

One True God (10/16/16)

Have you ever seen God's power on display? Maybe through a thunderstorm or watching the waves crash in the ocean? God's power is an amazing thing. Do you think God wants to share his glory with anybody else, especially false Gods? Of course not! God doesn't want to share his glory with anybody! He wants all the glory!

In our story this week, we will hear about many ways that God put His own power on display to show that He is the one true God, and He alone is in control of all things!

Our passage this week is a long one. It is Exodus 7:14-10:29. So rather than read the whole passage, let's just work our way through it together.

Moses and Aaron had just confronted Pharaoh to ask him to let the Israelite slaves go. But Pharaoh said "No!!" Pharaoh's heart was hard and he didn't believe in the one true God, but God was about to put His mighty power on display for all to see.

God was about to send 10 plagues upon Egypt. Today, we are going to learn about the first nine. Moses went down to the Nile River to meet Pharaoh. He placed his staff in the water and suddenly the water turned to blood! Can you imagine if you turned on your water faucet at home and blood came out? Gross! Pharaoh didn't care though. He wouldn't let the Israelites go. So God put His power on display again for all of Egypt to see. This time He sent the plague of frogs. There were frogs everywhere! They were in their pots and pans...their ovens...in their beds...they were EVERYWHERE! Moses and Aaron went back to Pharaoh to ask him to let the people go, but what do you think he said? "No!" Yet again, God sent another plague upon Egypt. This time, gnats swarmed throughout all of Egypt. I don't know about you, but there is nothing more annoying than when you are outside trying to enjoy the nice weather, but there are gnats flying all around you. It was like this but a million times worse. There were gnats EVERYWHERE! Surely after this, Pharaoh let the Israelites go, right? Wrong! Pharaoh again said, "No!"

God continued to send more plagues on the Egyptians including flies swarming the land, all of their animals being killed, hail and fire from the sky, and many more.

This part of the story ends by saying in Exodus 10:27, "But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was not willing to let them go. Pharaoh said to Moses, 'Get out of my sight! Make sure you do not appear before me again!'"

Pharaoh's heart was hard towards God. He didn't believe that He was the one true God so he refused to obey what God commanded, even though God had put his mighty power on display! Sometimes our hearts are just like Pharaoh's, and we might find it hard to obey God too. But God is gracious and sent His son, who lived a perfect life, to save us from our sins if we put our faith in Him. Only God can change our hard hearts!

Discussion Questions:

- How did God display His power to Pharaoh and all of Egypt?
- Which plague do you think would have been the worst to experience?
- How do we know that God care for His people?

Look back at Kennon's weekly email and take some time to listen to the songs with your family that we will be singing in worship this Sunday.

Scripture Memory From Harvest Kids for October (ESV Translation)

4 Year Olds: Psalm 139:4

SK/1st: Psalm 139:4

2nd/3rd: Psalm 139:1-4

4th/5th: Psalm 139:1-4

Sermon Follow-Up Question

What is something that you learned from the sermon that you had never heard before?