



When One Rejects God

EXODUS 6 TO 7

There Will Be Consequences



- ▶ (6:1) There are always **consequence(s)** in **rejecting** God and His message
- ▶ Moses' job was just to pass on God's message, both in the form of **words** and in the form of **miracles**
- ▶ In either case it was still God's word and God's miracles. Pharaoh did not just reject Moses, in essence He was **rejecting God**.
- ▶ But why would someone reject God?

The Knowledge of God

- ▶ What keeps people away from God? Why won't Pharaoh believe?
- ▶ (5:2) Their **knowledge** of God (or the lack thereof) plays a big part in that of course. But is there another reason(s)?
- ▶ (7:10-13) The **illusion** of control will keep some people away from God. Pharaoh with the help of the magicians was able to create an illusion of power.



The Illusion of Control

- ▶ We don't know what "magic" the priests of Egypt were using. These "secret acts" (or enchantments) could be either **trickery** or **evil powers**, or both.
- ▶ (v.12) The main thing is that God's staff had **overcome** their staffs (1 John 4:4)
- ▶ Nevertheless, it had provided Pharaoh some "**control**" of the situation, which was not real. Many people think they don't need God because they think they can do it **on their own**.



When We Reject God



- ▶ Ultimately people reject God because of the “futility of their minds” (Eph. 4:17-18), when they harden their hearts before God
- ▶ The first consequence is their **understanding** was “darkened” (Rom. 1:21-22)
- ▶ Second, they are **alienated** from God when He “gives them up to” their sins. (Rom. 1:24, 26,28; Eph. 4:18-19) They have become **slave** to their flesh.

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- ▶ Third, the **longer** they harden their hearts the “harder” their hearts will be. (e.g. Pharaoh)
- ▶ Of course God can still save someone with a heart that is hardened (Eze. 36:26-27)
Nevertheless, this is a **consequence** of rejecting God.
- ▶ Finally, **many others** may suffer along with them (e.g. all the Egyptians in 7:19-25)
- ▶ **Children** are the innocent ones that suffer..



Nothing Can Stop God

- ▶ (7:5) At the end they will **KNOW God**, whether they believe in God or not.
- ▶ Either **inside** or **outside** of God's blessings, one day **all** will know God as who He is (Phil. 2:9-11)
Which side will you be? (receive God TODAY)
- ▶ Are you still **rejecting** God as a **believer**? These consequences are for believers and unbelievers alike: becoming foolish, suffer in sins, hard heart, & people around us suffer because of us.



Conclusion: Repentance



- ▶ Today is the day to **repent** (Eze. 33:11-20). This passage is not focusing on the salvation of the soul, rather on the consequences of sin. Today we can choose which path we shall go: **obedience** or **rejecting** God.
- ▶ (Eph. 4:17-24) Are you willing to **put on Christ** today and be more like Him day by day?
- ▶ Let us receive (& not reject) God's mercy today