

EXODUS 10-12:28

Please turn in your Bibles this evening to Exodus chapter 10 as we continue our study through the Word of God.

As we have seen, God heard the cry of His people in Egypt. They were in bondage and it was time to set them free. It was time for them to leave Egypt and go into the Promise Land.

But Pharaoh did not want to let his slaves go! He kept hardening his heart to what God wanted and God kept showing Pharaoh that he needed to let the Jews go. But he refused over and over again.

So far we have seen seven judgments or plagues that have come upon Pharaoh and the Egyptians. And every time that Pharaoh refuses to let God's people go, the judgment is harder, more severe.

It is amazing how man fights against God today, but in the end, like Pharaoh, they will not win. Pharaoh will find this out the hard way as it will cost him so much to fight against God!

As we closed last time, we read, "**So the heart of Pharaoh was hard; neither would he let the children of Israel go, as the Lord had spoken by Moses.**" Exodus 9:35.

With that as our introduction, let's begin reading in Exodus chapter 10, beginning in verse 1 and let's see what the Lord has for us as we study through His Word.

EXODUS 10**VERSES 1-6**

Once again God instructs Moses to go and warn Pharaoh that if he does not let the Jewish people go, more judgment is coming, not might!

And here we see this eighth plague – **LOCUSTS!**

Keep in mind that these plagues were also against the false gods that the Egyptians worshiped. And these locusts that were coming upon the land were against **Osiris** the god of the crops and fertility and **Nut**, the sky goddess.

Once again we see that God hardened Pharaoh's heart and that does not seem fair, but it is.

You see, God just made firm the conviction of Pharaoh, that is what he wanted and thus, that is what he got!

How can both be true, that Pharaoh hardened his heart and again, that the Lord hardened his heart?

Make no mistake about it, both were true, and one does not contradict the other. In hardening Pharaoh's heart, God allowed him to have what he sinfully desired – a hard heart against the **LORD** and His people.

Now this was not only a witness of the power of God before Pharaoh and the Egyptian people. Here in Exodus 10:2 we are told that these mighty works that He is doing here they are to tell their children and grandchildren and-so-on, that He is the **LORD!**

What witness are we leaving for people to see the true and living God by? Not only to our children and grandchildren, but also to our family and friends.

You see, God does mighty things among us so that we can encourage generations to come.

Now, back to this locust infestation. This was not some normal locust infestation. We are told that this locust infestation will cover the land of Egypt and folks, that is not good.

Let me explain.

Once in a while, and we are not totally sure why, these locusts become more aggressive. It may be related to a hormone that is secreted or released when there is overcrowding of these creatures, but we are not sure, and whatever the case, these locusts become ferocious in their behavior and their appetite.

They not only eat the plants, but also even down to the roots, destroying the land.

Their teeth were like lions' teeth with a saw-tooth pattern, again, enabling them to eat right down to the roots.

In fact, stories have been told that at night, during these infestations, you can hear them chewing on the vegetation.

And there can be anywhere from 1 million to a billion of these locusts flying through the sky, and because of their large numbers, they can occupy a space of 10 to 12 miles in length and 4 to 5 miles in width and thus, they are so thick they can block out sunlight causing the skies to darken, making it dark in the middle of the day!

Not only that, but each locust can eat its own weight in vegetation per day.

That may not seem like much, but when you consider the large numbers of these creatures, you can see how they can strip the land bare!

And as they fly in their tight military-like units they make a sound that is almost deafening!

Have fun sleeping tonight!

Listen again to what the Lord tells him, “. . . **‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me.’**” Exodus 10:3.

That is a very important question, not just for Pharaoh, but for each of us. Let me explain it like this,

There are other ways that we could put it: How long will you live such a sinful lifestyle? How long will you destroy yourself and the people you love? How long will you put off the day of repentance? Just how long will it be? When Charles Spurgeon preached on this passage, he said, “Forget Pharaoh, and only think of yourself; let the Lord Jesus Christ himself, with the thorn-crowned head and the pierced hand, stand by your pew, and looking right down into your soul, say in his matchless tone of music, - the music of the heart of love, - ‘How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me?’” (Source Unknown)

Something we need to think about and then do, humble ourselves before the Lord and allow Him to lift us up!

VERSES 7-11

At least the servants of Pharaoh realized that the land of Egypt is being destroyed and they tell Pharaoh that he better let the people go or we are going to be completely destroyed! They have had enough of these plagues, and they wanted them to stop.

And Pharaoh’s question to Moses is, “**Who are the ones that are going?**” Exodus 10:8.

And today, how many are just like Pharaoh. They will give in to God, but they are not willing to fully submit to Him. The command of the Lord was simple, but Pharaoh is always looking for the easiest way out, the best compromise and thus, not fully submitting to the Lord!

And Moses basically says, ***“All of us, both the young and the old will come to worship the Lord.”***

And as you read this it would seem that Pharaoh initially gave in and then said that the men can go but leave the children here.

Another compromise given to Moses and isn't that what the Devil does?

“Kids need to be involved with sports, not going to church!”

“Church is boring for kids, don't send them!”

“It gets late, the kids are tired, it is better that they stay home!”

“He has a job now; he can't come to church!”

And again, the list of compromise goes on-and-on, but it all focuses on hindering our worship and growth in the Lord.

What a joy it is to see children come to church and love to come to church.

What is Moses going to do or I should say, what is the Lord going to do with this response from Pharaoh?

We don't have to guess. Let's read on and see.

VERSES 12-15

God did not accept Pharaoh's compromise and brought the locust judgment upon the land with devastating affects!

Do you see what God is doing here?

He is exposing and bringing down every false god of the Egyptians and He will do the same in our own lives. And God is doing this to draw them and us to Him.

VERSES 16-20

True repentance brings about a change in a person's life.

For Pharaoh, he just wanted to get rid of the locusts and he would say anything, but in the end, he did not change. He refused to let God's people go!

If you remember from our last study, he did the same thing. He spoke words of repentance but did not follow through with the action of letting God's people go.

It is interesting that when God showed him mercy, his heart was hardened even more!

As Cole said, *"Once again comes the easy confession of sin, and the shallow repentance that springs only from a desire to avert the consequences."*

How true that can be.

VERSES 21-23

As was the pattern with the previous plagues, the third in this set of three came without warning.

And this ninth plague was of – ***DARKNESS!***

For three days darkness covered the land!

This plague was against ***Ra***, the sun god and ***Horus*** the son of the sun god as well as ***Nut*** the sky goddess and ***Hathor*** another sky goddess.

Please understand that this was not the result of an eclipse or some natural phenomena.

How can I be so sure?

Because God put them in darkness for three days and the only light in all the land was in Goshen, in the homes of the children of Israel.

The Egyptians may have tried to light their lamps, but they either did not light or they did not produce light, and they were in complete darkness for three days!

You see, if you reject the Lord and want a life apart from Him there is only darkness as John tells us, **“This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.”** I John 1:5.

And notice what we are told of this darkness, it is a – **“. . . darkness which may even be felt.”** Exodus 10:21.

This is not normal darkness, and it may be demonic in nature. The reason I say that is what is left apart from God? Darkness and demonic activity! So it is possible.

And maybe in the homes of the children of Israel the Shekinah glory or glory of God brought light to them? It is possible!

VERSES 24-29

The final offer of Pharaoh is to let the families go and worship the **LORD** but not to let them take their livestock, that is the compromise here.

He never gives up does he!

And Satan does that same with us.

“Go worship the Lord but don’t get too involved!”

“Don’t make yourself a living sacrifice to be used by God but go your one hour per week and be done, you need to have some fun!”

And folks, many listen, and they miss out on the blessing of serving! There truly is no greater joy than to serve the King of kings and Lord of lords!

And I love the response of Moses here. Moses refuses to compromise and Pharaoh has had it and tells Moses to get out of his face, never come back and if he does, it will be death to him!

Well, that is not exactly what is going to happen but Pharaoh refuses to repent and turn to God and thus, he will face the judgment of God!

As you can now see, ***“Pharaoh was now beyond reason, and God did not reason with him.”*** (Morgan)

Now the three sets of those plagues are complete and the last one, the tenth plague stands alone, as we will see.

Let me share with you why God sent these plagues on Pharaoh and the Egyptians, what they were to do.

- To answer Pharaoh’s question, ***Who is the Lord?*** (Exodus 5:2). In the plagues, God showed Himself greater than any of the false gods of Egypt.
- To show the power of God through Moses (Exodus 9:16).
- To give a testimony to the children of Israel for future generations (Exodus 10:2).
- To judge the false gods - demons, really - of Egypt (Exodus 12:12, Numbers 33:4).
- To warn the nations - more than 400 years later, the Philistines remembered the Lord God of Israel as the one who plagued the Egyptians (1 Samuel 4:8).
- As a testimony of the greatness of God to Israel (Exodus 15:11, Deuteronomy 4:34).

That is our God. He is always looking out for us and wants what is best in our life. May we draw close to Him and be used by Him for His glory!

EXODUS 11**VERSES 1-3**

We have seen nine of the ten plagues poured out upon Egypt. And this last one will be the one that will cause Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go!

As you read this it is not that Pharaoh is just going to let the children of Israel go free, he is going to compel them to go, he is going to drive them out of the land.

What is tragic is that it did not have to come to this and even after these ten plagues, he never repented, he never turned to God.

There was sorrow over what had transpired but that sorrow never led to repentance.

On the other hand, the Egyptians and even Pharaoh's servants saw the power of the true and living God over these past nine months or so and that the God of Israel was greater than all their gods!

Because of that the Egyptians were more than eager to let the children of Israel go free; enough was enough in their mind.

And as the children of Israel asked them for their silver and gold, they were more than willing to give it to them just to see them leave.

Why did God allow this?

I believe it was payment for those 400 years as slaves in Egypt, back pay you might say!

Remember what we read earlier, as the Lord told Moses before he even went down to Egypt, **“And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed. But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.”** Exodus 3:21-22.

Now that is going to take place!

VERSES 4-8

Keep in mind that this conversation before Pharaoh is taking place where chapter 10 concluded, after the plague of darkness in the land for three days.

Remember what transpired at the close of that chapter, **“Then Pharaoh said to him, ‘Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!’ So Moses said, ‘You have spoken well. I will never see your face again.’”** Exodus 10:28-29.

Thus, Moses is still in the presence of Pharaoh, and he tells him that the firstborn in all of Egypt, including the son of Pharaoh will die in this last plague!

And Pharaoh himself was to be blamed for this calamity, this judgment of God!

In the end, after hardening his heart over and over again, he and the people of Egypt will let the children of Israel go, but not before the cry in Egypt is great, as the firstborn of each family will die!

Now I said all the firstborn in Egypt will die on this night and that is not exactly correct.

You see, God will protect the children of Israel by the shedding of blood, and He would protect any family that had the blood on the door of their home.

How many Egyptians applied the blood? I doubt very many, if any but the Egyptians would once again see how God judged them and protected His people. Not even a dog will show its teeth against God's people this night because, "**... the Lord does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.**" Exodus 11:7.

Spurgeon applied it like this in regard to you and me, "*The Lord hath put a difference between those who are his people and those who are not. There are many distinctions among men which will one day be blotted out; but permit me to remind you at the outset that this is an eternal distinction.*"

Remember what Moses said to Pharaoh and then what Pharaoh's response will be, "**... Get out, and all the people who follow you! . . .**" Exodus 11:8.

Moses' final words to Pharaoh told him that he and the rest of the Egyptians would command the people of Israel to go. And that is exactly what will take place.

VERSES 9-10

After nine devastating plagues Pharaoh's heart still remains hard and he refuses to let God's people go free. Thus, God just makes firm his hard heart.

Now, we can come down on Pharaoh and rightly so, but what about us, how many of us ignore what God is telling us to do, as we harden our hearts to Him?

You see, the Lord can chasten us as Christians for our sin. It is not that God hates us, but God loves us so much that He will not leave us in the condition we are in. He will do everything possible to draw us out and back to Him!

I like the way Arthur Pink comments on this. He said, ***“Remind yourself of how much dross there is yet among the gold and view the corruption of your own heart and marvel that God has not smitten you more severely. Form the habit of heeding His taps, and you will be less likely to receive His raps.”***

I like that, and it is true. May we be sensitive to what He is showing us as we are going through situations, learn those lessons so we can move on!

God does not chasten us as punishment. Why is that?

Because our sins have already been paid in full by Jesus. Thus, God chastens us for correction and because we are His children.

You don't discipline your neighbor's children, even though you may want to, but you do discipline your own children because they are yours!

And listen to what Spurgeon had to say about chastening and the lessons they teach us or really God is teaching us.

We are told,

I am afraid that all the grace I have got out of my comfortable and easy times and happy hours might almost lie on a penny. But the good that I have received from my sorrows and pains and grief's is altogether incalculable. What do I not owe to the hammer and the anvil, the fire and the file? Affliction is the best bit of furniture in my house.

- C. H. Spurgeon

Now that is only true if we learn from those times, apply those lessons to our lives. Pharaoh did not and the consequences will be deadly as we will see!

EXODUS 12**VERSES 1-6**

Keep in mind that for the Jewish people, the civil calendar began in our September/October and Rosh Hashana began that New Year. And in that month of Tishri, we find the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles.

But now there is another calendar for the Jewish people and that is the religious calendar. This religious calendar began in our March/April and Passover was the beginning of that religious new year!

The focus here with Passover is the lamb and the deliverance of the children of Israel from their bondage in Egypt!

Think about that for a minute and how it applies to our lives.

When we come to Christ it too is a new start for us, a deliverance from the bondage of sin that we were in. Paul said in II Corinthians 5:17, **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”**

In Galatians 6:15 we are told, **“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.”**

In Ephesians 4:22-24 Paul tells us, **“that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”**

And in Colossians 3:9-10 we are told, **“Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.”**

You see, as we receive the Lamb into our life, as we receive Jesus as Lord and Savior, we have begun the new life that is found in Him, we are a new creation!

As we can see, God’s instructions are simple to the children of Israel.

On the 10th day of the month of Nisan they are to take a lamb and for four days this lamb is to be watched for any spot or blemish that might make it unfit for sacrifice to the Lord.

On the 10th day of Nisan, 32 A. D., we call it Palm Sunday, Jesus rode down the Mount of Olives into Jerusalem as the Messiah and for four days He was inspected by the Pharisees, the Sadducees and His enemies to find fault in Him and they could find none.

Thus, Pilate said of Jesus, **“... ‘I find no fault in Him at all.’”** John 18:38.

And Peter makes that same point for us as he tells us, **“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”** I Peter 1:18-19.

We are told that on Passover the lambs were slain at twilight and according to Josephus, it was customary to slay the lamb at 3 p. m., which was the time of the evening sacrifice in the Temple.

According to Luke 23:44-46, as Jesus hung on the cross of Calvary, **“Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, ‘Father, “into Your hands I commit My spirit.”’ Having said this, He breathed His last.”**

At 3 p. m. our Passover Lamb, Jesus was slain!

Paul picks up on this in I Corinthians 5:7 as he tells us, **“... For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”**

One more point I would like to make here, and I think it is important.

We are told in Exodus 12:3 that we are to take **“a lamb.”**

For many, Jesus is *a lamb*, or one of the many ways that lead to God. He is *a way* to God, in which there are many.

The only problem with that kind of thinking is that it is wrong, not because I say so, but because Jesus does.

In John 14:6 Jesus said **“... ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.’”**

Thus, Jesus must be more than just **“a lamb”** to you.

Then, in Exodus 12:4, it speaks of **“the lamb.”**

Yes, Jesus is **“the lamb”**, the only one who can take away your sins.

John the Baptist, upon seeing Jesus, said **“... ‘Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’”** John 1:29.

The problem with knowing that is that it won't save you. There are many people who see Jesus as the Savior of the world, but it is all head knowledge. Intellectually they know this to be true, but that will not save them.

Now I know some of you may have a hard time with that but hear me out.

Satan and his demons were once servants of God, His holy angels, before they rebelled against God. And they know who Jesus is, but that does not mean they are saved.

James tells us of this when he wrote, **“You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe; and tremble!”** James 2:19.

Again, all head knowledge!

You see, you can understand that Jesus is **“a lamb”** or a way to get to heaven.

You can also understand, taking it a step further, and know that He is **“the lamb”**, the only one who could take away your sins.

But unless you do what Exodus 12:5 says and make Him **“your lamb”** you will be lost in your sins.

Hell is filled with people that have missed heaven by only 18 inches, and no they are not in Purgatory!

And I am not talking about a literal 18 inches, if they only jumped a little higher, worked a little harder they might have made it mentality.

I am talking about what they know intellectually and letting it sink down those 18 inches from their head to their heart and allowing Jesus to become their own personal Lamb!

You see, it is a personal relationship with Christ.

You can't have someone else do it for you. You can't have mass cards sent, candles lit, or get into heaven on the coat tails of your parents, your friends, you children, you must come to Christ yourself and ask Him to be your Lord and Savior of your life.

It is when you come to know the Lord personally, when you have been born again, that is your spirit which was once dead is made alive again, that the angel of death will Passover and you will enter into eternity with the Lord.

You see, an important point!

Yes, Jesus has paid the penalty for our sins, but what has washed us white as snow?

Let's read on and see!

VERSES 7-11

Before they could partake of the Passover lamb, they had to apply the blood of the Lamb to the top of the doorway and on each side. And this blood on the doorway formed a cross as it dripped.

What is interesting is that no blood was to be placed on the threshold or the floor of the doorway to the house because the blood of the lamb represented the blood of Christ which is only trampled underfoot by those who are perishing.

Now here's the thing. Before we can partake of our Passover Lamb, we must apply the blood of the Lamb to our lives by faith and then, as Paul tells us that the Father “**. . . has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.**” Ephesians 1:3.

It is all based in Christ, our Passover Lamb!

Also, the lamb was to be roasted in the fire just as our Savior felt the fire of the judgment of the Father on our behalf.

Paul said in Romans 5:9, “**Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.**”

The fires of judgment won't touch us!

We also see that they ate this meal in haste, “**. . . with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. . .**” Exodus 12:11.

In other words, they ate the meal in faith, trusting that the blood of the lamb will deliver them from this judgment and bring them into the Promise Land.

It is as Paul said in Hebrews 11:28, “**By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.**”

VERSES 12-13

As I have said, the blood applied to the door of their home spared them from this judgment.

But what if one of the homes of the children of Israel did not have blood on the door? What if they just ate the Passover meal?

God is very clear on this. If a home of one of the children of Israel had no blood on the door, even if they ate the Passover meal, the Angel of death would not Passover because, “**. . . according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.**” Hebrews 9:22.

For us today, you can go to church, be involved in ministry, but if you have not applied the blood of the Lamb on the door of your heart, if Jesus is not your Lord and Savior, you will face His judgment!

Keep in mind that this final judgment against Pharaoh and the Egyptians would be a judgment against all the gods they worshiped showing that they were impotent to do anything to deliver them.

It is as the Psalmist said in Psalm 115:3-8, **“But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men’s hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; Eyes they have, but they do not see; They have ears, but they do not hear; Noses they have, but they do not smell; They have hands, but they do not handle; Feet they have, but they do not walk; Nor do they mutter through their throat. Those who make them are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.”**

VERSES 14-20

Passover began on the 10th of Nisan with the inspection of the Lambs.

Then, on the 14th of Nisan they ate the Passover meal.

Following that, on the 15th of Nisan began the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which lasted for seven days, until the 21st of Nisan.

Leaven in the Scriptures was a picture or type of sin and how a little leaven will affect the whole lump of dough just as a little sin infects and affects our lives. It puffs us up and can even affect those around us!

The Jews understood what the Lord was telling them, that they were to get rid of any leaven in their homes because leaven represented sin. That meant that all that was unleavened spoke of holiness and purity!

And God meant it for He said that if anyone ate leaven during this Feast, they would be cut off from the children of Israel!

How does this apply to us?

Think about it like this.

Passover speaks of our – **REDEMPTION!**

Then what does the Feast of Unleavened Bread speak of?

The Feast of Unleavened Bread speaks of our – **SANCTIFICATION!**

What does that mean?

It is a word that means **“to be set apart”** to God.

As we will see, the children of Israel will be brought out of their bondage in Egypt through the blood of the Passover lamb. They will go through the Red Sea, which is symbolic for water baptism.

From there they will go to Mount Sinai.

And what does the Lord tell them there?

“Be holy for I am holy.” (Leviticus 11:44-45)

And the same is true for us.

We have been brought out of the bondage of this world through the shed blood of Jesus Christ applied to our lives by faith.

What is next for us, what does the Lord tell us?

“Be holy for I am holy.” (I Peter 1:16)

What the Lord is saying to us is this. ***“You once were slaves to Satan as you lived in this world. But you have been set free by the Blood of the Lamb and you are now children of God. Because of that new life you have in Christ, live accordingly. Live that unleavened life!”***

Paul gives us a good picture of that in Romans. In Romans chapters 1-5 Paul talks about how a person gets saved. Not by good works but by the shed blood of Jesus Christ applied to our lives by faith. A picture of Passover!

Then, in Romans chapters 6-8 he tells us how we are to live out our faith now that we are saved. He tells us in Romans 6:1-2, **“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?”**

In other words, this is a picture of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and Paul is telling us how we are to live now that we are saved! We are to live a – ***SANCTIFIED LIFE!***

Make no mistake about it – ***SALVATION IS A MIRACLE OF A MOMENT WHILE SANCTIFICATION IS THE WORK OF A LIFETIME!***

Sin must be dealt with. Listen to what Paul has to say regarding the sin that was not being dealt with in Corinth.

He said, **“It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles - that a man has his father’s wife! And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.”** I Corinthians 5:1-8.

In a church, in a family, in relationships, you can’t ignore sin.

Yes, believe me it is easier to let it go than to confront someone, but if you don’t deal with the sin, it just shows you really don’t love them.

Thus, in our own lives we need to purge out that old leaven, that sin, and live lives in sincerity and truth!

Because, sin, like cancer, will grow and grow until it takes over your life. You have been set free in Christ, walk accordingly!

Crucify that flesh and walk in the Spirit!

VERSES 21-23

Moses instructs the elders of Israel in what they are to do for this feast and the rest of the nation will follow them.

Again, it was the blood applied to the door that saved them and apart from the shed blood being applied, there was only death!

Also, this blood was applied with hyssop, why?

David may give us a clue in Psalm 51:7 as he tells us, **“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.”**

You see, hyssop was connected with purification through sacrifice. We see that in Leviticus 14:6 as the Leper was cleaned and he was sprinkled with hyssop dipped in blood.

In Numbers 19:8 the hyssop was used to apply the purification water.

What I want you to notice in these verses is that this salvation from the angel of death did not happen because they prayed, because they fasted, because of a good work or anything else except by the shedding of blood. In other words, the death of the innocent to save the guilty!

And they needed to remain in their homes after the blood was applied and for us, true faith will remain in the One who shed His blood for us!

VERSES 24-28

God wanted the children of Israel to remember this Passover and to teach it to their children – this great work of redemption by God.

And here we are, some 3,000 years or more since the first Passover and look at what we see today. The children of Israel celebrating this Feast just as the Lord has commanded them!

How does that apply to us today?

In Luke 22:14-22 we are told, **“When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, ‘With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, ‘Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.’”**

In other words, in this new Passover, this new work of redemption, which the old one was a picture, a type of what was to come, we are not to negate His work on the cross, it needs to be remembered, passed on to future generations!

Here is an important part of this Passover. The people obeyed the Lord for with no obedience there would be no redemption, no deliverance, they needed to walk by faith and obey the Lord to receive the gift that God has given them, just as we must do.

As we continue on next time, we will see this tenth and last plague come upon the Egyptians and the children of Israel will be set free!

I want to close with these thoughts because I think we miss how much faith Moses had in the Words of the Lord.

First of all, those who thought that this was foolish, those who did not apply the blood of the lamb upon the doorposts of their home, lost their firstborn. And for the Egyptians, this loss was so great in the land of Egypt that they called for the Jews to get out of town and to get out now! Even Pharaoh's firstborn died! And we will see this next time.

Now do you realize how crazy this was. God told Moses to place the blood of the lamb on their doors and the angel of death would Passover their homes and ***HE OBEYED THE WORD OF GOD BY FAITH!*** That is amazing to me, the faith that Moses had was in God's Word.

How do I know that Moses had faith in what God told him?

Because we are told in Hebrews 11:28 that Moses, **“By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.”** That is faith!

Think about it. No one had ever seen such a deliverance like that and even though they could not see it through their natural eyes they saw with eyes of faith and obeyed the Lord!

And **“Passover”** is in the perfect tense indicating that this was a ***“lasting ordinance”*** to be done year after year after year, and it has as we have seen.

What does that mean? It means that Moses fully believed that the children of Israel would be delivered from their bondage in Egypt, that they would enter the Promise Land, they would celebrate Passover!

As we have seen in our study this evening, Jesus is our Passover Lamb. Remember what Paul told us in I Corinthians 5:7, **“Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.”**

That is God's Word to each of us and you can either believe it by faith or reject it.

But if the blood of Christ is not applied to your life by faith, then the angel of death will not Passover your life, but you will enter into eternity apart from Him!

We can't see this truth with our physical eyes, but we can surely see this with our eyes of faith, and we can be like Moses who ***OBEYED THE WORD OF GOD BY FAITH!***