

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

EXODUS 10

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Chapter ten opens with the dreadful eighth plague of locusts and the fateful words of God about Pharaoh and his servants, **"Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants"** (see 10:1). This was God's judgment being pronounced on Pharaoh and all those who served him. God was about to accomplish what He set out to do when He called Moses to this assignment. When Moses answered Pharaoh's questions about who would be going to sacrifice and worship in the wilderness, Moses promptly replied, **"We will go out with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we will go, for we must hold a feast to the LORD."** (See 10:9) This enraged Pharaoh that **"they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence."** This is a very strong phrase in the Hebrew text, they were "tossed out" like someone who would be subjected to the hands of a "bouncer." This was done in rage, as now Pharaoh is seeing he cannot control this situation, or these people, and he was on the verge of losing everything. The God of the Hebrews is too powerful and now Pharaoh had crossed the line of mercy with God, who is now hardening Pharaoh's heart. This means, God has allowed Pharaoh's sinful heart, words, and actions to have their way with him. Pharaoh chose a path, now God has withdrawn His

hand of restraint and Pharaoh's wickedness is on full display. The ninth plague is instituted without further warning. Darkness is across all of Egypt, except in the places of the Hebrew people. This was not ordinary darkness, but supernatural **"darkness that could be felt,"** brought on by God's supernatural power. Finally, overwhelmed with fear, Pharaoh threatens the life of Moses if he ever sees his face again, to which Moses replies, **"You have spoken well. I will never see your face again"** (10:29).

Prayer and Action Steps

Chapter ten details the final plague before the "Death of the Firstborn" which is the final blow to this Pharaoh and the dominance of Egypt in the lives of the Hebrews, the sons of Abraham. This chapter shows that sin does take its toll of hardening on men who choose to live under its curse and fail to submit to the God of mercy and redemption. God desires mercy, but we must never presume upon God's grace and mercy. Thank God for His grace and mercy today. Pray for an obedient and tender heart toward God's Holy Spirit in your life. Intentionally show mercy to someone today.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____
