REJECTION!

1. **Pharaoh is _____ the Word of the LORD. Vs 1**

   - **Location**: _____. This is where Pharaoh made his palace. **Psalm 78:12, 43-45**

   - God is rich in mercy. Pharaoh is given a chance to _____. **2 Corinthians 6:2**

   - *"Thus saith the LORD God."* This is a very great key to ministry.

     Moses is following the _____ God gave him. **Exodus 3:18**

     Do ministry _____ way. Don't _____ with your own _____

   - Notice again, by 3:18, we can see that the initial request is reasonable. Moses is simply requesting a 3-day break.
     KEY: God never jumps you with _____ than you can _____.

   - *"Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh."* Notice that the message is given in _____

     KEY: Ministry requires faith to be _____. *How?* **Acts 4:13**

   - Note the difference: *Feast* (5:1) vs *sacrifice* (3:18) compare **Romans 12:1**

     PICTURE: Our _____ is God's _____!

     PICTURE: You are either a _____ to the world or you are a _____ of Christ.

2. **Pharaoh hardens his heart before the LORD. Vs 2**

   - Dictators don't just give up power. They _____ people as long as they _____
   - Note the focus. "I" three times. He is at the center of his focus. *God's response?*
     Homework: God's answers Pharaoh's three "I's" with 18 of His own "I's" in 6:1-8. 3x6=18. Compare **Revelation 13:16–18**

   - Pharaoh the tyrant = Type of _____ Compare **Revelation 12:1-11**

   - The question! *"Who is the LORD, that **I** should obey his voice?"*
     You must know Him if He is to deliver you.

     Pharaoh: *"I know not the LORD."* He's agnostic.

     KEY: ALL are _____ to know Him, even if He is to you an *"unknown God."* **Acts 17:22–31**

3. **Moses messes with the message? Vs 3**
   - **Do ministry God's way. Don't improvise with your own _____.**
     Moses in adding this confuses God's message to Pharaoh. Who is going to get the pestilence?
   - **On the flip side:** God would have been within His _____ to wipe out Israel.
     Review: **Joshua 24:14; Leviticus 17:7; Exodus 20:3–5**

   - **KEY**: *"**The God of the Hebrews** hath met with us."* Again: The stage is being set for the showdown between the LORD and the gods of the Egyptians.

4. **Pharaoh's persecution of Israel increases! Vs 4-9**

   - **Bondage**. Bondage desires complete _____.

   - Bondage is _____. A cruel taskmaster. **Vs 6-7**

MISSLER: As part of the brick-making procedure, the bricks had a straw element in them, which had several aspects: the fiber of the straw gave the bricks structure; there was also an acid from the straw's decomposing that had a chemical effect to create a superior form of brick. Obviously, up until this time, the straw was provided for them to make bricks. At this point, as a way of increasing their burden, they were no longer provided with straw; they had to find some for themselves. At the same time, their quota for production was not lowered. In other words, they were given a significant increase of task with no relief of output. A specific move by the administration to show who was in charge, and to serve as a lesson for this religious interruption and distraction.[6]

- Vs 8: "the ***tale*** of the bricks" = *count*.

- Pharaoh _____ Israel's relationship with God.
  PICTURE: *"vain words."* This shows how a lost man views Divine Revelation. **2 Cor 4:3–4**

5. **Everything reproduces after its kind. Genesis 1. Vs 10-18**
   - Pharaoh was a disciple maker. The problem was that he made disciples of himself.

   - **PICTURE**: Bondage refuses _____. **Vs 15-18**

   - **PICTURE**: People in bondage to the world / sin often _____ to their _____ for help.
   - **PICTURE**: The oppression from the lost world (Egypt in type) only _____. **Vs 16-18**
     Let's pray! 2 Thessalonians 3:2
   - *"fault"* = ***sin***. They shift the blame from Pharaoh to his taskmasters.
     They want to make a show of appealing to him as a benevolent master. Nope.

     KEY: The devil _____ you and wants to _____ you!
6. **Bondage brings people to despair. Vs 19-21**

   - Note their complaint to Moses: You made us a stench to Pharaoh. GOOD!

     That with is a stench to the _____ is a sweet savor to _____! **2 Cor 2:14–17**

   - *"to put a sword in their hand to slay us"* = "you've given them an excuse to kill us!"
     Now they cry out to their pastor. "you've made a real mess for us." Moses only did what He was commanded.
     KEY: The process of being delivered from bondage can be painful.
7. **Victory through pleading prayer! Vs 22-23**

   - **KEY**: If you are going to truly _____ for God, He'll make sure you face a moments like this. Why? Because any victory is not YOURS! IT IS HIS!

     REMAIN _____ IN PRAYER TO GOD!
     You may not see the promises of God's Word as reality in your life today.
     That's ok, because tomorrow is coming! And tomorrow always brings the promise!
     Lamentations 3:21–26; Proverbs 30:5

   - God had already told Moses that this victory would take a _____.
     Just trust and obey. Wait on the promises of God – He will bring them to pass! **Hebrews 4:16**
     The Elders of Israel did the right thing in bringing this problem to Moses and Aaron. **Jam 5:16**

   - Pharaoh (and Egypt) must be given the _____ to repent. **Genesis 5-6; Jonah**

[6] Missler, Chuck, The Book of Exodus, Koinonia House Inc. 1999