

# One More Night With the Frogs

Exodus 8:9-10, "*Moses said to Pharaoh, 'I leave to you the honor of setting the time for me to pray for you and your officials and your people that you and your houses may be rid of the frogs, except for those that remain in the Nile.'* 'Tomorrow,' Pharaoh said."

Picture it! There were frogs everywhere. They were in the bed, in the kitchen, in the parlor, in the oven, even mixed the bread dough. God had said to Pharaoh, through Moses, "*If you refuse to let the children of Israel go, I will smite all your borders with frogs.*" Pharaoh refused to let God's people go, and now there were frogs everywhere. An Egyptian woman opens the oven and screams, as frogs jump out of the oven. Some fellow starts to pull his sheets down on the bed, and frogs come out from the covers. Another fellow starts to put his cloths on, and there are frogs all through his clothing. Some Egyptian boys are kicking a can along their way to school and there are frogs everywhere!

There are big frogs, small frogs, frogs in the house, frogs all over the yard. There are big, smelly, mountains of millions of frogs through-out the land of Egypt.

Pharaoh could stand it no longer and so he calls Moses and Moses says to Pharaoh, "*I will ask God to take the frogs out of the land, you just tell me when shall God remove the frogs?*" And, Pharaoh tells Moses, "***Tomorrow!***"

For the life of me, I cannot figure it out! There were frogs everywhere, in the bed, in the food, in all the houses, in the Egyptians clothing. God was ready to remove them all and Pharaoh says, "*Wait until tomorrow, give me one more night with the frogs!*"

This pictures the an unbeliever who is rebellious, proud and procrastinating. God warns them, and tells them that if they will obey His Word, they will be spared from coming judgment. What do they do? They experience sorrows, heartaches and fears as a result of their sinning, but God loves them and wants to remove judgment from them. And, just like Pharaoh, they says, "*Okey, God, but wait until tomorrow . . . wait until some other time!*"

We are famous for that word "*tomorrow*" and what we are going to do then. Preach to Christians about full surrender and they will say, "*I know I should surrender fully to God, it is the only honest thing to do. I plan to do it - tomorrow!*"

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Speak to the backslider about getting back to God and he answers, "*I know I should. I have had nothing but grief and misery since I have not been living for God. I am fed up with my life as it is and I'm coming back to God - Tomorrow! Give me one more night with the frogs . . . one more night of carousing . . . one more night with the Christian banner drooping . . . one more night away from God!*"

A 15 year old boy was found living in the sewer under New York City. He was wet, cold and filthy dirty. He had been living there for two weeks because he thought his mother and father were mad at him over an incident that had taken place. When the police brought him home, his

folks said, "*Oh, son, we would have forgiven you the moment you came home!*" That's how God feels. You don't have to continue to live in the sewer, He will forgive you the moment you turn to Him and ask Him too.

You speak to a sinner and say, "*Why not come to Christ?*" And, he says, "*I will - tomorrow!*"

Luke 9:57 tells of a man who said to Jesus, "*I will follow You wherever You go . . . . tomorrow!*"

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Verse 59 continues, "*Jesus said to another man, 'Follow Me.' But the man replied, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father . . . let me spend one more night among the tombstones!'*"

The next, would-be Disciples, said, "*Lord, I will follow You, but . . . let me first . . .*" "*Let me have one more fling . . . one more binge . . . one more spree . . . one more night out!*" But, that "***one night***" stretches into one terrible endless night.

I like what Rebekah said, when faced with the decision to go with the servant to become Isaac's bride. Isaac's name was not listed in the "*Mesopotamia Journal*," and Rebekah's family were cunning for the servant the next morning at breakfast, they said, "*Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten, after that, she will go,*" Then they said, ever, so-sweetly, to Rebekah, "*Will you go with this man?*" Rebekah, didn't hesitate a minute, but she answered, "*I will go!*"

### **Three reasons:**

#### **WHY ONE SHOULD NOT SPEND ONE MORE NIGHT WITH THE FROGS:**

##### **1. THE FROGS MAY NOT LEAVE TOMORROW**

The frogs don't always leave in the morning, you know! The rich young ruler wanted one more night spending his money, but, there is no indication that he ever returned to Christ.

Jonah wasted "*one more night in Tarshish,*" but, the storm overtook him and he became a passenger on sub . . . a fish-sub. When God did give him another chance, he hit dry land running to accomplish what God had asked him to do.

I recall speaking to a man, living in a dirty, crummy place. His mattress was filthy. The room had bedbugs and rats, and the place smelled terrible. I wanted to help him I told him, his first step was to accept Christ as his Savior and, then, God would begin to turn his life around. He answered, "*I will, but, not now, some other time!*"

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Some people, before they will accept Christ as their Savior, want to wait until they get some things "*straightened out.*" I just hope that they don't wait until they are straightened out in

a box - 6 feet long!

## **2. SOMETHING WORSE THEN THE FROGS MAY COME IN THE PLACE OF THE FROGS BY TOMORROW!**

Pharaoh found out that "*after the frogs*" worse things could come. After these, came the plague of the lice, then the plague flies, followed by the plague of the locusts, then came the plague of the boils, the plague of fire, after that, the plague of darkness, and finally the plague of the death of the first born in every family in Egypt.

Pharaoh though, well, he could tolerate the frogs one more night, but, he found that something far worse than the frogs came as a result of his not listening to God. There are those who, because of wealth, pleasure, or something they want to do before they will listen to God, and, so, they decide to spend one more night with the frogs, not realizing that something far worse might overtake them as a result of their rejecting God.

Jeremiah 2:19 sternly warns, "*Your wickedness will punish you; your backsliding will rebuke you. Consider then and realize how evil and bitter it is for you when you forsake the LORD your God and have no awe of Me,' declares the Lord, the LORD Almighty.*"

## **3. TOMORROW MAY NEVER COME**

Scriptures tells us, "*Boast not thyself of tomorrow,*" and "*How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?*"