

## Sermon Outline

“Three More Signs”

Exodus 8:20-9:12

- I. Nine plagues (signs)
  - C First three signs Ex 7:14-8:19
  - D Middle three signs Ex 8:20-9:12
  - C<sup>1</sup> Last three signs Ex 9:13-10:29

This is the center of a larger chiasm surrounding the signs  
Ex 6:14-13:16; God is working to rescue his people.

- II. Three sets of signs:
  - Each begins with Moses meeting Pharaoh in the morning.
  - Each begins with a confrontation with Pharaoh at the river.
  - Third sign in each set: no warning.
  - First & third set: Moses raises his hand/rod to begin the sign

The middle set is different:

- Moses warns, but God acts apart from Moses (1<sup>st</sup> two)
- Moses takes symbolic action with no warning (3<sup>d</sup> sign)

- III. The first sign of the middle set 8:20-32
  - A swarm of flies (biting dog-flies, feeding on blood)

- “Let my people go” and “I will let go” – God confronts Pharaoh
- Each sign set beginning at the river affirms this
- (Pharaoh draws his authority from the Nile – his god)

- God makes a distinction between his people and Pharaoh’s vv. 22f
- God is “in the midst of the land” – He rules, not Pharaoh
- The sign shall begin “tomorrow” – He establishes the timing

- IV. Again, Pharaoh hardens his heart in the face of mercy vv. 25-32
  - Cf. 8:15 in context.
  - Grace either brings repentance or confirms men in their sin.
  - Let this serve as a warning to all men!