

# SERMON OUTLINE

THE HEAVY HAND OF THE LORD

I SAMUEL 5:1-12

MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

*"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us...For this reason the gravest question before the Church is always God Himself, and the most important fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like." – AW Tozer*

- I. The Ark Captured: vs. 1-2
  
- II. Dagon Overthrown: vs. 3-5
  
- III. The Active Heavy Hand of the Lord: vs. 6-12
  
- IV. Application: Four Implications
  - a. Do not confuse acknowledging God's power as the same as surrendering to it
  
  - b. A healthy fear of the Lord is a prerequisite to truly knowing the Lord

## Plagues of Egypt and the Knowledge of God:

Exodus 6:7 = God's might acts	"You will know that I am the Lord your God."
Exodus 7:5 = God's hand against Egypt	"The Egyptians will know that I am the Lord."
Exodus 7:17 = Plague of Nile to blood	"By this you will know that I am the Lord."
Exodus 8:10 = Plague of frogs	"So that you may know there is no one like the Lord our God."
Exodus 8:22 = Plague of flies	"that you will know that I, the Lord, am in this land."

Proverbs 2:5, "Then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God."

- c. The powerful hand of the Lord is still active today
  
- d. God will not be defeated

**BENEDICTION:** "O Israel, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.<sup>10</sup> O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.<sup>11</sup> You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord! He is their help and their shield.<sup>12</sup> The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel; he will bless the house of Aaron;<sup>13</sup> he will bless those who fear the Lord, both the small and the great.” – Psalm 115:9-13