

"The 10 Plagues upon Egypt"

Part 27

Exodus 7-12

Introduction: Last week in our study of the 10th plague upon Egypt we looked at the instructions given to Israel concerning how they were to consume the Passover Lamb.

Exodus 12:8-10

⁸ And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

⁹ Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

¹⁰ And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

1. They were to eat the flesh.

The protein in the meat would provide strength for the journey ahead.

2. They were to roast the Lamb with fire.

The Passover Lamb would be the clearest Old Testament picture of Jesus Christ and the fire was a picture of the judgment of God which our Lord experienced on the cross for us. To roast the Lamb with fire was keeping the typology accurate.

3. They were to consume no unleavened bread.

Leaven in the Bible is symbolic of sin. The picture for us here is that Jesus Christ died to set us free from sin and therefore sin is to have no place in our lives. When sin is permitted to exist, it poisons every area of our lives.

4. They were to eat the Lamb with bitter herbs.

This is a picture of what our attitude should be when we do sin. We are to be full of remorse and brokenness. This is the result of walking close to our Lord. To drift away from Him and into the world desensitizes us toward sin and it defies the conscience.

5. The Lamb was not to be eaten raw.

This means it was to be given time to cook, not rushed. The picture for us is that we are to slow down and spend time with our Lord.

6. The Lamb was NOT to be boiled in water.

This speaks of how we are NOT to water down the Truth of Jesus Christ in any way. It is to be proclaimed just as God has given it to us. The Word is to be proclaimed straight forward and to the point.

7. Any meat left was to be burned with fire.

The Lamb was not to be fed to the dogs or to any other animal, but it was to be burned. This is a picture of how there is NEVER to be any disrespect shown toward our Lord. In reviewing this there is a verse from the Sermon on the Mount that comes to my mind.

Matthew 7:6

⁶ Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

This now brings us to where we are in our study. There is yet one more point to see which pertained to eating the Lamb.

I. The Manner of Eating

Notice Exodus 12:11

We see several points of instruction here:

A. They were to gird their loins.

The robes which were worn in Moses' day were long and flowing. These robes were to be pulled up tight and bound with a girdle so that there was no danger of getting wrapped up in the robe and being tripped. There is much application for us here:

➤ **They were to be prepared to leave.**

There are several ways in which this thought can be applied:

1. We must be prepared to go and serve when the Lord calls upon us.

This means we are not to get rooted into this world, but we are to keep in mind that we are pilgrims and we are on call at all times. I want to share a verse from Genesis that will help us to see how we are to live.

Genesis 25:27

²⁷ And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man, dwelling in tents.

Here we see two different ways of life. Esau was a man of the world and his roots were in the world. Jacob was a man of God and he dwelled in tents which tells us he was not rooted in the world. The patriarchs dwelled in tents because they needed to be ready to move when God called upon them to move.

In the same way we are to refrain from being rooted in this world and we are to live in a way that we can move when we are called to move. When there is a need and God impresses upon our heart to go and help, we must be able to drop what we are doing and go to help meet the need. A love for the world will pull us away from God.

2 Timothy 4:10

¹⁰ For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

2. We are to be sure there is nothing in our lives that can entangle and trip us along the journey.

2 Timothy 2:4

⁴ No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

We must be careful about getting entangled in the affairs of this world for when we are entangled with the stuff of this world it will keep us from bearing fruit for God.

Luke 8:14

¹⁴ And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

There have been some who have become caught up in the riches of this world and have accomplished little for God.

1 Timothy 6:8-12

⁸ And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

⁹ But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

¹¹ But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

¹² Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

There are many dangers which surround us and so we must be extremely careful and exercise self-control.

1 Corinthians 9:25-27

²⁵ And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

²⁶ I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

²⁷ But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

We must also be sure there is no sin that will trip us in the battle or hinder us in the race.

Hebrews 12:1

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

I want to show you a passage from Luke that will pull all of this together.

Luke 9:57-62

⁵⁷ And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

⁵⁸ And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

⁵⁹ And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

⁶⁰ Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

⁶¹ And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

⁶² *And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

Our faith is to be in the Lord, and we are to trust Him as we follow Him wherever He leads.

3. We must live in anticipation of the rapture.

Not only are we to be ready to go and serve but we are also to be ready to go home. The rapture is imminent and so we are to live in a way that when the trumpet sounds, we are ready to go.

Let me share with you what Paul wrote concerning the church of the Thessalonians.

1 Thessalonians 1:7-10

⁷ *So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.*

⁸ *For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.*

⁹ *For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;*

¹⁰ *And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*

These people lived in expectation of the return of Jesus Christ. They served the Lord, they separated from sin and they lived in expectancy of Jesus' return.

B. They were to eat the Lamb with shoes on their feet.

Notice Exodus 12:11 again.

Our application for this statement is found in Ephesians 6.

Ephesians 6:15

¹⁵ *And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;*

As live in a state of readiness, willing to go where the Lord calls us to go, we must also be ready to share the Gospel with whoever we encounter.

1 Peter 3:15

¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Let me get you back to the shoes they put on their feet to eat the Passover. There is an interesting reference to these shoes in Deuteronomy 29 which Moses made at the end of his life. I want to use this to help us to gather encouragement.

Deuteronomy 29:5

⁵ And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.

Let me show you another verse.

Deuteronomy 8:4

⁴ Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

The shoes which the Israelites put on the night of the Passover were the same shoes they were wearing forty years later. They had not worn out and God did not allow their feet to swell in all the walking they did for forty years. This was remarkable!!

Application:

I need to make an application here that is so important. This all speaks of the sufficiency of the provisions which God gives to us for our journey in this life as we follow Him. This helps us to know that when God stirs our hearts to step out in faith that we must be obedient to the commands He gives to us for preparation and we must trust Him with what He has provided for the journey. He may call us to start out with very little finances, but we can be assured that what we have in our pocket can go a long way when we give it over to the Lord.

John 6:5-13

⁵ When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

⁶ And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

⁷ Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

⁹ *There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?*

¹⁰ *And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.*

¹¹ *And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.*

¹² *When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.*

¹³ *Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.*

Conclusion:

There were two more commands concerning how they were to eat the Passover Lamb.

Notice Exodus 12:11 again.

They were to have their staff in hand. This was a sign of pilgrimage which we already considered. They were also to eat in haste. This meant they were to be prepared to leave at any time, this we also considered. Next week we shall look at the actual plague and see how devastating it was to Egypt.