

WEEKLY WORSHIP GUIDE



Exodus 12:1-30--December 8th, 2024

Sermon Recap:

Plagues- Passover Pt.2

I. The People (v.1-3a)

a. New Beginnings

- V.1- Israel has been in slavery, where time runs together. God is starting something new. He's marking out a new time for them."
- The Passover was to mark the end of life as they knew it in Egypt and the beginning of the new nation of Israel.
- "Congregation"- They're no longer simply Hebrews, an ethnic group; no longer just the sons of Israel, descendants of a great patriarch; but they're now a community.
 - In the New Testament, the word for congregation is "ecclesia." It translates as "church."

b. No Distinctions

- V.3- No distinction will be made between Egypt and Israel. God will be visiting every house.
 - Israel was equally as sinful and equally deserving of God's wrath. In mercy, he tells them, "You need to prepare."

II. The Preparation (v.3b-28)

a. Details! (v.3b-13)

- In v.3-11, the Lord provides 16 different directions/rules for preparing for the Passover. They are to be very meticulous in choosing, cooking, and consuming the sacrifice, as well as smearing the blood upon the doorposts and lintel of the house.

b. Details!! (v.14-20)

- More specific instructions are given regarding how to repeat this feast/festival each year in remembrance of what the Lord has done.

c. Details!!! (v.21-28)

- Again, the details are repeated; this time to the elders of Israel. They had previously rejected Moses and God's Word, but here, they bow in worship.

Why so many details? Because God was in their midst. And when God is near unto you, the demand for purity and order and holiness is exaggerated as it were.

III. The Passover (v.29-30)

- The Lord is faithful to his Word. He visits every house in Egypt, from royalty to prisoners, from man to animal. There was not a single house where someone was not dead. Finally, the Lord's name was known.

Why the blood on the door? It sign of a covenant, of their faith, of a substitutionary sacrifice. These all point forward to something greater.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who comes to take away the sins of the world.

- He is without blemish (1 Peter 2:22, Hebrews 9:14)
- He went to the slaughter without a word (Isaiah 53:4-7).

His blood was smeared on the cross as a sign of the covenant, to purchase our faith as a substitutionary sacrifice, so that God's wrath would pass over us. "Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed." 1 Corinthians 5:7b

Discussion Questions:

- How did God bring a new beginning to Israel?
- What is the significance of Israel being called a “congregation”?
- Why didn’t God make a distinction between Egypt and Israel in the final plague?
- Why was God so meticulous in the the details surrounding the preparation for Passover?
- Why did they need to prepare at all?
- “Death is no respecter of _____.”
- What is the blood on a the door a sign of?
- In what various ways does the Passover point forward?
- How is Christ the Passover Lamb?

Application:

- How has your view or position on God’s sovereignty been shaped by Exodus 7-12?
- Do you find yourself tempted to be defined by your past?
- What “new beginnings” has God created in your life?
- How serious and detailed are you in your approach to God?
- How have you “prepared” to come to God? (Is this a trick question...?)
- Why would God have passed over you?
- How has the blood of the Lamb saved you? If it has, how does that influence your daily worship?

