

Sermon Notes for Young People

March 15, 2020 | Exod. 7:14-25 | Blood Everywhere

I. **Introduction: what are four purposes of the plagues on Egypt?**

II. **Main Argument**

A. **Importance of Obedience (vv. 14-16)**

1. The Beginning of the Plagues

a. How has Moses changed, and why should the change in Moses encourage us?

b. Why does God take so long, send so many plagues on Egypt before bringing Israel out?

2. God's Demand to Pharaoh: What is the 'play on words' here that highlights the true contest?

3. Repetition: What is God teaching Israel - and us - with the plagues?

a. What are some instances in which God demonstrated the seriousness of His desires?

b. Why does God not always break out against us when we are disobedient or negligent?

c. Why is this a vital lesson for Israel's life in the Promised Land?

d. **Application**: how does our confession of sin bolster the sincerity of our confession of faith?

B. **Danger of Disobedience (vv. 17-21)**

1. Blood Everywhere (vv. 17-18, 20-21)

a. Which waters are turned to blood? Why will this create hunger as well as thirst?

b. Did the water actually turn to blood?

c. Why is it unhelpful to try to explain this miracle in terms of natural phenomena?

2. Victory Over Idols (v. 19)

a. Which Egyptian gods were closely connected with the Nile River?

b. What is God showing Egypt as He transforms their source of life to a source of death

c. What are the “vessels of wood and stone”?

d. **Application:** how does this remind us to place our security in God alone?

C. Bondage of Rebellion (vv. 22-25)

1. Not a Problem (vv. 22-23): Why is pharaoh unconcerned about the Nile’s transformation?

a. How do the sorcerers bring ironic justice?

b. **Application:** how does this illustrate that Christianity is not merely about getting people the right information?

2. Utter Despair (v. 24): what is the absurd, depressing picture Moses paints of Egypt?

3. Complete Victory (v. 25): How does this demonstrate God’s complete victory over the gods of the Nile?

III. **Questions:** for my parents or the pastor