

Blood Is Thicker Than Water

Exodus

July 19, 2020 ♦ Rev. KC Wong ♦ Exodus 7:14-25

Getting started:

1. **Unyielding Heart** (Exodus 7:14, 16, 22-23)

2. **Unyielding Purpose** (Exodus 7:16)

3. **First Plague: Water Into Blood** (Exodus 7:15-21)

- i. **The first plague** (1:22, 7:15-21)
 - Life giving vs. life taking
 - Life sustaining vs. life threatening
- ii. **“Reservoirs”** (*miqweh*) (7:9)
- iii. **All the water turned to blood?** (7:20, 24)

Wrapping up:

It is only with the heart that one can see rightly: what is essential in life is invisible to the eye.

SERMON LATER – REFLECTION

1. Unyielding Purpose:

“Then say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let My people go, so that they may worship Me in the wilderness. But until now you have not listened.’” (Exodus 7:16)

- i. “Let My people go, so that they may worship Me” was mentioned before 6 of the first 9 plagues (with the exception of the plagues of Gnats (#3), Boils (#6) and Darkness (#9)).
What is the significance of this repetition?
- ii. What attribute(s) of God do you observe in this unyielding purpose of the LORD? How? Why?

2. First Plague: Water Into Blood:

- i. What is the seemingly life giving, forever-flowing “Nile” that you depend so much upon in your life? How? Why?
- ii. How has COVID19 altered your values on what is essential?
- iii. “It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential in life is invisible to the eye.”

Share your thoughts regarding the above quotation.

- iv. Read Matthew 6:33 and share what God is saying to you in this unusual time.
- v. _____ is the real essential of my life.