

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

THE PURPOSE OF THE PLAGUES

In Exodus 3, God appeared to Moses through a burning bush and said, “I have seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have given heed to their cry because of their taskmasters, for I am aware of their sufferings. So I have come down to deliver them from the power of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey...” (vs. 7-8).

Moses, after much encouragement, went to Egypt and led God’s people out of their 400-year bondage. God’s means of accomplishing that seems unusual at first. Why did God use ten plagues to convince Pharaoh to let His people go?

The plagues served two purposes: to show the Israelites that God was alive, and to show the Egyptians that their gods were nothing. Each plague specifically refuted an Egyptian false god. For instance, the first plague, turning the Nile to blood, was a denunciation of Apis, the god of the Nile. The Nile was also believed to be the bloodstream of Osiris, who was reborn each year when the Nile flooded.

God did not just tell Pharaoh who He was (“I am who I am”—Ex. 3:13), He showed Pharaoh who He was. The Bible *teaches* us who God is, and the world around us *shows* us who God is. Those who follow the true God, they, like the Israelites of old, will be set free.



Important Dates

“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.” (1 John 2:15)

2/23: Men’s meeting
3/15: Evening Singing

3/15: Happy Haven contribution

3/29: Building Fund contribution

Other News:

Continue to pray for men to step forward and assume the role of elder. It is an important step in the growth of our congregation.

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Sunday School: 9:30
Morning Worship:
10:30
Evening Worship:
6:00
Wednesday: 7:00

~~Prayer list~~ 924-9714

*Linda Demonbreum (eye)
and Steve Buchanan
(ribs) are recovering
from falls.*

*Thousands have died
from the coronavirus
worldwide. Pray that
a cure is found soon.*

*Pray for our
missionaries, John
Kachelman and Jim
Waldron, and also
pray for Mani
Pagidipalli.*

AMAZING OR MIRACULOUS?

A miracle is an event that happens outside of the natural function of life; therefore, a virgin birth is miraculous. Within nature, it is impossible for someone's voice to stop a storm; therefore, it was a miracle when Jesus calmed the Sea of Galilee with His voice.

We need to remember the definition of "miracle" when we encounter seemingly miraculous events today. We also need to remember that just because we cannot explain something, that does not mean it is a miracle. For instance, in the 19th century it would have seemed miraculous for someone to talk to someone else on a device the size of a wallet while seeing that person's face live on the screen. Today, we call that Face Time, and it is available on all smartphones. Modern technology is not miraculous; it was just not designed until recently.

~~THOSE WHO WILL SERVE (February 23, 2020)~~
~~SUNDAY SCHOOL~~
~~READ: J. Buchanan~~
~~PRAYER: J. Walker~~
~~inactive~~

James Hayes

WORSHIP

WAIT ON TABLE: Billingsley

SERVE: D. Demonbruem, E. Walker, Gupton

PRAYER: Baker