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9:1-7 *Death arrives.* The reality is that sin leads to death (Romans 6:23), and that truth is held out as a warning to Pharaoh in these verses. Sadly, even when the judgment is carried out upon the livestock of Egypt – even when Pharaoh has undeniable proof that the God of Israel has the power to both bring plagues and distinguish between His people and the Egyptians – Pharaoh continues to rebel against God.

9:8-12 *Sickness comes.* For the first time in the plagues, sickness comes and affects the Egyptians. Even Pharaoh's magicians are afflicted by this plague and are unable to counter it in any way. Yet, Pharaoh continues in his rebellion. His hardness of heart has become such that he is unwilling to let the Hebrews free; he has become enslaved to his sin.

The Point: Sin leads to death. There is no getting around this simple fact – and it would be the end that every one of us receives had it not been for the Lord's grace and mercy, offered to us through trusting Jesus Christ for salvation.

Prayer: Lord, thank you for rescuing us from ourselves. Teach us to trust you even as we suffer at the hands of those who embrace sin. Give us a faith and a hope that is larger than our circumstances, knowing and believing that you are the God who saves His people.

Application: Our world denies that sin leads to death, yet the God of the Universe says that it most definitely does. Who will you believe? Who will you trust and follow?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
