

Are There Frogs in Your House?

Read [Exodus 8:1-15](#)

Some people are slow to accept change. Here are some historical examples:

“The horse is here to stay, but the automobile is only a novelty,” said a Michigan banker, advising Henry Ford’s lawyer not to invest in the new motorcar company.

“Who the (*beep*) wants to hear actors talk?” said H. M. Warner, Warner Brothers Pictures.

“Sensible and responsible women do not want to vote,” said Grover Cleveland in 1905.

“Heavier than air flying machines are impossible,” said Lord Kelvin, president, Royal Society.

“Ruth made a big mistake when he gave up pitching,” said fellow baseball player Tris Speaker about Babe Ruth.

“There is no likelihood man can ever tap the power of the atom,” said Robert Millikan, Nobel prize winner in physics, 1923.

“Everything that can be invented has been invented,” said Charles H. Duell, U.S. Patent Office director, 1899.

Some people are slow to accept change. This can be true even when the change is for their benefit, and it is within their power to make it happen. This was the case with the Pharaoh who held Israel captive in Egypt.

When God sent Moses to deliver Israel from Pharaoh, he gave Moses the power to inflict Pharaoh and his country with ten plagues to convince them to let God’s people go. The second plague was a plague of frogs. Pharaoh was told that if he didn’t let the Israelites go:

³“**The Nile will swarm with frogs, which will come up and go into your house and into your bedroom and on your bed, and into the houses of your servants and on your people, and into your ovens and into your kneading bowls.**”

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Pharaoh did not let them go. So Aaron, Moses' assistant, "*stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt*" ([Exodus 8:6](#)). They were everywhere: hopping on beds and tables, into drinking cups and eating bowls, down hallways and across the streets. They were being squashed under foot and wheel. You couldn't get away from them.

Pharaoh gave in. He "*called for Moses and Aaron and said, 'Entreat the LORD that He remove the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD'*" ([Exodus 8:8](#)).

Moses agreed and said to Pharaoh, "*The honor is yours to tell me: when shall I entreat for you and your servants and your people, that the frogs be destroyed from you and your houses that they may be left only in the Nile?*" ([Exodus 8:9](#)).

Pharaoh responded: "*Tomorrow*" ([Exodus 8:10](#)).

Tomorrow? There are frogs jumping around his legs, the prophet says he'll pray for them to go away whenever Pharaoh wants him to, and Pharaoh says, "Tomorrow"? What about, "Right now, Moses! Pray to get rid of these things right now, please!" But Pharaoh put it off. He was willing to put up with one more night of frogs when he didn't have to—when a prayer would make the difference.

Pharaoh's behavior may bring a smile, but it's possible you and I are doing the same thing—at least from God's point of view. We have learned so far that He has given us the power to change things through prayer, that when Jesus told us to pray, "*your kingdom come,*" it is because the power of God's kingdom *will* come and change things when we pray. Prayer will work. But how often do you and I put up with adverse circumstances, with things that are obviously not God's will, without bothering to pray about them? We're a lot like Pharaoh when we do that.

Are there some things in your life that need changing? Some "**frogs**" in your house? It's time to pray about them. In the spaces below, write out a prayer asking God to change a certain adverse situation in your life, and write down the date of the prayer. Later—a day, a week, a month—come back and review your prayer. Then, in the space provided, write down what God has done to change things. I believe you'll be pleased. (In fact, a prayer journal that records your prayer requests and the answers God gives can be a wonderful faith-builder. Consider starting one for yourself.) Prayer changes things.

My prayer:

"....."

Date:

What God did in response to my prayer?:...

Date: