

LINE IN THE SAND

Exodus 8:20-9:12

God's line in the sand...

...separates God's people from the world. (w. 8:20-24)

- God's people are a worshiping people. (8:25-32)

...demonstrates God's power over idols. (9:1-7)

...reveals God's sovereignty over all creation. (9:8-12)

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What are some of the social pressures in our culture that make it difficult for Christians to make explicit the beliefs of the Christian faith?
2. If you were in Egypt and witnessed the plagues as an Israelite, what would it make you feel knowing God excluded you from the judgment?
3. How can we be encouraging each other to worship God through our mundane and everyday actions?
4. How can we, like Moses, stir each other up to not give sin one inch in our lives and be people who never compromise with sin?
5. When God defeats the idols of Egypt by sending the plagues, what does that make us feel about the idols we hold dear? How can we be more distinctly set apart? Which idols do we have a tendency to hold close?
6. What do we make out of the language of God hardening the heart of Pharaoh and Pharaoh hardening his own heart?
7. What was the greatest act of judgment and how does that draw a line in the sand?

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