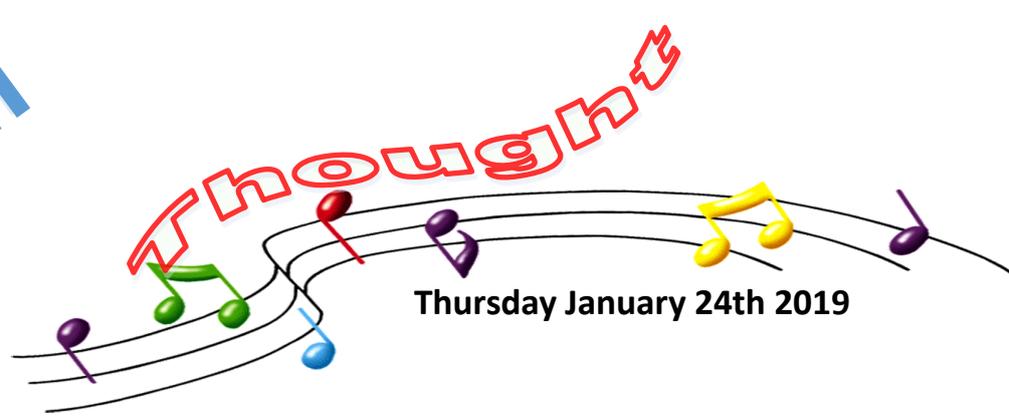


# Thankful Thursday



## MOSES & THE PLAGUES: EXODUS 4-12

This is a long section of Exodus and there are lots of details unsuitable for toddlers—staffs that turn to snakes and details of slavery. Moses also took quite a lot of convincing to do what God had said—see chapter 4 for a set of proofs that would not be out of place in a Harry Potter film.

So what can we learn from the 10 plagues? Sometimes we need to be persistent and overcome many bizarre obstacles to allow God to truly free us from what enslaves us so we can walk with him into all his promises.

After each plague the King relented and let the people worship for a while but then: “The King would become stubborn again and not let the people go”. This made me think of myself with New Year resolutions—for a while I can be good and keep up the new habit but over time my heart reverts to its old stubborn ways and I become enslaved again in poor habits.

I find this is particularly true of my prayer habits and quiet time hopes. I too quickly get tired or distracted and go back to my old ways and sometimes it takes some dramatic happening or suffering to call me back to God—and when it does I am reminded of how different it might have been if I had prioritised prayer and God and not reverted to my stubborn ways of self-reliance.

It took the death of the first born children including Pharaoh’s son before he let them go. It took the death and resurrection of God’s first born son to give us a permanent escape route from things that enslave us.

Call out to Jesus for whatever thing you are trying to escape from or are trying to establish as a godly habit of worship, praise or sacrifice.

He will forgive you, the Holy Spirit will give you all you need. Nothing is impossible for God.

Love & Prayers Claire xx

