



Lesson 27 – The Passover

Based on Exodus 11, 12:1-32

- 1) What did God tell Moses when he first set out of Midian to go to Pharaoh?

Exodus 4:22-23 And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my _____: And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou _____ to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, even thy firstborn.

Though despised by the Egyptians, the Israelites had been honored by God, in that they were singled out to be the depositaries of His law. In the special blessings and privileges accorded them, they had pre-eminence among the nations, as the first-born son had among brothers.

The judgment of which Egypt had first been warned, was to be the last visited. God is long-suffering and plenteous in mercy. He has a tender care for the beings formed in His image. If the loss of their harvests and their flocks and herds had brought Egypt to repentance, the children would not have been smitten; but the nation had stubbornly resisted the divine command, and now the final blow was about to fall.

- 2) What did God tell Moses to declare to the people?

Exodus 11:4-5 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About _____ will I go out into the midst of Egypt: And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall _____, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.

Exodus 11:6-7 And there shall be a great _____ throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. But against any of the children of Israel shall not a _____ move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.

Exodus 11:8 And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, _____, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out...

- 3) What preparations were the Children of Israel to make?

Exodus 12:3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a _____, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

Exodus 12:5-6 Your lamb shall be without _____, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the _____ day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

Exodus 12:7 And they shall take of the _____, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.

They were to take a hyssop branch, dip it in the blood of the lamb, touch the two side posts of the door and then the lintel (header). The blood dripping down from the lintel and the two side posts formed a cross over the doorway, so that the destroying angel, coming at midnight, might not enter that dwelling.

- 4) What were they to do with the lamb?

Exodus 12:8 And they shall _____ the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.



Exodus 12:11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your _____ on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

- 5) What would be the final plague on the Egyptians?

Exodus 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will _____ all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

- 6) Would it affect everyone?

Exodus 12:13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will _____ you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.

- 7) What did God institute there in Egypt?

Exodus 12:14 And this day shall be unto you for a _____; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever.

- 8) What were they supposed to remember?

Exodus 12:27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and _____ our houses.

- 9) What did God remind them of later on?

Numbers 3:13 Because all the firstborn are _____; for on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I am the LORD.

After the institution of the tabernacle service the Lord chose unto Himself the tribe of Levi for the work of the sanctuary, instead of the first-born of the people. All the people were, however, still required, in acknowledgment of God's mercy, to pay a redemption price for the first-born son.

- 10) The Passover was a real event of deliverance and Typical also, of what?

1 Corinthians 5:7 Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even _____ our passover is sacrificed for us:

It was not enough that the paschal lamb be slain; its blood must be sprinkled upon the doorposts; so, the merits of Christ's blood must be applied to the soul. We must believe, not only that He died for the world, but that He died for us individually. We must appropriate to ourselves the virtue of the atoning sacrifice.

- 11) What other symbolism is in this service?

Psalms 51:7 Purge me with _____, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

The hyssop used in sprinkling the blood was the symbol of purification, being thus employed in the cleansing of the leper and of those defiled by contact with the dead.

- 12) What was prophesied of the Christ?

John 19:36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A _____ of him shall not be broken.

The lamb was to be prepared whole, not a bone of it being broken: so not a bone was to be broken of the Lamb of God, who was to die for us. Thus, was also represented the completeness of Christ's sacrifice.



13) What did Jesus tell us?

John 6:53-54 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye _____ the flesh of the Son of man, and _____ his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

The flesh was to be eaten. It is not enough even that we believe on Christ for the forgiveness of sin; we must by faith be constantly receiving spiritual strength and nourishment from Him through His word.

14) What else did Jesus tell us?

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the _____ that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Jesus accepted His Father's law, wrought out its principles in His life, manifested its spirit, and showed its beneficent power in the heart.

15) What did John tell us?

John 1:14 And the Word was made _____, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

The followers of Christ must be partakers of His experience. They must receive and assimilate the word of God so that it shall become the motive power of life and action. By the power of Christ, they must be changed into His likeness and reflect the divine attributes. They must eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of God, or there is no life in them. The spirit and work of Christ must become the spirit and work of His disciples.

16) With what was the lamb to be eaten?

Exodus 12:8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

The lamb was to be eaten with bitter herbs, as pointing back to the bitterness of the bondage in Egypt. So, when we feed upon Christ, it should be with contrition of heart, because of our sins. The use of unleavened bread also was significant. It was expressly enjoined in the law of the Passover, and as strictly observed by the Jews in their practice, that no leaven should be found in their houses during the feast.

17) What are we to do?

1 Corinthians 5:7-8 Purge out therefore the old _____, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of _____ and truth.

Before obtaining freedom, the bondmen must show their faith in the great deliverance about to be accomplished. The token of blood must be placed upon their houses, and they must separate themselves and their families from the Egyptians and gather within their own dwellings. Had the Israelites disregarded in any particular the directions given them, had they neglected to separate their children from the Egyptians, had they slain the lamb, but failed to strike the doorpost with blood, or had any gone out of their houses, they would not have been secure.



By obedience the people were to give evidence of their faith. So, all who hope to be saved by the merits of the blood of Christ should realize that they themselves have something to do in securing their salvation.

God has given His Son to die as a propitiation for sin, He has manifested the light of truth, the way of life, He has given facilities, ordinances, and privileges; and now man must co-operate with these saving agencies; he must appreciate and use the helps that God has provided, believe and obey all the divine requirements.

18) When Moses explained to those believers, what did they do?

Exodus 12:27-28 ... And the people bowed the head and _____. And the children of Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so _____ they.

Swiftly and secretly, they made their preparations for departure. Their families were gathered, the paschal lamb slain, the flesh roasted with fire, the unleavened bread and bitter herbs prepared. The father and priest of the household sprinkled the blood upon the doorpost and joined his family within the dwelling. In haste and silence the paschal lamb was eaten. In awe the people prayed and watched, the heart of the eldest born, from the strong man down to the little child, throbbing with indefinable dread.

The sign of blood, the sign of a Saviour's protection, was on their doors, and the destroyer entered not.

19) What happened?

Exodus 12:29 And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the _____ of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle.

Throughout the vast realm of Egypt, the pride of every household had been laid low. The shrieks and wails of the mourners filled the air. King and courtiers, with blanched faces and trembling limbs, stood aghast at the overmastering horror. Pharaoh remembered how he had once exclaimed, ***"Who is Jehovah, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I know not Jehovah, neither will I let Israel go."***

20) What did Pharaoh finally do?

Exodus 12:31-32 And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you _____ from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said. Also take your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be _____; and bless me also.

21) And the Egyptians?

Exodus 12:33 And the Egyptians were _____ upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men.

Can you see that God means what He says?

Would you like to be delivered?

When is the time to obey?