

Sabbath, May 4th 2024
Communication Department
(Common Sermon Strengthening Evangelism Through Social Networks)

Key Verse: Psalm 119:105 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." »

Exodus 10:22, 23

The 9th plague concerning the darkness of Egypt

INTRODUCTION

Have we ever imagined that darkness is necessary?

It shows the light; if there is no darkness, light cannot be seen.

The presence of the darkness will show much the light (e.g. at home when it is dark and you light a match, as soon as it flashes, you see it immediately).

The 9th plague shows that there was darkness in Egypt.

But surprisingly, on the children of Israel's side there was a light, (a special light that has lasted for 3 days)

What is the reason: God's people are special, those who serve Him are different.

What is the context: the 9th plague which is the one before the last .

Dear friends, we are also living in an age of darkness.

And at this very moment, God will distinguish His own; what will enable Him to distinguish them is the light.

Let us read Psalm 109:105

Receiving the light from the Word of God, because it is there that we find the fundamental truth.

The New Testament confirms that in **Matthew 5:14** "You are the light of the world..."

It is time for us to return to this reception of the light, lest we become ourselves the darkness. Don't forget that we should always be seen as clear and enlightened.

PRESENTATION

1- What are the benefits of having the light?

- **Exodus 10: 22,23** "Moses stretched out his hand towards heaven; and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt for three days; people **did not see one**

another, nor did any rise from his place for three days; but all the people of Israel had light where they dwelt. »

People couldn't see one another because of the deep darkness.

Those who had light, the people of Israel, could meet each other because they all had light.

We know everything because we see everything that happens. The world is blinded or unable to see reality because of darkness.

- The people of Israel could move and do all their daily activities, on the other hand the Egyptians could not do anything because of the darkness.

- And that is why we say "I WILL GO" (we have a clear program)

Do you really have the light today? And do you feel like having it?

2- How to keep us in the light?

- **Matthew 5:15** "Nor do men light a lamp and **put it under a bushel**, but on a stand, and it **gives light to all in the house.**" »

Do not cover or hide our light.

"Modios" is the Greek word for a measuring box. Tool used in matter of trade.

Don't cover our light with our daily work of earning living, don't make it too important because it will cover/hide our light.

- **Luke 8: 16:** "No one after lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel, or **puts it under a bed**; but puts it on a stand, that **those who enter may see the light.**"

The bed can be considered as a place of rest, of relaxation but also a place of laziness....

The light is hidden when we are lazy (lazy to read the Bible, lazy to pray....)

Friends, Avoid laziness...

3- What is the result when we are clear/enlightened?

- **Matthew 5:15:** "...it gives light to all in the house" (there may still be non-members there....)

In Goshen, there were other people but they also became enlightened, the light passed on.

- **Luke 8:16** "... so that those who enter may see the light" (those who enter see: from outside, all around, friends, colleagues...)

It illuminates both the inside and the outside

Therefore, on this Sabbath dedicated to the strengthening of evangelism through social networks of communication, when we have the light, when we are ourselves the light, we share it both internally and externally, through all the means of communication we have (Sms, Phone calls, Facebook, Whatsapp, You Tube.....). The world is living today in the darkness (insufficiency, poverty, stress, anxiety, various problems...), so don't keep the light for ourselves, because our relatives, our friends, our classmates, our colleagues, our neighbors, people in our community need it too....

CALL

Who will say on this Sabbath: I WILL GO to share light, GOD's WORD, through the Communication Networks that I am using?

End with a special prayer.

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