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Exodus 8:1-15

At the time this scripture depicts Egypt was the most powerful nation in all of God's creation. The culture of Egypt included a pantheon of false gods. The frogs of the scripture today were actually deified in the Goddess Heqt. She was a false god that supposedly came to the aid of women in child birth. Each plague that comes to Egypt from the hand of Yahweh is used by God to defeat and dethrone the entire pantheon of Egypt.

It is in this piece of text that the Lord smites or inflicts the plague on Egypt to convince pharaoh of the Lord's sovereignty and power. Normally, frogs would be a good thing because in smaller numbers their presence meant that waterways were healthy and clean. In the numbers of frogs that are brought in the plague on Egypt they become an unbearable pest!

And, in the numbers present in the plague they got very up close and personal, with everybody. They were not just on the land, they came into every house. They were in the kitchen and cooking utensils. They were in pots and pans, they were not just in the bedrooms, they were in every bed! Everywhere! Everywhere the eye could see there were frogs.

Interestingly, Pharaoh asks Moses to entreat the Lord to remove the frogs. I am fully convinced that pharaoh knew and understood that only Yahweh had the power and authority to remove the frogs.

Here's the thing. Pharaoh did not want them taken away immediately! He wanted to wait until tomorrow. He wanted one more day with those stinking frogs!

The frogs represent the sin in our lives, the sin of bitterness, hatred, or unforgiveness etc. They represent anything that is oppressive. The Lord and the Lord alone has the power and authority to remove and heal but how many times do we answer like pharaoh? I want to hang on to my anger, I am not ready to forgive that rotten stinker, not yet!! I am not ready for a new normal in life. This bitterness has become like an old friend!

Also, embedded is we seek other directions (generally unhealthy) for answers and to make our situation right! We need no go between. We need no other direction. The Lord and the Lord alone is our freedom and peace.