

The Plagues of Egypt The Frogs

The Pastor's Bible Study
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Homework Reflection Questions

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What parallels can be drawn between the lack of justice for the Hebrews during biblical times and people in contemporary times?

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Do you feel there is real accountability for the blood that is shed in many of our communities? Why or why not?

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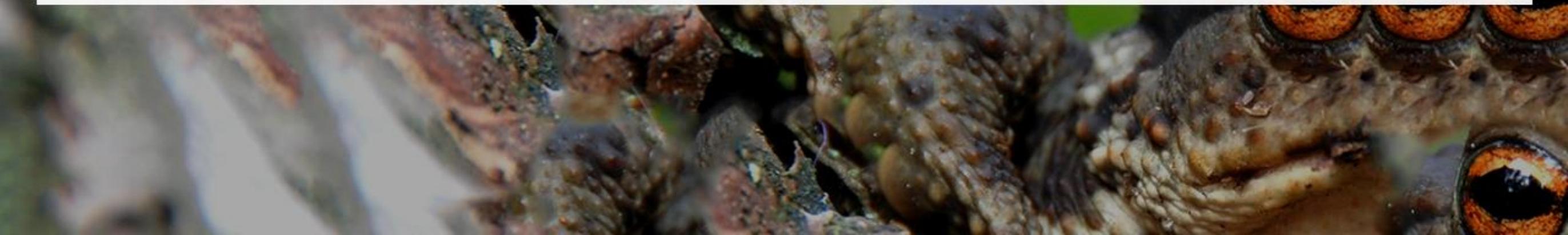
How can believers strive to help those in power be more accountable for the lives of people and the overall sanctity of life?

Today's Lesson from Exodus 8:1-15 NKJV

The Second Plague: Frogs

8 And the LORD spoke to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Let My people go, that they may serve Me. ² But if you refuse to let *them* go, behold, I will smite all your territory with frogs. ³ So the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into your house, into your bedroom, on your bed, into the houses of your servants, on your people, into your ovens, and into your kneading bowls. ⁴ And the frogs shall come up on you, on your people, and on all your servants.'" ' "

⁵ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up on the land of Egypt.' " ⁶ So Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. ⁷ And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.



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The Second Plague: Frogs (continued)

⁸ Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Entreat the LORD that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD."

⁹ And Moses said to Pharaoh, "Accept the honor of saying when I shall intercede for you, for your servants, and for your people, to destroy the frogs from you and your houses, *that* they may remain in the river only."

¹⁰ So he said, "Tomorrow." And he said, "*Let it be* according to your word, that you may know that *there is* no one like the LORD our God. ¹¹ And the frogs shall depart from you, from your houses, from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river only."



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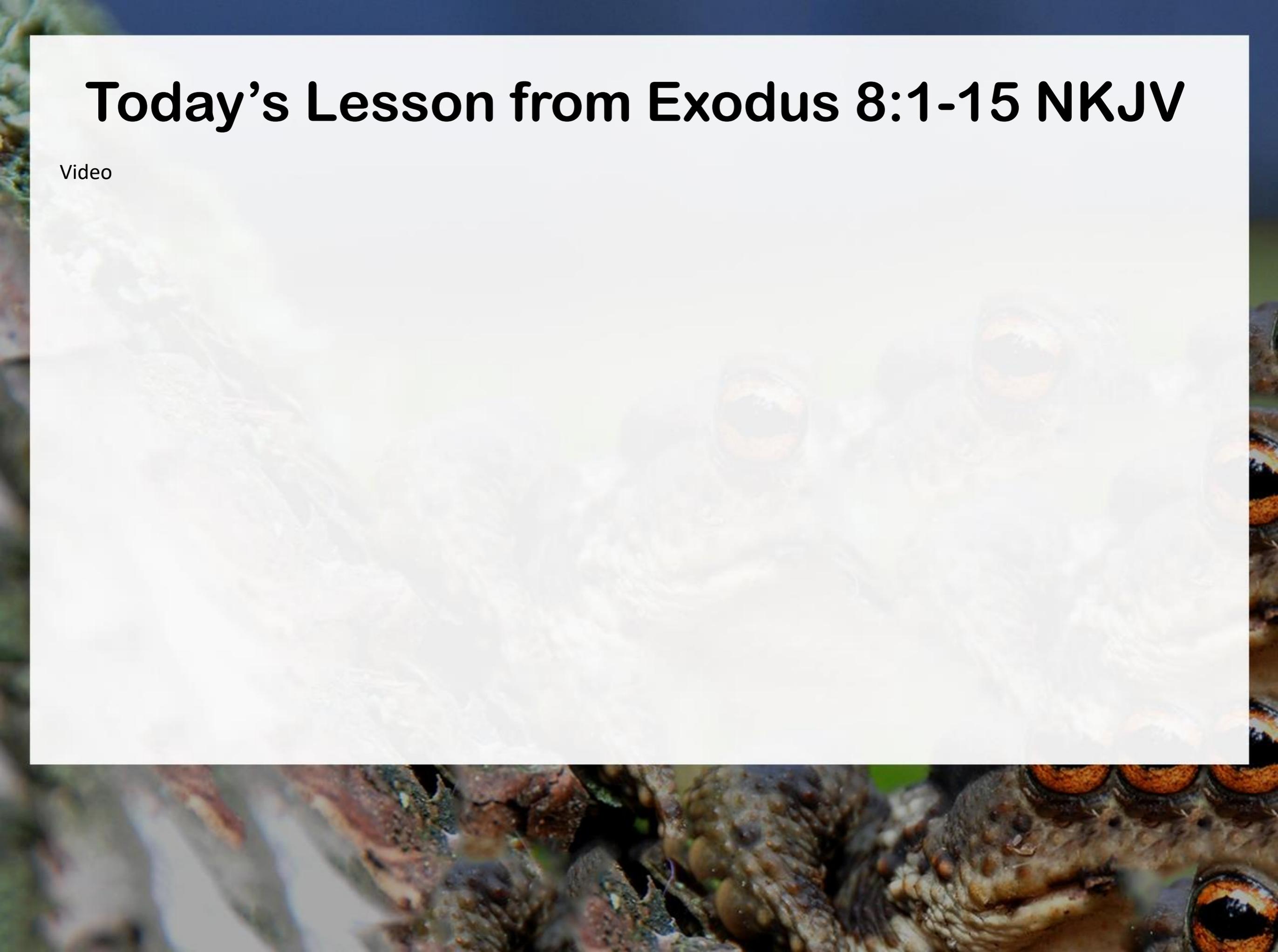
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¹² Then Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses cried out to the LORD concerning the frogs which He had brought against Pharaoh. ¹³ So the LORD did according to the word of Moses. And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courtyards, and out of the fields. ¹⁴ They gathered them together in heaps, and the land stank. ¹⁵ But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not heed them, as the LORD had said.



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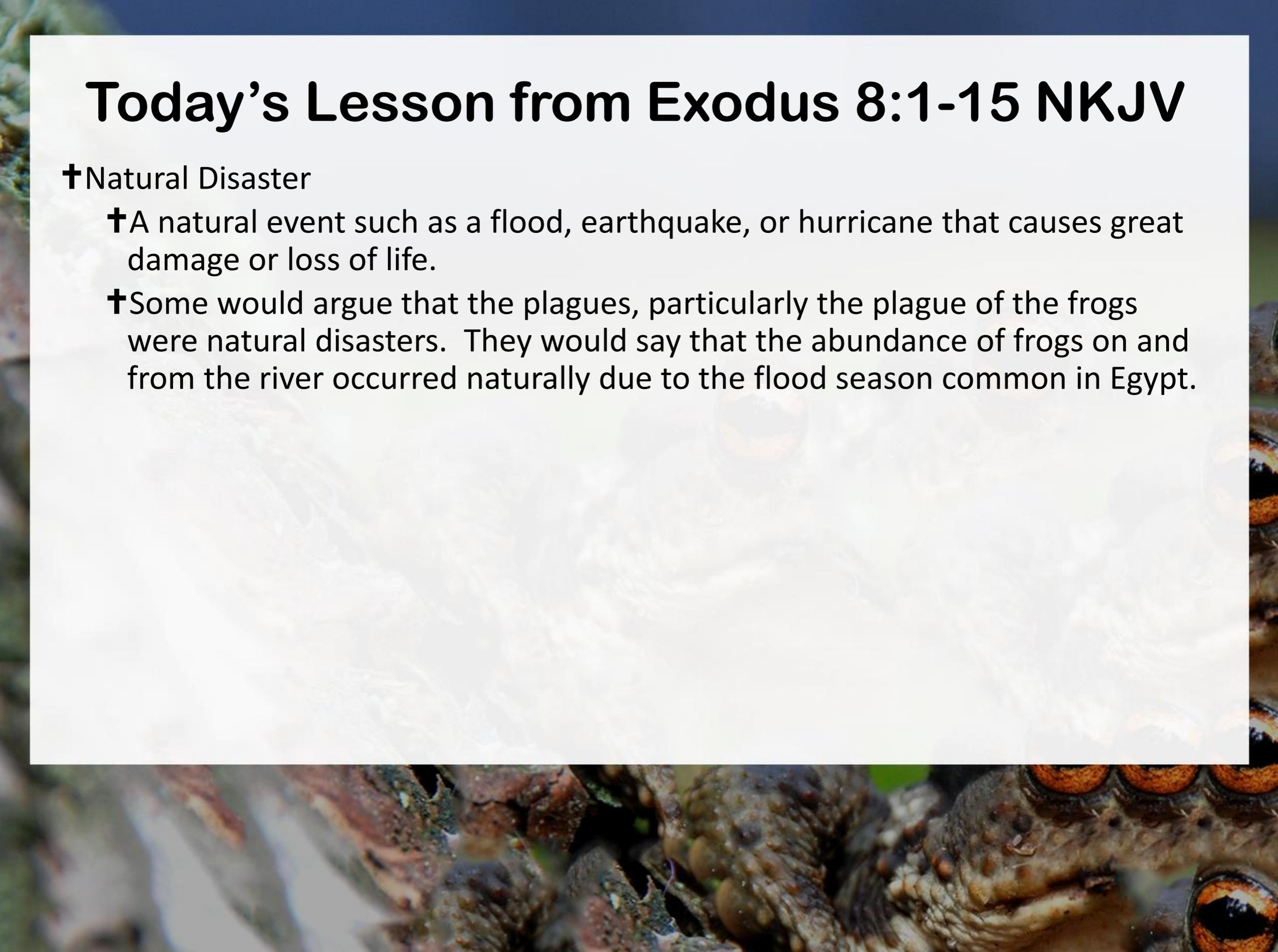
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† Natural Disaster

- † A natural event such as a flood, earthquake, or hurricane that causes great damage or loss of life.
- † Some would argue that the plagues, particularly the plague of the frogs were natural disasters. They would say that the abundance of frogs on and from the river occurred naturally due to the flood season common in Egypt.



Significance of Frogs

Frogs are essential to the environment because they eat algae. Basically frogs help to keep the water clear of bacteria.

Frogs in excess around people can be toxic because they carry salmonella which attacks the intestines leading to diarrhea and possible severe illness.

How does the believer discern natural disasters from supernatural events? Romans 8:28

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

Points of Discernment

1. Timing-Was it just a coincidence that the frogs appeared at the time when Aaron stretched out his rod over the river and then all died when Moses spoke to the Lord n the exact day that Pharaoh requested: Exodus 8:6, 12-13

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Points of Discernment (continued)

2. Impact-Who seemed to be the primary focus: Exodus 8:2

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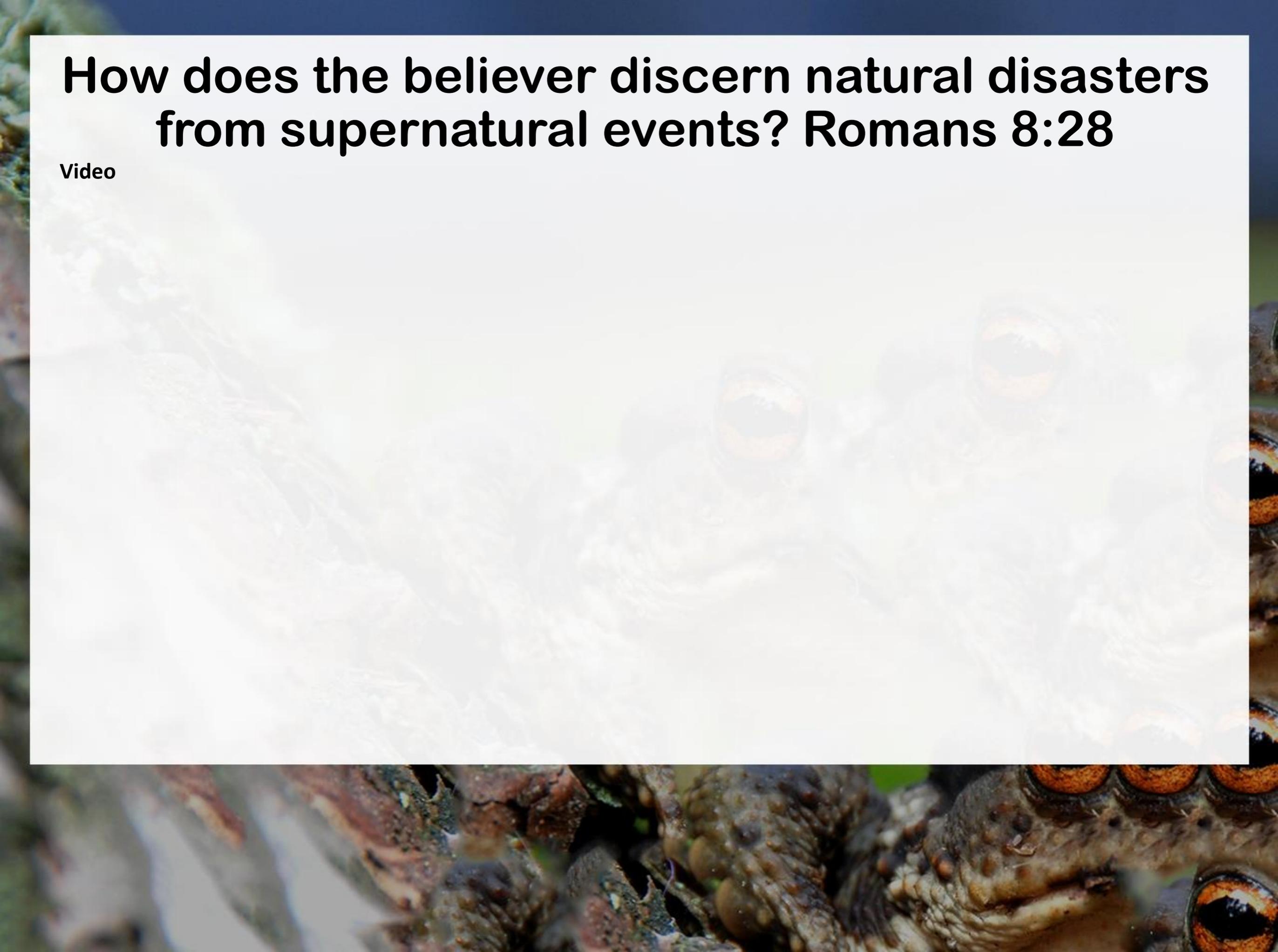
3. Outcome-Was there an outcome that increased awareness of God and His will: Exodus 8:8-9

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The Purpose in the Plagues

- Gods Sovereignty (Preeminence) Colossians 1:15-18

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

- Gods Judgement(Wrath) Romans 1:19-26

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who ¹⁹ suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

- God's concern for His peoples (Justice) Michah 6:8

- God's Divine Purpose (Providence) Jeremiah 29:11

The Purpose in the Plagues (continued)

God's concern for His peoples (Justice) Michah 6:8

⁸ He has shown you, O man, what *is* good;
And what does the LORD require of you
But to do justly,
To love mercy,
And to walk humbly with your God?

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¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Reflection Assignment

Apply the points of discernment used in today's lesson to the current pandemic. Explain what you have discerned thus far about God's possible purpose in it and some possible outcomes.