

"The 10 Plagues upon Egypt"

Part 25

Exodus 7-12

Introduction: Last week in our study of the plagues we were looking at the Lamb and the blood of the Passover Lamb. We have already discussed how God gives to us more information about the means of protection in Exodus 12 than He does in the plague itself. The reason for this is because the Passover Lamb is the most detailed picture of Jesus Christ that we will find in the Old Testament, and God is far more concerned with our protection from judgment than He is about anything else. The Holy Spirit presupposes that the reader of God's Word will take the time to examine in detail the Words of Exodus 12 and then when we come to the Gospels, we will see the connection between the Passover Lamb and Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God.

"The Protection from the Slaying

So far, we have looked at several points concerning the Lamb.

1. **The provision of the Lamb**
2. **The character of the Lamb.**
3. **The killing of the Lamb.**
4. **The blood of the Lamb.**
 - a. **The prominence of the blood.**

Notice Exodus 12:13, 23

The only means of protection from the tenth and final plague was the blood of the Lamb. When God would come through the land of Egypt on this night, He would see the blood applied to the doorways and He would then passover that family. He would not be looking for good works, wealth, or talented people. He would be looking for the blood. Any place where the blood was not applied, they would experience the death of the first born.

Application:

Two thousand years ago when Jesus died upon the cross, He shed His blood to pay the sin debt of the entire world. When you came to Him and you accepted Him as your Savior the blood of Jesus Christ was applied to your life and now when God sees you, He sees you washed in the blood of the Lamb.

Revelation 1:5-6

⁵ *And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.*

⁶ *And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

b. **The place for the blood.**

Notice Exodus 12:7, 22

The blood of the Lamb was to be applied to the door posts and the door lintel. This application represented the cross. The blood on the side posts pictured the cross upright and the blood on the lintel pictured the cross beam of the cross. It is very interesting to notice that the blood was not to be applied to the threshold which is the bottom part of the door entrance. The reason it was not to be applied to the threshold tells of something very important. This means the blood was NEVER to be trampled underfoot in disrespect.

Hebrews 10:26-31

²⁶ *For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,*

²⁷ *But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.*

²⁸ *He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:*

²⁹ *Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*

³⁰ *For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.*

³¹ *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Man is clearly warned to NOT disrespect the blood of the Lamb of God. When a man knows of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for him and yet he makes the choice to continue to live in his sin he is on a path that is taking him directly into the heat of God's judgment. This man's judgment will be far more intense and severe than the person who dies in their sins but has never been exposed to the Gospel.

Luke 12:46-48

⁴⁶ The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers.

⁴⁷ And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes.

⁴⁸ But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

For someone to turn from Jesus Christ is to trample underfoot the sacred blood He shed for their sins.

c. **The application of the blood.**

Notice Exodus 12:22

The blood of the Lamb was to be applied with hyssop. The hyssop was a small plant with stiff branches and soft hairy like leaves which would work as a brush to apply the blood. The hyssop is often mentioned in the Bible with certain sacrifices. Let us notice one such place.

Leviticus 14:1-7

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

² This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought unto the priest:

³ And the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look, and, behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper;

*⁴ Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and **hyssop**:*

⁵ And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water:

*⁶ As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the **hyssop**, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water:*

⁷ And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field.

David also spoke of hyssop in his need to be cleansed.

Psalm 51:2-7

² Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

⁵ Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

⁶ Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

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

David apparently had the idea of using the hyssop to apply the blood to himself for cleansing.

Application:

The hyssop being a small plant speaks of **humility**. Using it to apply the blood of the Lamb speaks of **faith**. These are two things which are essential for our salvation. In order for someone to be saved they must humble themselves and confess they are a sinner. Humility in a person is something that is very rare. Most people refuse to see their true sinful condition and most people have a difficult time admitting they are not able to save themselves. You see the majority of people trust in their own righteousness to get them to heaven. Let us notice the Words of our Lord in two different passages.

Matthew 7:13-14

¹³ Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

¹⁴ Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Luke 13:24

²⁴ Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

Many will seek to enter and will not be able because they are trusting in their own self-righteousness. Humility is essential to salvation. It is present when a sinner comes under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and accepts the Truth that they are lost in their sins. Until this happens there can be no salvation for if this is not the attitude of the sinner then he or she is exercising faith in their own righteousness. When they are humbled by the conviction of the Spirit, they are then ready to exercise faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

d. **The power of the blood.**

Notice Exodus 12:23

It was the blood and only the blood that would keep Israel safe from the judgment of God.

Application:

It is interesting to look into the Word of God and see the power in the blood.

1. **Blood provides life.**

Genesis 9:1-4

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth.

² *And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; into your hand are they delivered.*

³ *Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.*

⁴ *But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.*

Noah was granted permission to eat meat but not the blood. The life of the flesh was in the blood and man was not worthy of life. To kill an animal and consume the flesh was designed to be a reminder that in order for man to live, something innocent must die.

We see this in Leviticus with a little more information.

Leviticus 17:10-11

¹⁰ *And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.*

¹¹ For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

The blood was given as an atonement for the soul which means blood gives spiritual life. When our soul was saved, we were given NEW life. The blood of the Passover Lamb gave life to the firstborn just as we are given eternal life through the blood of the Lamb of God.

2. **The blood provides redemption.**

Revelation 5:9

⁹ And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

To redeem means "to purchase". Redemption often took place in the realm of slavery. Slaves were often sold in public auctions. The price that was paid for a slave was the redemption. If a man chose to, he could buy a slave and set him free or he could keep him and use him as a worker on his property. If the slave was healthy and strong the price for the slave would be high.

We were slaves to sin. We were unable to get free on our own. We were spiritually bankrupt and so we could not pay the price of redemption. We were far from desirable, but God in His love made the choice to redeem us and to set us free. The price He paid was the highest cost of all for it was the blood of His only Son. The price for our sin debt was far too high to pay with silver and gold so there needed to be something more valuable paid out. Our redemption would be paid with the precious blood of the Lamb.

1 Peter 1:18-19

¹⁸ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

So, it is the blood of Jesus Christ that has paid our redemption and now we are free. Free to live a life that is pleasing to God. This was impossible before we were saved for, we were slaves to sin and that is all we knew. There was nothing good in us and so we could in no way glorify God with our lives. But now we can for now we are free.

3. **The blood provides justification.**

Romans 5:9

⁹ *Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

To be justified means "to be declared righteous". This verse tells us we are declared righteous by the blood of Jesus Christ. How can this be? To be declared righteous is a onetime legal act which takes place the moment we are saved. We were guilty of sin and our sin required a payment. The blood of Jesus Christ was shed to pay our sin debt. When we accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior our account was stamped "PAID IN FULL". It was then that God imputed His righteousness to our account.

Romans 3:22-25

²² *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*

²³ *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

²⁴ *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

²⁵ *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;*

The blood of Jesus Christ satisfied the righteous demands of God and so it is by His blood that we are justified.

4. **The blood provides cleansing.**

1 John 1:7

⁷ *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

Conclusion:

We can see from all of these verses why God's Word tells us the blood of Jesus Christ is PRECIOUS. Let us be sure to never disrespect the blood but to always hold it up to its proper place of honor.