

# Sermon Reflections

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*Watching and Waiting* • Exodus 12:29-42

**Summary:** Though life may seem out of control, it is not. God watches over us, keeping all his promises. And he calls us, then, to watch and wait on him. Trust him to take care of it.

**God Takes Care...**

## **1. Trust God to take care of the opposition, just as He promised. (vv. 29-36)**

- The LORD had brought nine plagues on the Egyptians and Pharaoh would not relent. Then the LORD struck down the first-born of all of the Egyptians. Was this a rash act of God? Was it fair of God to bring these plagues on the Egyptians? Why or why not? Pastor Zaman used the word “retribution.” Can you expand on that? Compare Exodus 12:29 with Exodus 4:22-23
- What is the significance of the list in Exodus 12:29? “...from the first-born of Pharaoh... on his throne... captive... in the dungeon... livestock.” Which Egyptians escaped this plague? Who will escape God’s final judgement? Are you ready? How can anyone prepare for God’s final day of judgement? Who in your life will you warn today? Tomorrow?
- In this account of God’s judgement on the Egyptians, was there any place of safety? Read Exodus 12:22. We have sinned, right? And the wages of sin is death. What is the significance of the lamb’s blood for us in our own lives? What is our place of refuge, our hope, our confidence? (1 John. 1:7, Ephesians 1:7, Revelation 1:5, Hebrews 9:27)
- The Bible teaches we reap what we sow. (Galations 6:7-8) Pharaoh sowed cruelty and reaped calamity. What are you sowing? On what do you spend the resources entrusted to you by God: time, talents, money? How can you sow with an eye to an eternal harvest that honors God? (i.e. lay up treasure in heaven. Matthew 6:19-21)
- Pharaoh resisted God and lost. You are God’s child? Do you resist God? God loves you. He WILL have His way and may discipline you. What idols of your own will you not cast down?

## **2. Trust God to take care of His people, just as He promised. (vv. 37-42)**

- Exodus 12:39 says the people were “not prepared.” But they went out trusting God. Are you “prepared,” or are you dependent, trusting? For instance, how often do you pray?
- 430 years of slavery. They all were delivered in ONE day. Genesis 15:13-14 foretold, fulfilled. If deliverance is a long time coming, does delay mean God changed His mind? How long will you wait until you give up waiting? How does knowing His promises for you make today’s trials more bearable?
- Exodus 12:42, God was “watching” over them as they left Egypt. How do you know He watches and keeps you like a shepherd does his flock? Psalm 121, Psalm 23, John 10:7-18