

June 22, 2025 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“The Final Set of Three Plagues Displays God’s Merciful Restraint” (Part 1) -- Exodus 9:13-35

Questions for Younger Ones (ages 5-12) to Answer from the Text:

1. What would the plagues demonstrate to Pharaoh (v. 14)?
2. Why did God raise Pharaoh up and place him in a powerful position at the time in which He did (v. 16)?
3. What was the seventh plague God brought upon Pharaoh and the Egyptian people (v. 18)?
4. What did God advise the Egyptians to do to lessen the severity of this plague (v. 19)?
5. How did the Egyptians respond to God’s counsel (vv. 20-21)?
6. What other terrifying things occurred along with the hail (v. 24)?
7. What did the hail damage (v. 25)?
8. When Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron, what did he say to them (vv. 27-28a)?
9. What did Pharaoh say he would do about letting the Israelites leave (v. 28b)?
10. What did Moses think about Pharaoh’s confession (v. 30)?
11. Which crops in the fields were not destroyed by the hail (vv. 31-32)?
12. What did Pharaoh do once the rain, hail, and thunder stopped (vv. 34-35)?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

13. How big and heavy do you imagine the hail to be that came down upon the Egyptians (for a possible reference, see Revelation 16:21)?
14. At what other times did God deliberately send hail upon certain people?
15. What is a typical modern-day attitude regarding the concept of divine judgment?
16. How does God’s kindness lead to repentance (see Romans 2:1-4)?
17. Are Christians ever judged by God? If so, when and why?
18. How should a Christian respond when another Christian judges him or her?
19. Where do you see mercy and grace in the seventh plague of hail?
20. How do events like natural disasters motivate people to reflect on their spiritual condition before God?
21. Have difficulties and problems in your life made you more aware of God’s presence; or, has it made you question His love for you?

22. Should Christians proclaim hail, brimstone, and fire to sinners? Why or why not?
23. How might the message of the Gospel be available and effectively communicated when natural disasters strike?
24. Are there ways today that God's name is proclaimed in all the earth? If so, how?