

For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you. - Exodus 12:23

I. DEATH FOR THE LAMB

- Moses, following God’s commands, directs the people to select a Passover lamb, kill it, and place its blood on the lintel and doorposts of their homes (Vss. 21-22).
- The people must remain in their homes throughout the night at the cost of their lives (Vs. 22).
- The act is to be an annual rite in perpetuity and is to be explained to the children as an act of mercy and deliverance via the word of God (Vss. 24-27).

II. DEATH FOR THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT

- God’s word is almost immediately applied. “At midnight” the LORD acted (Vs. 29).
- All of the firstborn of Egypt die. All due to the disobedience and stubbornness of one man—animals and humans alike, responsible and “innocent” alike (Rom. 9:16-21).
- Pharaoh and all Egypt rose up that night in anguish. Sin is deadly, its results are tragic (Rom. 6:23; Gal. 6:7-8).

III. LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

- Faith in the promise of God and obedience to his word spares the people of Israel (Vs. 28; Ex. 12:13; John 14:15).
- What if God had a purpose in all of this? (Rom. 9:22-26).
- We all need a Passover. We all need to be sprinkled by the blood (Eph. 1:7-10).

KNOW: In the first Passover, faith in and obedience to the LORD brought life. A lamb, cared for and nurtured by Jewish families, was slaughtered in the place of their firstborn. Its blood was a sign, and that sign turned away the wrath of God. Salvation was made manifest by sacrifice.

DO: Listen. Obey. Believe. Live.

Suggested Reading:

Gospel Assurances and Warnings by Paul Washer
(LifePoint Adult Library)

Convinced of God's Love by Tony Guinn
(LifePoint Adult Library)

For Children:

10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) About Christianity by Rebecca McLaughlin
(LifePoint Teen Library)

Next Week's Preaching Text: Hebrews 10:19-25

**Questions/Discovery Points for
Life Groups/Families**

Please Read Exodus 12:21-32

1. What was the Passover all about?
2. What were Moses' instructions to the people? Why were the instructions so exact (see Exodus 12:1-20 as well)?
3. How would future generations know about this great event?
4. What happened to the Egyptians? Why did it happen?
5. What were the results? How did Egypt respond (see Exodus 12:33-39 as well)?
6. How does salvation work in God's kingdom?
7. How does this all apply to us? What shall we learn?