

The God Over Every Human Heart (11/10/24)

Main Verses: Exodus 9:13-16

Key Verse: Exodus 9:16

'Takeaway': We should be encouraged by the fact that God rules over every human heart, even over those who reject him as King.



Getting Started: Have you ever done something so amazing & great that you wanted to tell everyone you saw about it?

READ: Exodus 9:13-16 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

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