
FAKER, FIGHTER, OR FAITH

EXODUS 10

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SPECIAL DEAL

Limited time offer!

When God sends hard things into our lives, we often react badly. We try to bargain with God, we fake repentance, we take our frustrations out on God and his people. That's exactly how Pharaoh reacted to God's judgments in Exodus 10. Let's look at Pharaoh's responses so that we can learn a better and safer way.

- **WHEN JUDGED, WE BARGAIN WITH GOD (8-15, 21-26)**
- **WHEN JUDGED, WE FAKE REPENTANCE (16-20)**
- **WHEN JUDGED WE LASH OUT AT GOD'S PEOPLE (27-29)**

LEARNING

WHEN JUDGED, WE BARGAIN WITH GOD (8-15, 21-26)

After seven terrible plagues, Pharaoh realized what he was up against, and he started negotiating. His first offer to Moses was, "OK, the men can go and worship God in the wilderness, but leave your children here" (8-11). Moses rejected this offer. "No, we must all go and worship God" (9).

A couple of plagues later, Pharaoh made his second offer. "OK, you can all go, but leave your animals behind" (24). Moses rejected this offer too because God sets non-negotiable terms for any deal.

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Bargaining didn't work for Pharaoh, so what did he try next? What we often try too—fake repentance.

WHEN JUDGED, WE FAKE REPENTANCE (16-20)

After the plague of locusts, **Pharaoh hastily called Moses and Aaron and said, “I have sinned against the Lord your God, and against you. Now therefore, forgive my sin, please, only this once, and plead with the Lord your God only to remove this death from me”** (16-17). Pharaoh confessed his sin, asked for forgiveness for one sin, and requested prayer to remove his pain.

This looked promising, but as soon as God removed the plague of locusts, Pharaoh hardened his heart and he refused to let Israel go (18-20).

FAKE FAITH IS FOOLISH FAITH
AND NEVER FOOLS GOD.

When fake faith didn't work, what did Pharaoh do? He did what many do, he lashed out at God's people.

WHEN JUDGED WE LASH OUT AT GOD'S PEOPLE (27-29)

Surely Pharaoh will give up and give in now? Nope. After the next plague, the plague of darkness, Pharaoh drove Moses and Aaron out of his palace and threatened them with death. Then Pharaoh said to him, **“Get away from me; take care never to see my face again, for on the day you see my face you shall die”** (28).

WHEN PEOPLE CAN'T ATTACK GOD,
THEY ATTACK HIS PEOPLE.

LOVING

Aren't you amazed at the patience of God. Yes, we're seeing great judgments on Egypt and Pharaoh, but we're also seeing of God's incredible patience. He could have wiped Pharaoh and Egypt of the face of the planet in a moment. But, instead, he gives ten opportunities to repent. Pharaoh tries bargaining, he fakes faith, and he attacks God's people, and God still lets him live!

Many of us can look back on our lives and see the same patience. How many opportunities God gave us to repent. How many times we tried bargaining, we faked repentance, we turned on God's people, especially when he sent hard things into our lives. But still he kept offering his terms of peace. Thank God he never gave up on us and that he finally softened us rather than hardened us.

LIVING

When God sends hard things into our lives, let's not bargain, fake it, or go on the attack. Rather let's submit completely, sincerely, and peacefully.
