

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

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Call to Worship

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Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading: Exodus 7:11-25

Rostered Pastor: Pastor Benjamin Quah

Message: "By this you shall know that I *am* the LORD" Exodus 7:17

Speaker: Pastor Charles Tan

Closing Prayer

Offering

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INTRODUCTION

1. The First Miracle performed
Aaron's rod became a serpent
2. But this did not move the heart of the Pharaoh
3. His heart grew hard

THE FIRST JUDGMENT AGAINST EGYPT

¹⁴ So the LORD said to Moses: "Pharaoh's heart *is* hard; he refuses to let the people go.

¹⁵ Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when he goes out to the water, and you shall stand by the river's bank to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent you shall take in your hand.

¹⁶ And you shall say to him, 'The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, "Let My people go, that they may ^{id}serve Me in the wilderness"; but indeed, until now you would not hear!

¹⁷ Thus says the LORD: "By this you shall know that I *am* the LORD. Behold, I will strike the waters which *are* in the river with the rod that *is* in my hand, and they shall be turned to blood.

¹⁸ And the fish that *are* in the river shall die, the river shall stink, and the Egyptians will loathe to drink the water of the river." ' ' "

Exodus 7:14-18

1. The LORD spoke to Moses directly
 - a) To discuss the hardness of Pharaoh's heart
 - b) To go to Pharaoh when he goes to the River Nile to perform his religious rite
2. Moses would forewarn Pharaoh
 - a) That the mighty River Nile would be filled with blood

- b) The fishes in the River would die
- c) The Egyptians would not be able to utilize the water from the Nile

3. Then perhaps the Egyptians would know that He is LORD

- a) To acknowledge that He is God
- b) That He is the God of the children of Israel
- c) That He is the LORD
- d) That He has tremendous power

THE COMMAND GIVEN TO AARON

¹⁹Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their pools of water, that they may become blood. And there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *buckets* of wood and *pitchers of stone*.' "

²⁰And Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD commanded. So he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that *were* in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that *were* in the river were turned to blood.

²¹The fish that *were* in the river died, the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink the water of the river. So there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

Exodus 7:19-21

1. Order of Ministry

- a) God speaks to Moses
- b) Moses speaks to Aaron

2. Aaron was to lift his rod and to strike the River Nile

3. The Judgment of the LORD

- a) Aaron would strike the River Nile
- b) In the sight of the Pharaoh
- c) In the sight of his servants

- d) The River was struck and it turned to blood
- e) The River Nile was regarded as sacred
- f) The blood was like the deity of the River Nile was wounded severely
- g) The results were tragic!

THE RESPONSE OF THE PHARAOH

²²Then the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said.

²³And Pharaoh turned and went into his house. Neither was his heart moved by this.

²⁴So all the Egyptians dug all around the river for water to drink, because they could not drink the water of the river.

²⁵And seven days passed after the LORD had struck the river.

Exodus 7:22-25

1. The magicians of Pharaoh

- a) They duplicated the deed of Aaron
- b) They used magical enchantments

2. The heart of Pharaoh

- a) It grew hard
- b) He refused to heed Moses
- c) His heart was not moved
- d) He returned to his palace (house)

3. The Egyptians had to dig fresh wells

- a) Water from the River Nile could not be used
- b) The Egyptians now had a taste of hardship

4. The length of the Plague

- a) One week
- b) The effects would remain for the entire week
- c) The impact was planned by the LORD

CONCLUSION

1. The Power of the LORD

This was obvious

2. The Punishment of Egypt

- a) For their cruelty to the children of Israel
- b) For the wickedness in hardened heart of the Pharaoh

3. The Personal lessons learned

- a) By Moses
- b) By Aaron