<u>**Sermon Notes**</u>

Exodus – The Revealing of God's Glory
and His Design for the Chosen
"An Itch to Remember" – Exodus 9:8-12

I. Introduction.

   A. An August to remember.

      1. Those who have been bit will now i_____.

   B. Text: Exodus 9:8-12

      1. Proverbs 27:22

II. Exposition

   A. Verses 8-9

      1. Physical suffering is ramped up with the onset of disease.

      2. Another "first" – soot in the sight of Pharaoh.

      3. Another usage for the term "Transubstantiation."

      4. What was the disease?

         a. Possibilities include:
Anthrax, small pox, or leprosy – Leviticus 13:18-20

         b. It was so bad that it became a p_____ statement in Ancient Egypt.

   B. Verse 10

      1. Ryken comments.

   C. Verses 11-12

      1. This plague achieves the same as the first five.

         a. _____.

         b. _____.

         c. _____.

III. Reexamining the Judgments of God.

   A. Gods of Egypt humbled.

      1. Which false god is this plague directed?

      2. Note elevation of healing arts in Ancient Egypt.

      3. Systematic destruction of Egyptian pantheon.

         a. Numbers 33:4

   B. Magicians humbled.

      1. Verse 11 – Note contrast between Moses and Aaron vs. the magicians.

         a. Psalm 1:5

      2. This plague abundantly shows that they could not compete with God.

         a. They could not _____ it.

         b. They could not _____ it.

         c. They were _____by it.

      3. John Currid and Philip Ryken comment.

   C. Pharaoh's heart hardened.

      1. Recounting of hardening texts.

      2. Moses previously told in Exodus 4:21 and Exodus 7:3-4.

      3. Paul's usage of the story of Pharaoh's hard heart.

         a. Romans 9:14-24.

IV. Point for Reflection.

   A. Even illness is for my good.

      1. Healing views in the church (2).

         a. Everyone is able to be healed because it is part of the atonement.

         b. Disease is a sign of God's judgment.

            1. Sometimes true – Ps. 38:3-5; 32:3-4; James 5:14-16.

            2. Sometimes false.

               a. Sometimes God takes away physical comfort so _____.

      3. Disease is a part of the fallen world.

      4. The right use of serious illness by Blaise Pascal.