Exodus Lesson 4
The 1st Plague
Exodus 7
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from our continued study of Exodus.

Intro:
1. Throughout the Bible God brings justice on the wicked and freedom to the captive in various different ways.
2. Today we will continue to see how God is going to free the children of Israel.

I. God's Plan for Pharoah
   A. God tells Moses His plans for Pharoah (7:1-7)
      1. Harden His heart? It doesn't seem Pharoah had a tender heart to begin with. However God used Him to show His power and to free the people of Egypt.
      2. God was going to use His might not just to free the people but to also attack the gods of the Egyptians and of Pharaoh.
   B. God and the rod of Aaron (7:8-13)
      1. God shows that He is indeed with Moses and Aaron by the miracle performed before all.
      2. The Egyptian magicians could of done this by slight of hand, or by tapping the nape of the neck on the snack partially paralyzing the snake, or by some evil assistance. The text does say they performed "enchantments".
      3. What does the snake of Aaron's rod do to the others? It show's it power over ALL of them.

II. The first plague -Water into Blood
   A. Moses speaks to Pharoah (7:14-18)
      1. Pharoah is unwilling to release the people of Israel.
      2. Moses tells of what will happen as a direct result.
   B. God turns the water (7:19-25)
      1. By striking the nile river God attacks one of the God's of Egypt. The Nile river was one of their many gods (God would attack each one with each plague). The Nile river was also called Hapi.
         a. This god was pictured as holding a table on which are vases and flowers and fruit. This was to show that Hapi was the source of all good gifts.
         b. The Egyptians had a 'Hymn of the Nile" which has this phrase "Thou art the Lord of the poor and the needy. If thou wert overthrown in the heavens the gods would fall upon their faces and men would perish."
         c. This miracle did indeed demonstrate the fall of Hapi. Thus this Egyptian god was no match for the One True God.
      2. It is possible that the water the magicians turned to blood was either from the wells that were dug and they changed it to look "like blood" by dropping something in it with a slight of hand. (v.23)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. God has revealed His reveal for us today also, through the New Testament.
    1. God conquers all the enemies of the righteous.
    2. God redeems the faithful and bring them to enternal life.
B. God will deal with the wicked.
    1. God does not allow the wicked to go unpunished or to prevail.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Today, we must believe in God's power to save us from eternal damnation, if we follow Him.
2. Have you put your faith in Him?
3. Full Invitation

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17
Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16
Repent –Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3
Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9
Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4
Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:
Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3
Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9