

## God's People, A People of Distinction

### Introduction

- As a people of God there are Some things we should remember:
- Don't Forget Who you are:
- Don't Forget whose you are:
- Unless we go to God's Word we can forget that we are different from those in the World.
- Troubles, afflictions, difficulties may be a part of this Journey, But our God promises to deliver us from all of these.

### Psalm 34:19

- ...18The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. 19Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all. 20He keeps all his bones, not one of them is broken....

### 2 Timothy 3:11 - Paul

- ...11my persecutions, and the sufferings that came upon me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra. What persecutions I endured! Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

### Job 5:19 - JOB

- "From six troubles He will deliver you, Even in seven evil will not touch you.

### PSALM 34:4 - DAVID

- I sought the LORD, and He answered me, And delivered me from all my fears.

## **Psalm 34:6 – A Poor Man**

- This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him And saved him out of all his troubles.

## **A Christian is a Person of Distinction**

- As a Christian, no matter what the level of Christianity, you are different from the World and God's promises toward His on are different from those who evil one's in the world...
- Today I want to look at this with you through the eyes of the Scripture to bring you knowledge and comfort from the Word of God.

## **The Fourth Plague: Flies - Exodus 8:20-30 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, "Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh as he goes to the river and say to him, '**this is what the LORD says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.**' <sup>21</sup> **If you do not let my people go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies; even the ground will be covered with them.**

<sup>22</sup> "'**But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there, so that you will know that I, the LORD, am in this land.**' <sup>23</sup> **I will make a distinction between my people and your people.** This sign will occur tomorrow.' <sup>24</sup> And the LORD did this. **Dense swarms of flies poured into Pharaoh's palace and into the houses of his officials; throughout Egypt the land was ruined by the flies.**

## **Exodus 9:4-5**

## **The Fifth Plague: Livestock**

**4" But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that nothing will die of all that belongs to the sons of Israel."** **5**The LORD set a definite time, saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land."...

## **Exodus 9:26 The Seventh Plague: Hail**

...25The hail struck all that was in the field through all the land of Egypt, both man and beast; the hail also struck every plant of the field and shattered every tree of the field. 26Only in the land of Goshen, where the sons of Israel were, there was no hail. 27Then Pharaoh sent for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I have sinned this time; the LORD is the righteous one, and I and my people are the wicked ones...."

#### Exodus 10:23 The Ninth Plague: Darkness

...22So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days. 23They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings. 24Then Pharaoh called to Moses, and said, "Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be detained. Even your little ones may go with you."...

#### Exodus 11:6-8

#### The Plague on the Firstborn Foretold

6Moreover, there shall be a great cry in all the land of Egypt, such as there has not been before and such as shall never be again. 7But against any of the sons of Israel a dog will not even bark, whether against man or beast, that you may understand how the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. 8"All these your servants will come down to me and bow themselves before me, saying, 'Go out, you and all the people who follow you,' and after that I will go out." And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger....

#### Exodus 12:13 The First Passover

...12'For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments-- I am the LORD. 13The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. 14Now this day will be a memorial to you, and you shall celebrate it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations you are to celebrate it as a permanent ordinance....

#### Amos 4:7

"Furthermore, I withheld the rain from you While there were still three months until harvest. Then I would send rain on one city and on another city I

would not send rain; one part would be rained on, while the part not rained on would dry up.

**Ezekiel 9:4**

The LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, even through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst."

**Malachi 3:**

**16**Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name.

**17**"On the day when I act," says the Lord Almighty, "they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. **18And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.**