

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are some characteristics of the Passover lamb?
2. What characteristics of the Passover lamb are found in Jesus?
3. What connection exists between the Passover feast and the Lord's supper?
4. Give several reasons to prove the answer to questions #3. See Luke 22:17-20 and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

SUMMMARY:

Just as God provided a means for those who would acknowledge and obey Him to escape the hand of the death angel, He provides a way of escape from the spiritual death which is the lot of all men. Christ came to earth to live a sinless life that He might fulfill the need for a lamb without blemish. No other means was or is available to reconcile sinful man to a righteous God.

Just as was the case with the houses of the children of Israel in the land of Goshen, it is entirely up to us whether we choose to apply the blood. And just as certainly, the angel of the second death will pass and many will be doomed to an eternity apart from God in a place of intense discomfort.

God desired to bring His people into a better land, one of milk and honey. Today, He desires to bring man into a better relationship, one of spiritual milk and honey. Is not this the best choice?

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #2

April 13, 2008

Second Quarter

CHRIST, OUR PASSOVER

LESSON TEXT: Exodus 12:1-36; 1 Corinthians 5:7

LESSON SETTING: The Land of Goshen in Egypt at the time of the tenth plague.

TIME: About 1491 B.C.

- I. THE FIRST PASSOVER.** Exodus 12:1-28
 - A. A Male Lamb (vs. 3,5)
 1. Of the First Year (vs. 5)
 2. Without Blemish (vs. 5)
 3. Blood Shed (vs. 7)
 - B. To Be a Memorial. (vs. 14) Numbers 9:5, 10-11
 - C. To Be Observed Forever. (vs. 24) Exodus 13:10; Numbers 9:13
- II. THE LAST PLAGUE.** Exodus 12:29-36
 - A. Judgment against Egyptian gods. Exodus 12:12
 - B. First Born of Man Slain. (vs. 29)
 - C. Firstborn of Cattle Slain. (vs. 29)
- III. CHRIST OUR PASSOVER.** 1 Corinthians 5:7
 - A. The Passover Lamb. (vs. 7) Isaiah 53:7; 1 Peter 1:19
 - B. The Lamb of God. John 1:29; Revelation 7:9; 15:3

GOLDEN TEXT: *AND ALMOST ALL THINGS ARE BY THE LAW PURGED WITH BLOOD; AND WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION.*
Hebrews 9:22

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Exodus 14:10-22

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Genesis 15:1; Psalm 91:1-16;
Isaiah 42:10-16; Hebrews 11:29

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ - King and Saviour

TOPIC: GUIDANCE THROUGH OBEDIENCE

INTRODUCTION:

After having seen what the Lord could do during the ten plagues in Egypt and after having been spared the plagues through obedience, the children of Israel should have been able to trust Him for deliverance. This was not the case though. They now cried out to Moses in an effort to blame him for their present situation. They even wished that they had remained slaves in Egypt.

Moses, however, had confidence in the living God. Even before he himself knew how God was to deliver them he quieted their fears with the promise that the Egyptians which they now saw, they would soon see no more. Even at this time Moses was in his heart praying to God, for there are no recorded prayers, but God answered his unspoken prayers with the instructions which were to result in their salvation.

God could have used any number of ways of bringing His chosen ones out of the land of slavery, but He used a way which required the obedience of man and which ought to serve to strengthen His children while bringing honor and glory to His name.

These same principles exist today. He continues to reveal Himself in ways that involve obedience in His people and bring honor and glory to His name. We should expect to find ourselves in places of temptation and discomfort. We should also in trust look to the Lord with the full knowledge that He has the means of overcoming these obstructions.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The shedding of Christ's blood paid the price of our redemption.

GOLDEN TEXT: *FEAR YE NOT; STAND STILL, AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD.*

Exodus 14:13

These words, straight from the heart of God through His servant Moses, given to the faint-hearted slaves who left the brickyards of Egypt, are good advice to us today. They had placed their lives in His hands and in the time of need had cried out to God. Now they could not wait for His answer. They cried to Moses and tried to place the blame for their position upon him. After having seen many wonders at the hand of God, they could not trust Him for more.

This is typical of believers today. We cry out to the Lord in time of need and as the Word says, we do bring our burdens to the Lord. At this point we often fail to trust and find ourselves carrying the same burdens away with us. We would be wise to heed these words and stand quietly back to see the Lord in action. Learning this one truth would do much for the quietness of our soul and give us more time to do the work the Lord has for each of His children.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF April 14 – 20

- M. Guidance Provided. Exodus 12:37-51
- T. Guidance by the Supernatural. Exodus 13:17-22
- W. Guidance in Spite of Opposition. Exodus 14:1-9
- T. *Guidance Through Obedience. Exodus 14:10-22
- F. Guidance Assures Victory. Exodus 14:23-31
- S. Guidance Calls Forth Praise. Psalm 136:1-20
- S. Guidance Ends in Triumph. Psalm 31:15-24