

Saved by the Blood Exodus 12

Saved by the Blood Introduction

- The night Jesus was betrayed, he celebrated the Passover with his disciples.
- He implemented the New Covenant in his blood, and slowly but surely made his way to the cross at Golgotha.

- Christ died in conjunction with the Passover.
- That was no coincidence.
- It was part of God's eternal plan.

- Key Thought:
- "And when I see the blood, I will pass over you..."
 - From Exodus 12:13

Outline of Exodus 12

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I. The Passover Lamb 12:1-6

- 12:3, 6 The lamb was selected beforehand.
- 12:5 The lamb had to be without blemish.
- See 1 Peter 1:17-20

II. Saved by the Blood 12:7-13

- Again, that Key Thought:
- "And when I see the blood, I will pass over you..."
 - From Exodus 12:13
- Again, see 1 Peter 1:19

III. Unleavened Bread 12:14-20

- Leaven in the Bible is often associated with various kinds of sin, corruption or insincerity.
- In Luke 12:1, Jesus warned his disciples of "the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."
- Hear what Paul says in 1 Corinthians 5:7-8.

IV. Moses Instructs the People 12:21-28

- 12:28 The people obeyed.
- Faith needs to express itself in obedient action.
- In this case the people had to sacrifice the lamb and apply the blood to their doorways.
- Fun Fact: In doing so they were outlining the shape of a cross.

V. Death of the Firstborn 12:29-32

- Around the time Moses was born, the Pharaoh had commanded the Israelites to kill their male children. He was afraid of a future uprising by his slaves.
- After many years of holding them in bondage, this Pharaoh is practically chasing the Israelites out. It's amazing what a series of plagues can do.
- Persistent rebellion in the face of God leads to a complete breaking of a person's will at the hands of God.
- We can willingly bend to him now, or forcibly be broken by him later.
- It's easier to willingly bend.

VI. The Exodus from Egypt 12:33-42

- The same Egyptians who had enslaved the Israelites for so long now feared them and shared their own possessions with them.
- How quickly things can change.

VII. Ongoing Remembrance 12:43-51

- 12:46 "you shall not break any of its bones"
- See John 19:31-36.
- Foreigners (strangers) were allowed to take part in the Passover celebration, as long as they were willing to fully identify themselves with the people of Israel.
- This calls into question the person who claims to be a Christian, but does not fully identify with the church.

Saved by the Blood Concluding Thoughts

- The God of the New Testament is the God of the Old Testament. He hasn't changed.
- He is slowly but surely fulfilling his perfect plan.
- The Israelites were saved out of bondage and death in Egypt by taking advantage of God's appointed means for their rescue – the sacrificed Passover lamb.
- They were to sacrifice the lamb, apply the blood to the doorway of their houses and then enjoy the Passover meal.

- The feast of Passover has been continually celebrated by the Jews to this day.
- Christ is our Passover Sacrifice. See John 1:29.
- He is the way God has provided for our rescue from the bondage of sin and death.
- His death – the shedding of his blood – is our perfect sacrifice.
- Then, as our resurrected Lord, he provides us with a continual feast.
- *Alexander Maclaren (1826 – 1910) observed,*
 - *“We feast on Christ when the mind feeds on Him as truth, when the heart is filled and satisfied with His love, when the conscience clings to Him as its peace, when the will esteems the ‘words of His mouth more than’ its ‘necessary food,’ when all desires, hopes, and inward powers draw their supplies from Him, and find their object in His sweet sufficiency.”*
- “And when I see the blood, I will pass over you...”
 - From Exodus 12:13
- Therefore, we must accept Christ’s sacrifice as our one and only hope and make him the focus of our faith.