodus 9:16 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.

All-powerful over our Enemies

Exodus 9:17...You are exalting themselves against my people and will not let them go.

Exodus 9:20 ...did not pay attention to the word of the Lord left his slaves and his livestock in the field. .

Exodus 9:30 But as for you and your servants I know that you do not fear the Lord.

Our Response

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. - Philippians 1:27-28

3. Trust God to take care of his people because he knows and controls the Future

Exodus 9:11-12. But the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, “as the Lord had spoken to Moses.”

(Cf. Exodus 4:21, 7:3,13,22; 8:15,19...9:35)

Exodus 8:23–24 (ESV): Tomorrow this sign shall happen.” ’ ” 24 And the Lord did so.

Exodus 9:5-6 “And the Lord set a time, saying, “Tomorrow the Lord will do this thing in the land.” 6 And the next day the Lord did this thing. All the

livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one of the livestock of the people of Israel died.”

Isaiah 46:10, “I am God and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning from ancient times things not yet done, saying, “My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose.”

Kevin DeYoung in his book *Just Do Something* states,
“Our fascination with the [future] often portrays our lack of trust in God’s promises and provision. We don’t just want his word that he will be with us; we want him to show us the end from the beginning and prove to us that he can be trusted. We want to know what tomorrow will bring instead of being content with simple obedience on the journey. And so we obsess about the future and we get anxious, because anxiety, after all, is simply living out the future before it gets here.”

Response is to accept the invitation is to rest and risk.

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Risk-