

A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title

"Who Made You Boss?"

Exodus 5-10

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Exodus 5:1-2 (ESV)

Afterward Moses and Aaron went and said to Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'Let my people go, that they may hold a feast to me in the wilderness.' " But Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice and let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, and moreover, I will not let Israel go."

Slide 3:

Exodus 7:14-21 (ESV)

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is hardened; he refuses to let the people go. Go to Pharaoh in the morning, as he is going out to the water. Stand on the bank of the Nile to meet him, and take in your hand the staff that turned into a serpent. And you shall say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, sent me to you, saying, "Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness." But so far, you have not obeyed. Thus says the LORD, "By this you shall know that I am the LORD: behold, with the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water that is in the Nile, and it shall turn into blood. The fish in the Nile shall die, and the Nile will stink, and the Egyptians will grow weary of drinking water from the Nile." ' "

And the LORD said to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, their canals, and their ponds, and all their pools of water, so that they may become blood, and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, even in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.' "

Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. And the fish in the Nile died, and the Nile stank, so that the Egyptians could not drink water from the Nile. There was blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

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Exodus 10:21-29 (ESV)

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, a darkness to be felt.” So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was pitch darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, but all the people of Israel had light where they lived. Then Pharaoh called Moses and said, “Go, serve the LORD; your little ones also may go with you; only let your flocks and your herds remain behind.” But Moses said, “You must also let us have sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. Our livestock also must go with us; not a hoof shall be left behind, for we must take of them to serve the LORD our God, and we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there.” But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he would not let them go. Then Pharaoh said to him, “Get away from me; take care never to see my face again, for on the day you see my face you shall die.” Moses said, “As you say! I will not see your face again.”

Slide 5:

The Preeminent Question over the Bible

"Who is the LORD that I should obey Him?"

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Who is the LORD?

- I. The "I AM" is the only God
- II. The "I AM" is the reasonable God of order
- III. The "I AM" is the God who saves

Slide 7:

The ONLY GOD

Pharaoh asks the question as a religious pluralist
"Why is your God better than mine?"

Slide 8:

Exodus 9:13-14 (ESV)

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself before Pharaoh and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. For this time I will send all my plagues on you yourself, and on your servants and your people, so that you may know that there is none like me in all the earth."

Slide 9:

The GOD OF ORDER

God is removing His common grace as His fingers move into Egypt

Slide 10:

Colossians 1:15-17 (ESV)

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. **And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.**

Slide 11:

The SAVING GOD

The plagues are God's way to not just judge, but to save.

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

1. So, because it is difficult to read the entire narrative of the plagues (Exodus 5-10), how would you re-tell them? How do you remember them as they were taught to you as a child? Why do you think this is such a captivating story?

2. Pharaoh's question is recorded for a reason: "Who is the LORD that I should obey Him?"

How closely is this question related to the Fall in Eden? How is that question center to Moses' future life and in this story? The Israelites? The Egyptians? Pharaoh? What about you?

3. God shows Himself in the plagues and answers "THE" question that Pharaoh asks for all.

Talk about these 3 answers and how they relate to the story in Exodus, and to us today!

a) God is the ONLY true God

b) God is the creator and designer and therefore, there is order

c) God is a saving God of mercy

4. How does Jesus fulfill the requirements of order, and then take the consequences of chaos and destruction? How does He both fulfill the requirements of Eden, and bear the judgment of Eden? How does He answer the question "Who is God, that I should obey?"

5. Prayer and praise