

DISTINCTION

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In **Exodus 11:7** in the NLT the Lord tells Moses that because of His love for the Israelites He will show their enemy that there is a true distinction between His loved ones and those who are rebellious.

Gina spoke Friday about the actions that we have when we are angry and the consequences of our actions when our heart is hardened and we react in our flesh. It was a great devotion and very timely, I almost would rather leave it up all week!!! Please read it if you haven't – click here for the PDF:

In the story of Exodus we find Moses going through much testing and being obedient even when he surely didn't see himself as the right candidate to do God's work through. He is chosen to lead God's people, the Israelites out of slavery and into freedom.

Throughout history, up till now and until Jesus returns we should be coming to an understanding of what sets God apart from all of the other false gods in this world and possibly in our lives and as well, what sets us apart from the unsaved soul.

One of the definitions of **distinction** is: Excellence that sets someone or something apart from others.

This distinction between our God and the gods of this world and between us and those who are unsaved should be a big part of what motivates us daily and leads us to worship the Lord and share the good news of the saving grace found through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God wanted so much for a rebellious people to see His Great Love for His people that He hardened the hearts of many for a greater showing of distinction between God Almighty and the puny gods of this age.

There will be times in our lives when because we think we can do something in our strength, we limit God working on our behalf & the Lord will occasionally use this time to show us how little control we actually have overthe bigger picture.....

- You can turn off the lights, but you can't turn off the sun
- You can drain a sink, but you can't drain the ocean
- You can pay for your bills, but you can't pay for your sin
- You can wash your body, but you can't wash your soul
- You can take a life, perform surgery, or CPR, but you can't make life

There came a point when Pharaoh's magicians couldn't produce- in their limited power -the same things that the Lord produced or created.

The power the Lord has given you and I through Holy Spirit living in us should show distinction between us and those who don't know Jesus. This distinction should set us apart to where others will try to be like us or look like us or want what we have – but they can't gain access – they have to inquire.... They will have to bend their knee and heart to Jesus Christ. I'm personally experiencing this in my own life... I won't go into detail right now, but over the years, I haven't seen it as plainly as I see it now so I'm asking the Lord – how do I minister effectively because this person is in a place. I know I need to move in faith, grace, and in His power. Pray for me as you think about this.

Acts 26:17-18 - And I will rescue you from both your own people and the Gentiles. Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles ¹⁸ to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me.'

*You are never too far away from the Lord proving Himself MIGHTY on your behalf.....
Obedience – a step to distinguishing you from them.*

At the end of Moses long string of obedience ending with the blood on the door posts, Pharaoh finally has enough with the death of his own child and tells them to get out and the Bible says the Lord “caused the Egyptians to look favorably on the Israelites.”

I pray today that the Lord would cause those around you to look favorably on you, to desire what you have – to even be jealous to the point of bending their hearts to our Great King. I pray that you and I will have eyes to see when the Lord is moving someone in our direction because they are desiring what we have on the inside and that we will lead them to the One Who has all the answers – Who greatly distinguishes Himself above all else. I pray that He would give us all wisdom to handle each situation according to His will in Jesus name. Amen.

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