

(Exodus) Exodus 12:5-8

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of faith, family, and following God's pattern in worship and fellowship.

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Scripture: Exodus 2:9, Exodus 12:5-6, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 19:14, Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 5:7

Topics: "Expositional"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher shares his experiences as a young preacher in Middle Tennessee. He talks about how he used to hold meetings in country churches during the summer and how he learned to engage with the congregation, including mothers with restless babies. The preacher then focuses on the significance of the Passover lamb in the Bible, explaining that it symbolizes Christ and his sacrifice for humanity. He highlights the unity of the Israelite families in participating in the Passover and emphasizes that Christ is the ultimate Passover lamb for all believers.

Transcript

Now, let me read verse 5 now. "...your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year, ye shall take it from the sheep, or from the goats." Now, this lamb is to speak of Christ, and the Israelite shall kill it. It's for the family, it's to be put on the doorpost, but each one will have to exhibit faith.

Now, here is the thing that is amazing, verse 6, "...and ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month, and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening." Now, I'd like to call your attention to something here, friends. Israel shall kill it. Well, each family had a lamb.

There must have been thousands of lambs slain that night. But when God talks about it, He says, "...Israel shall slay it in the evening." That lamb is speaking of another lamb. Christ, our Passover, is offered for us, and God looked at it as one lamb.

You see, all of that is pointing to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ into the world. Now, will you notice here, there must be that evidence of faith in what they're doing. Faith in the adequacy of the blood, verse 7, "...and they shall take of the blood, strike it on the two side posts and on the upper doorposts of the houses wherein they shall eat it." Now, the children of Israel were to put the blood outside on the door, and the death angel will pass over.

Now, I think that we have here a picture that'll answer another question for us. Now, there are many people that have written in, and they say, at the time of the rapture, what about the little children of believers? What about them? Here are little ones that have not reached the age of accountability. You mean to say that the Lord would take mom and pop and go off and leave two little precious children there? No, friends.

God won't do that. Let's read this. "...they shall take of the blood, strike it on the two side posts and on the upper doorposts of the houses wherein they shall eat it.

And they eat the lamb on the inside," that is, by faith, to partake of Christ, but the little one doesn't know what's taking place. Well, will the little one be left in the house when the children of Israel go out of the land of Egypt? If the little one happens to be just a little one, hasn't reached the age of accountability, will the little one be slain? Oh, no. No, friends, blood covered it all.

The death angel passed over all of them. And I assume from this picture that the children that have not reached the age of accountability in every home at the time of the rapture will be taken, covered by the blood, if you please. God would not leave them any more than He left them in the days when the children of Israel were redeemed and went out of the land of Egypt.

Now, will you notice it says, "...they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire and unleavened bread, and with bitter herbs they shall eat it." Now, each one of these, of course, had a tremendous message and meaning in everything that they did. This speaks, of course, of the fellowship of the family. The family were together in this.

Now, I want to make a statement now, and I'm sure I'll get reaction to this, but I don't mind it at all. We today, in our very highly organized Bible schools and in our church programs, we put the juniors here and the junior highs there and the high school over here. Can you well understand that Moses telling them to put all the children in the nursery over at the palace of Pharaoh, because that's where he was raised, and to take the juniors down to the volleyball court? May I say to you, there'd been a lot of children would have missed out that night on the exodus.

May I say this is done by families, and I'm afraid that our churches today have been guilty of dividing families. We ought to have families together in church. I'm a square.

I grant that. But you see, I started off as a young preacher up in Middle Tennessee, and I was pastor of a city church, however, but I used to go in the summer because I guess I'm a country boy, and I went up in Middle Tennessee and held meetings in those country churches and had the best time of my life. And I'd start preaching at night, and you'd see a mother sitting out there with a little one in her arms.

It may be restless. I learned to out-talk them. If I can't out-talk a six-months-old child, well, something's radically wrong.

So I learned to preach above them, and that little one go to sleep. The mother pick it up, take it to the back of the church. They had a pallet there.

Put the little one down. She'd come back down. She's sitting there with her husband and maybe two or three other children.

And then here comes up an oven. It's just like popcorn all over the place. These little ones go into sleep.

And they told me they'd had a preacher there the year before me. They'd held a meeting, and one night they put down about like they did every night, about a dozen babies, and all of a sudden he stopped, and he said, You know, I'm a greater preacher than Paul the Apostle. And the people were amazed.

He paused, and they all had the question in their mind, how in the world could he be greater than Paul the Apostle? He says, Paul preached to midnight and only put one to sleep. He says, I haven't preached but 30 minutes, and I put a dozen to sleep. On that basis, I did the same thing, my friends.

You see, they did it by families. And I don't know. Those little churches weren't very well organized.

But they sure did have some wonderful saints of God, and they produced some very wonderful men and women that grew up in that area. In fact, it's out of areas like that in this land where the backbone of this nation was produced. I don't know where we're producing them today, but I'll be honest with you, I haven't very much confidence in the hippies.

I'm very sorry that I don't, but I have no confidence in this revolutionary crowd that's on our campuses today. I think we've done it wrong, friends. Here's the pattern that was given.

The family was to do it together. Now, we're told here they're to eat it roast with fire. Fire speaks of judgment.

That must be the judgment of sin. And unleavened bread, you see, that speaks of Christ as the one we're to feed upon. And with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Now, there's different meanings that have been attached to the bitter herbs. May I say to you, I hear sometimes the idea given as if we're trying to sell something when we ask people to accept Christ. It won't always be sweet, friends.

There are bitter herbs to go with it.

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