

One More Night With The Frogs

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Introduction.

I. These words are recorded in Exodus the 8th chapter. (Exod. 8:1-15).

1 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord,' Let My people go, that they may serve Me. 2 "But if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite your whole territory with frogs. 3 "And the Nile will swarm with frogs, which will come up and go into your house and into your bedroom and on your bed, and into the houses of your servants and on your people, and into your ovens and into your kneading bowls. 4 "So the frogs will come up on you and your people and all your servants.'" " 5 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your staff over the rivers, over the streams and over the pools, and make frogs come up on the land of Egypt.'" 6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. 7 And the magicians did the same with their secret arts, making frogs come up on the land of Egypt. 8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Entreat the Lord that He remove the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the Lord." 9 And Moses said to Pharaoh, "The honor is yours to tell me: when shall I entreat for you and your servants and your people, that the frogs be destroyed from you and your houses, that they may be left only in the Nile?" 10 ¶ Then he said, "Tomorrow." So he said, "May it be according to your word, that you may know that there is no one like the Lord our God. 11 "And the frogs will depart from you and your houses and your servants and your people; they will be left only in the Nile." 12 Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh, and Moses cried to the Lord concerning the frogs which He had inflicted upon Pharaoh. 13 And the Lord did according to the word of Moses, and the frogs died out of the houses, the courts, and the fields. 14 So they piled them in heaps, and the land became foul. 15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them, as the Lord had said.

II. All of us immediately recognized this as the story of one of ten plagues God sent upon Pharaoh and Egypt. This was a horrible plague. There were frogs everywhere. **They were in the fields and courts.** They were in their houses, in their beds, and on every stick of furniture. They were in the bathroom, in their ovens and in their food.

What a horrible disgusting mess! And what made things worse the Egyptians worshiped the goggle-eyed frogs and were forbidden to kill or harm them.

A. **Pharaoh, the mighty king, was probably the most powerful man on earth.** He ruled a mighty empire and had enslaved millions. The mere mention of his name caused to tremble and kneel at his feet.

B. Pharaoh, this mighty leader, in desperation summons Moses and Aaron, the leader of the poorest of the poor, and the leaders of a nobody nation to rescue him from this horrible plague.

1. **Pharaoh pleaded with them to remove the frogs.**

2. To show God was in control Moses ask him to name the time he wanted the frogs removed.

C. **This leads up to one of the most amazing statements in the Bible.** Pharaoh could have said, "Today, Right Now." The Pharaoh could have this terrible plague removed anytime he chose, but he said, "Tomorrow." **He chose one more night with the frogs.**

1. **Why did he choose to spend one more night with the frogs?** We do not know for sure.

2. But it is likely because he did not believe that the God of Moses had actually caused the plague. He probably thought the situation had been caused by natural phenomena and wanted one more night for the situation to improve without God's help. He thought they would die or go away on there on.

III. **The actions of the Pharaoh may seem absurd to us,** but many today are doing the same thing. They put off obeying the gospel and choose to spend one more night with the frogs.

IV. **It is foolish to spend one more night with the frogs.**

I. **Day Could Come When God Will Give You Up -** It is foolish to spend one more night with the frogs because the day could come when God will give you up.

A. The Bible tells us that in the time of Noah the world was very wicked and the thoughts of men were continually evil. (Gen. 6:3, 5, 6).

1. **God gave them 120 years to repent, but they refused.** God sealed the door of the ark and no man was able to open it. Their bodies perished in the flood and their souls were doomed for hell.

2. They had spent one night too many with the frogs and God gave up on them.

B. **God gave up on the Gentiles.**

1. God had given them evidence of His existence and glory. He had blessed them, but they would not repent. They would not turn from their iniquities. They would not submit to God and do right.

2. They wanted to live night after night with the frogs, and so God finally gave up on them. (Rom. 1:24-32).

24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them. 25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions;

for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. 28 ¶ And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; 32 and, although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

C. **God loves all men and He wants all to be saved.** God is longsuffering, but God gives up when a man becomes abandons Him and rejects His goodness and His word. Each night with the frogs makes it less likely that one will repent. Each night with the frogs moves a person closer to the point that God gives up on him.

II. **The Conscience May Become Hardened** - It is foolish to spend one more night with the frogs because the conscience may become hardened. (Heb. 3:13).

A. Every drunkard, every thief, every murderer, every rapist, and every other sinner was once an innocent child.

B. Every time we sin it becomes more acceptable to us and more easy to remain in it.

C. It is vital that we render our hearts and lives to God while our hearts can still repent.

D. **The longer we wait to obey God the more unlikely we will obey Him.**

1. About 2 out of 3 people who come to the Lord come before the age 20.

2. 4 of 5 before the age of 25.

3. Very few come after the age of 30 and almost none after age 60.

4. This should show us the folly of delay - the folly of spending one more night with the frogs.

III. **The Uncertainty Of Death** - It is foolish to spend one more night with the frogs because of the uncertainty of death. (Prov. 27:1; Heb. 3:13; Jas.4:13, 14).

A. **Once I read about a policeman in Columbus, Ohio who was at a party.** He decided to play Russian Roulette with his father's gun, and ended up killing himself.

B. **If you leave this building today without obeying Christ,** you are playing Russian Roulette with your soul.

1. None of us know the time of our death. None of us know how much time we have left..

2. Don't choose to live with the frogs another day or another night. **Now is the time to obey Christ.**

IV. **Do Not Know When The Lord Is Coming Again** - It is folly to spend one more night with the frogs because we do not know when the Lord is coming again.

A. Men have predicted dates for the Lord's coming many times.

1. **Garner Ted Armstrong** said He was coming January 2, 1972.

2. **Pat Boone** said before 1980

3. **Hal Lindsay** said the Lord would come in 1981.

4. These dates have all come and gone, but still men attempt to predict the time of the Lord's coming.

B. **The fact is that no one knows when Christ** is coming again.

1. Jesus taught us that His coming would like a thief in the night. (Matt. 25:13).

2. He taught us that even Himself does not know when He is coming again. (Matt. 24:36).

3. In view of the fact that we do not know when the Lord is coming, it is certainly foolish to spend one more night with the frogs.

V. **Turning Your Back** - It is foolish to spend one more night with the frogs because you are turning your back.

A. You are turning your back on **God's love**. (Rom. 5:8).

B. You are turning your back on **Christ** and His atonement. You are turning your back on His invitation. (Matt. 11:28).

C. You are turning your back on the **call of the gospel** and its exhortations to be saved.

D. You are turning your back on the **prayers of loved ones** who are praying that you will be saved.

E. You are turning your back on **the exhortations of evangelists**, elders and other Christians who want you to come.

Conclusion.

I. All of us can see it was folly for Pharaoh to spend one more night with the frogs, but can we see how foolish it is for us to spend one more night with the frogs.

II. **One preacher tells the story of how he was out visiting in his neighborhood.** He came to a certain home, and there he invited a couple to attend the meetings. The wife came and was saved, but the husband would not budge. Every time the preacher would call the husband would say the same thing, "I'll come as soon as I get straightened out." No matter what the occasion, his standard reply was, "I'll come as soon as I get straightened out." Well in time the man died, and the preacher was asked to do his funeral. As the preacher stood in the pulpit to give the sermon, he thought to himself in a sad but truthful way, "He kept his word - he came only after he was straightened out!"

III. Beloved, do not wait until you are "straightened out" to come to the Lord. **Don't say tomorrow.** Don't procrastinate. Say "today." Say "now."

- A. **Accept God's deliverance from the frogs of sin.** Don't spend one more miserable night with the frogs, as Pharaoh did. Pharaoh spent more night with the frogs was miserable and his heart became hardened and he never repented. He died lost. The same can happen to you.
- B. **Accept God's grace today.** Choose today to come to Christ. Choose today to turn from your sins and confess Christ as God's Son. Choose today to be baptized for the forgiveness of sins. Choose today to serve the Lord the balance of your life. Come as we stand and sing.

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