EXODUS 8; February 27; Frogs, Lice & Swarms of Flies

ANALYSIS:

1. Before which of the three plague(s) in this chapter did God warn Pharaoh?
2. What made the land stink?
3. When did the magicians say, "This is the finger of God"?
4. What was God's purpose in keeping the swarms of flies out of the land of Goshen?
5. What two compromises does Pharaoh offer Moses instead of granting them three days journey into the wilderness to sacrifice?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Pharaoh's offers (vs 25, 28) for Moses and the children of Israel to compromise and do sacrifice to God in Egypt were boldly rejected. Moses explained to Pharaoh that their sacrifice of animals would offend the Egyptians (be an "abomination") and result in mob violence of stoning. Moses repeated what God had specified (3:18), that they take three days journey into the wilderness and there sacrifice to Him (v 27). Don't you respect Moses for obeying God and not cutting corners on God's commandment?!

God's worship today has some specific and detailed rules. God specifies singing in the public worship (Eph 5:18; Col 3:16) with musical instruments never included. He instructs women to remain silent in the public assembly (1 Cor 14:34-35; 1 Tim 2:11-12) where men lead and teach. He exalts the preaching of His Word (Neh 8:8; 2 Tim 4:2; 2 Tim 3:16-17), rather than current events, entertaining stories or anecdotes. Rejoice with thanksgiving to God every time you hear faithful preaching that teaches you the way of God more perfectly!

HELP:

- 1. Pharaoh was warned before the frogs (v 2), and flies (v 21). He was not warned before the lice.
- 2. Heaps of dead frogs (v 14).
- 3. When they could not make lice (v 18-19).
- 4. That Pharaoh might know that God is the LORD in the midst of the earth (v 22).
- 5. Go ye, sacrifice in the land (v 25), Only go not very far away (v 28).