

# Down on the Farm

## The Day Egypt Croaked

### Lesson 1

Scripture: Exodus 8:1-15

Objective: To teach salvation and the importance of not putting off accepting Christ as Saviour

Memory Verse: Proverbs 27:1 - "*Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.*"

**INTRODUCTION:** Almost always it is never wise to put something off until later. You should never put off doing homework, chores, going to bed, getting up, or paying a debt. But one thing is for sure that should NOT be put off and that is accepting Jesus as Saviour.

Pharaoh was going through a terrible time in Egypt. Because he would not let the children of Israel leave the land of Egypt, God was using Moses to send ten plagues on Pharaoh and his land. The second plague God sent was that of frogs - *AND LOTS OF THEM!* Pharaoh was so stubborn that he even was willing to put off until "*tomorrow*" to have Moses destroy the frogs. Can you imagine wanting to live one more night with frogs everywhere?!

#### I. MOSES AND THE FROGS Exodus 8:1-6

- A. Water to blood  
God had already caused all the water in Egypt to turn to blood. Egypt is in a desert area and having no water for any length of time would be a very dangerous thing.
- B. The demand to Pharaoh  
Moses and Aaron were instructed by God to go before Pharaoh and demand that the children of Israel be let go. Pharaoh refused to allow it. He liked having millions of slaves in his control to do whatever task he ordered them to do. Moses warned him that God would send frogs all over the land if he didn't let the people go. Pharaoh refused, never expecting just how many frogs there would

be!

## II THE MAGICIANS AND THE FROGS

Exodus 8:7

### A. "Copy-cats"

Pharaoh had magicians in his palace. Every time Moses and Aaron did a miracle of God, they tried to copy it. Many times the devil copies things of God and makes them look just like the real thing when in reality it is a trick of the devil to hinder us from serving God. For example, there are many so-called Bibles that have been published. But all of the new versions have changed words and left verses out changing the entire meaning of the Bible. It looks like a Bible, but is just an imitation. The real Bible in our English language is the King James Bible.

### B. MORE frogs!

Aaron stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt and brought up frogs out of the river. There were frogs everywhere! THEN, as if that wasn't enough, Pharaoh's magicians did their enchantments and brought up even MORE frogs! The land was even more covered and partly because the magicians were trying to prove they were powerful. In doing so, they made matters even worse.

## III PHARAOH AND THE FROGS Exodus 8:8-15

### A. Frogs everywhere!

Pharaoh and the Egyptians were miserable! They had frogs in their beds, in their kitchens, in their bread, in every room of their house. The frogs croaked all night and all day. They got into everything until Pharaoh said 'Enough.'

### B. Get rid of the frogs - tomorrow

Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and asked them to "Intreat the Lord" to get rid of the frogs from him and his people. He promised to let the people go if he would just destroy all of the frogs. Moses asked Pharaoh when he wanted the frogs gone. Pharaoh gave the oddest answer - he said TOMORROW! Why would anyone want to have those disgusting frogs around for another day? He could have said, "Get rid of them right now!" But he wanted them around for one

more night. He put off something that could have been taken care of immediately. Putting off destroying the frogs made his life and the lives of the Egyptians even more miserable for a longer time.

**CONCLUSION:** Pharaoh put off having the frogs destroyed so his land had to suffer one more day with the plague of the frogs. When the frogs were destroyed, he then refused to let the people go. When the next plague came, the magicians were unable to copy it and told Pharaoh it was the hand of God. The magicians refused to try to copy God any longer. The tenth plague affected Pharaoh personally. His firstborn son died. THEN, Pharaoh let the people go. How much better it would have been for Pharaoh to have listened to God and not put off obeying His commands for in the end, God will always win.

**APPLICATION:** God tells us in His Word that we are not to put off accepting Jesus as Saviour. No one knows what is in store tomorrow. Tomorrow may never come and if salvation is put off until "tomorrow" you may never be saved. Don't be like Pharaoh and put off until tomorrow something wonderful that God could do for you today! TODAY is the day of salvation!  
(II Corinthians 6:2 ". . . behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.")