

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

PREDESTINATION

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PART 9B: MIRACLES DO NOT CHANGE PEOPLE

As we learn more about the subject of Predestination, I want you to think about the following statement: ***Miracles do not change the moral character of people nor does it build faith in people!*** This might seem harsh but evidence of this is found in the Bible when God performed spectacular miracles and still wasn't able to change the hearts of the Hebrew children. **Hebrews 3:7-13**

SUPERNATURAL EVENTS

8. As God dealt harshly with Pharaoh, we can see how the scene changed. Instead of Moses and Aaron walking in to Pharaoh, he would request for them to come. Pharaoh confessed his sins and admitted that he had sinned against God and that his people were wicked. But this confession was not genuine because he was upset that Egypt was being destroyed and he was about to lose his kingdom and he was willing to do anything to stop the destruction. As soon as Moses called off the hail and the fire, Pharaoh hardened his heart and so did his servants. **verses 27-35**
9. In order for God to finish the destruction of Egypt and show all the nations that you do not argue with the Creator, God increased the hardness of Pharaoh's heart and his servants. When the members of his royal court heard what the next plague would be, they asked Pharaoh if he had not understood that the economy of Egypt was destroyed and they had no more agricultural production. Pharaoh decided to negotiate with Moses and Aaron and let the men go but not the women and the children because he still wanted his cheap slave labor. Moses and Aaron were thrown out from the palace when they did not accept the terms. God moved through Moses and the locust came and devastated what was left of Egypt's crops. **Exodus 10:1-15**
10. Pharaoh was gripped by panic as he realized that he had to yield something to Moses and again tried to repent before the Lord. But this repentance was not from the heart as Pharaoh had no intention of changing his life since he only wanted to get God off his back and go back to his sinful lifestyle. God removed the plague of the locusts but continued to harden his heart. **verses 16-20**
11. In the next confrontation Pharaoh called upon Moses and Aaron and offered a partial release. When Moses and Aaron rejected the offer, Pharaoh became so angry that he told them to get out of the palace and that he would kill them if they ever came back. **verses 21-29**

Moses left the palace for the last time in great anger. **Exodus 11:8**



12. From having been a fugitive in Egypt, Moses became a respected man by Pharaoh's servants and the people of Egypt. Moses then prepared the people and had them to borrow gold, silver and jewels and get ready for their departure. The Egyptians were more than glad to give it to them so that the God of the Hebrews would be kind to them. **Exodus 11:1-3**

God was going to move upon every family in Egypt and kill the first born, beginning with the family of Pharaoh. **Verses 4-7**

When the death blow came, all resistance was broken in Pharaoh, who called for Moses and Aaron in the middle of the night and told them to "leave Egypt and take all your belongings with you, don't wait, go right now!" **Exodus 12:29-36**

GREAT SIGNS BUT NO FAITH

Pharaoh and the Egyptian people learned to respect God but there was no change in their hearts. They didn't want to worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; they just wanted God out of their lives by getting rid of the Hebrew children so they could continue to live a sinful life.

The Hebrew children had seen all these supernatural events but their hearts were not changed either. They left Egypt to get away from slavery but they had no desire to know God in a personal way or love Him. He was just a God that liberated them so they could go back to their former lifestyle when their forefathers came to Egypt 430 years earlier.

Jesus was the greatest miracle worker this world had ever seen when He raised the dead, opened blind eyes, cleansed lepers, cast out demons and healed the sick. But all these miracles didn't produce faith in the people who saw them. Most of the people walked away when Jesus started talking about commitment. **John 6:52-71**

The apostle Paul lamented over man's condition of looking for signs and miracles but refusing to repent and surrender to Christ. **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

Is your foundation built upon miracles and emotions or upon the foundation of Jesus Christ? **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

You and I will not know the future until we get there!

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?