

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

PREDESTINATION

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PART 9A: MIRACLES DO NOT CHANGE PEOPLE

As we learn more about the subject of Predestination, I want you to think about the following statement: ***Miracles do not change the moral character of people nor does it build faith in people!***

This might seem like a harsh but in this message I will prove its truth as evidenced by the Bible. God performed some spectacular miracles that never been seen before but it still didn't change the hearts of the Hebrew children. **Hebrews 3:7-13**

SUPERNATURAL EVENTS

1. The first supernatural event was when God turned all the water in Egypt into blood. Moses was told to smite the water in the river so Pharaoh could see the action, but instead of being impressed, Pharaoh turned to his magicians and asked them if they could do the same. In reality, Pharaoh believed that the God of the Hebrews was a local god, and that the god the Egyptian worshipped would be stronger than the Hebrew God. Pharaoh refused to surrender since his magicians could match Moses. This plague lasted seven days so the Egyptians and Hebrews could see and experience the spiritual contest. **Exodus 7:19-25**
2. The second supernatural event was to swarm Egypt with frogs. Again the magicians were able to match what Moses had done through the power of their god which they did not know was Satan. But this time Pharaoh was more impacted by this plague and realized that the god of Egypt could not remove the frogs. It dawned upon him that the God of the Hebrews was stronger than his god and he made a deal with Moses but later reneged on it. **Exodus 8:1-15**
3. The third supernatural event was to create lice that would severely torment the people. When the magicians could not duplicate this event, they informed Pharaoh that he was encountering the real God, the Creator. Despite this information, Pharaoh's heart became harder. **verses 16-19**
4. Up to this point the plagues had afflicted both the Egyptians and the Hebrews, but with the fourth plague God increased His power display and kept the Hebrews from feeling the effect of the plagues. Pharaoh wanted to negotiate with Moses once the flies were let loose on the Egyptians because he had recognized that Moses did represent the living God and that there had been a power shift. It was no longer Pharaoh in control but God with His representative of Moses. Once Moses had spoken to God and the flies were removed, Pharaoh again hardened his heart and reneged on his promise. **verses 20-32**



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5. There was no question if Moses would enter the palace and confront Pharaoh, they simply entered the palace at will and demanded compliance or there would be another plague. God was starting to destroy the economy of Egypt and remove its food supplies. There was no room for negotiations as Moses decreed that the next day all the domestic animals of Egypt would come down with a severe infection leading to their death. Pharaoh still refused to surrender when he found out the next day that the domestic animals of Egypt had indeed been killed but the cattle in Goshen were just fine. **Exodus 9:1-7**
6. God smote the Egyptians, including Pharaoh and his magicians with boils. God was not through with Pharaoh and the Egyptians ***and this time it was God that hardened the heart of Pharaoh. verses 8-12***
7. God spoke through Moses that He wanted to demonstrate to Pharaoh and the Egyptians, the Hebrews and to all nations around them that He was the real God and that there was none beside Him. God declared that the gods of the various nations weren't really gods and had no power. Notice that God gave the Egyptian people a choice to believe God and bring their cattle inside their barns to be saved or let them perish. Some of the Egyptians had started to believe in the God of Moses and protected their livestock but the agriculture industry of Egypt was destroyed. **verses 13-26**

You and I will not know the future until we get there!

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

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