

Exodus 7:14-9:35

Plagues on Purpose

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Introduction: Turning a deaf ear to sins consequences

Key Question: Why do we need to listen to the account of the plagues of Egypt?

Key thought: The plagues describe the pathology of spiritual deafness.

I. What are we supposed to hear from the plague accounts

- a. The greatness of our God (Num 33:4)
- b. The consequences of our sin (creation account of Gen 1)
- c. The culmination of God's warning (Rev 16)

II. Why do we not listen to the God, who loves enough to warn?

- a. Reasonable substitutes
 - 1. The worlds resources seem as good (7:22)
 - 2. The worlds alternatives seem sufficient (7:24)
 - 3. The word keeps turning (8:15)
- b. Categorical Refusal (8:18-22)

1. Refusal to face God's reality (8:18-19)
 2. Refusal to face God's blessing (8:21-22)
 3. Refusal to face others' pain (9:11-12)
- c. Irrational resistance (9:27)

Conclusion: Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.