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THE PASSOVER - Exodus Twelve

Pharaoh had commanded all the male babies of Israel to be cast into the river. Now it was payday. All the first born of the Egyptians were to be slain when God passed over the land the night of the institution of the Passover. We must take notice here that America has out done Pharaoh in the abortion law. It is important that I remind you at this time. PAY DAY IS COMING.

The lamb was to be without blemish; the whole assembly shall kill it in the evening. Take the blood of the lamb strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post. God said, "At midnight I will smite the first born of both man and beast in the land of Egypt." The blood shall be a token upon the houses where you are. When I see the blood, I will pass over you.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it came to pass even as the Lord declared. On that midnight the Lord smote all the first born in the land of Egypt, from the first born of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the first born of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the first born of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead.

What happened on that night in Egypt is a picture of the coming event of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ when He comes again in Judgment.

Notice it happened at midnight. The judgment of God will fall on the sinner at the most unexpected time. The judgment fell upon every classification of people: from Pharaoh to the people in the dungeon. From the members of congress, the Supreme Court, to the dog catcher of our county, from the Hollywood star as he receives the Oscar, to the usher in the theater, from the billionaire to the person who works for minimum wage, from the liberal professor in the University to the high school drop out. No classification of sinner will be accepted.

Then remember also a great cry was heard throughout the land when the judgment fell upon them. The darkness

of the hour did not conceal them. John tells us all the tribes of the earth shall mourn because of Him. Judgment is mine, I will repay saith the Lord. There are many similarities in the Passover Lamb and the Lamb of God. Notice the selection of the Lamb.

SELECTING THE LAMB

A lamb without blemish was to be selected or each household. Evidently the slaying of the lamb was tied in with each household. It is the home that is emphasized. God wants to see each home covered with the blood of the lamb both then and now. I heard a theology professor say many years ago that society walks on two legs, the church and the home, and when one of those legs is broken the society is crippled. These are days when more homes are broken than ever before.

I heard the following conversation recently on television. A woman was obviously pregnant and the interviewer asked her if she was married? The woman was not insulted by this remark at all, she graciously replied she was. There was a time when such a question would have been the grossest insult, but not now. God is concerned about the family.

THE EXAMINATION OF THE LAMB

Then notice the examination of the lamb. The lamb was to be examined to see if it was without blemish. This reminds us that the Lamb of God was examined thoroughly. The Lamb of God came into Jerusalem on Sunday. Then for four days He was examined. Monday through Thursday they looked Him over and tried to find a flaw.

Question after question was asked. "Who gave thee this authority? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar? Whose wife shall she be? What is the greatest commandment in the law? Art thou the King of the Jews? What is truth? Hearest thou what these are saying? Answerest thou the high priest so? I adjure thee by the living God that you tell us whether

thou art the Christ?” Question after question, is there some flaw in the Lamb? None *could* be found. Judas testified, I have betrayed innocent blood. Pilate said, “I find no fault in Him.” Pilate’s wife told him, “Have thou nothing to do with this righteous man.” *The Lamb was perfect.* Now let us notice the killing of the lamb.

THE KILLING OF THE LAMB

The whole assembly was to kill the lamb. Although there were thousands of lambs that were slain, it speaks of the killing of the lamb as though it is in the singular--THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY SHALL KILL THE LAMB.

This is what happened in the slaying of the Lamb of God. It was singular. There was only ONE LAMB. And it too was killed by the whole assembly of the human race. Who crucified Jesus? It was the Jews and it was the Gentiles. It was Annas, the high priest, and it was Pilate, the Roman governor. We all did it. The weight of your sins and mine was on the hand that held the hammer that drove the nails through the hands and feet of Jesus and riveted Him to those timbers of torture that we call the cross. You are a murderer. You killed Jesus.

Notice how they were in a hurry to get the killing done. They were to kill the lamb and it roasted, and to eat it in haste. Their shoes were to be on and their loins girded, their staff was to be in their hand. They were also in a hurry to kill the Lamb of God.

Many times today a trial can drag on for years. Sometimes continuances are made and some of the witnesses die. In the trial of Jesus there was no such delay. They could not get to it fast enough. There was no noted defense attorney hired for the trial. They did not even wait until the next morning. The trial was held all night and at nine o’clock the next day, Jesus was already on the cross. After they got Him on the cross they were in a hurry, a hurry to get Him down. Someone noticed that the next day was the Sabbath and got Pilate to have their legs broken and get them off the cross before the Sabbath. They did not break the legs of Jesus, He was already dead. They were in a hurry to get the job done. Now notice the sign of the lamb.

THE SIGN OF THE LAMB

The thirteenth verse says that *the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are and when I see the blood I will Passover you.* The blood was to be applied to the two sides and the top of the door. The blood formed a sign of the cross. Hyssop must be dipped in the blood and the blood struck on the three places. When the Lord passed over the land He was looking for the blood. The blood made all the difference.

Consider the prominent place the blood of Christ has in the salvation of man. Here are at least eight statements about the blood of Christ. Number one, “This is My blood of the covenant which is poured out for many unto remission of sins.” Number two, “Much more then, now being justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath.” Number three, Take heed therefore unto yourselves to feed the church of God that He hath purchased with His own blood. Number four, “In whom we have redemption

through His blood, the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace.” Number five, “Without the shedding of sins there is no remission.” Number six, “The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sins.” Number seven, “These are they that have come out of the great tribulation and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” Number eight, “Unto Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His blood and made us to be kings and priests unto His God and Father, unto Him be the glory for ever, Amen.” Evidently from these verses, the Lord considers the blood of Christ of supreme importance.

Verse 22 says they were not to leave the house that night until after the Passover was over. They were to stay behind the blood. They were not safe anywhere else. This is a warning to the Christian today. Stay behind the blood.

Consider too that when the Lord passed over that night that no family escaped in the land of Egypt. Verse twenty-nine says *that, as every house from Pharaoh to the man in the dungeon was the loser of the first-born.* Even the first born of the beasts were taken. The Egyptians worshiped certain animals--the crocodile, the bull, among others. To kill the first born of animals too was to kill the gods of the Egyptians.

While we do not worship animals today as the Egyptians, it does seem that America is an idolatrous nation when you consider the worship of sports events. It should give us pause and make us wonder when we consider that many of the teams in America we worship have the names of animals. Such names dominate the news as: tigers, lions, colts, cats, eagles, birds, dogs, dolphins, bears, rams, long horns, cubs, and many others.

Consider also how blood must be applied in the prescribed way. Paul said in Romans the sixth chapter that *many of us as were baptized into Christ were baptized into His death.* When we are baptized it is there that we make the sign of the cross.

When the Lord passes over on that great day there will be none who will escape who are not under the blood. In that day all from Pharaoh to the man in the dungeon did not escape, and when the Lord comes again none will escape who are not under the blood. That blood is our token too. The Lord will be looking for the sign of the cross. Consider last of all the Memorial of the Lamb.

MEMORIAL OF THE LAMB

Verse fourteen tells us that *this feast shall be unto you as a memorial.* When your children ask why you keep the feast tell them it is the sacrifice of the Lord’s Passover who passed over the house of the children of Israel.

The Lord’s Supper on the Lord’s Day is our memorial of our Passover Lamb too. Paul tells us often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye proclaim the Lord’s death till He come.

By the taking of the Lord’s Supper we preach a sermon in action. We proclaim the message to ourselves that Jesus died for us. We also proclaim that message to others. We tell them Jesus also died for you. We proclaim that message to Almighty God, who sent His Son to die for us and thank Him for this marvelous gift, and we also proclaim that message of our salvation to the Devil Himself.

We remind Satan of the promise of God in the Garden of Eden: The seed of the woman shall bruise thy Head. We remind the Devil that Jesus won the battle over him at the cross. What a blessing it is for the Christian on the first day of the week to observe the memorial concerning the blood of our Redeemer. *When I see the blood, I will pass over you.*



COMMUNION MEDITATION

HE LIFTED ME

In the early days of the ministry of Jesus, He said to Nicodemus, "And, as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so, must the Son of man be lifted up. Then at the end of His ministry He said, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto Me."

Jesus was lifted when He was crucified. They nailed Him to the cross and lifted it up, and dropped it into a hole that shook the foundations of hell.

But He was not only lifted up on the cross, He was also lifted up from the grave on the third day when He was raised up from the dead. Lifted up on the cross, lifted up from the grave and then He was lifted up again at the time of His ascension. Lifted up all the way to heaven.

Think of it. He was lifted up in prophecy as the serpent on the pole, lifted up on the cross, lifted up in the resurrection, and lifted up in the ascension, and when He returns He will lift us up from the earth to meet Him in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

As we are lifted up to meet Him in the air we could say in the words of the gospel song: With tender hand He lifted me--From sinking sand He lifted me--From shades of night to realms of light--O praise His name He lifted me.

But that is not all. When we have lived for several million years in Heaven; without question our favorite gospel hymn might very well be: Love lifted me, love lifted me, when nothing else could help love lifted me.

But for the present as we eat the loaf and drink the cup in memory of the One who was lifted up on the cross, lifted up from the grave and lifted up into heaven; what better thought for us than this: I was sinking deep in sin far from the peaceful shore--Very deeply stained within sinking to rise no more--But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry--from the waters lifted me now safe am I.



LETTERS FROM LISTENERS:



Dear Bro. Bousman,

We greet you in His grace of our Lord Christ Jesus. We write to appeal for your assistance to our newly plant congregation in the city of Bong Mines. I am Bro. James; I once served as minister of the Buduburam congregation before leaving for Liberia. You may know that we are returned

refugees trying to keep up with our Lord's instructions. We certainly need your help in everything that you can afford to support our efforts--used Bibles, used books for adult and children classes, Bible Studies. Please continue to send me the usual materials for the radio ministry. We will keep you informed about our progress.

In His Service

from Bong Mines, Liberia

Ed & Naomi good morning every one of you in the name of Jesus--praise His name. Lee was not able to go with me and Mercy couldn't go, Ekow too was indisposed so I went to Fianko alone. Before the class in the evening I had to go to the other 5 villages to properly survey them to know the very next one to work in after Fianko. Rain setted in and there was no way I could return but to go through it and full wetted in my GIJAPA T-shirt and cap. It was a blessing though! Most of the young men had traveled to Accra to do business, but we numbered 13 in all and had a power-packed Bible class. We still do not know if we'll go to Topiase or Okoabena next. A man who was an alcoholic before preacher Christ to Him has now desisted from the practice and everyone testifies about the great change. PTL for the remarkable testimony and the GIJAPA-THE TRUTH collaboration. We thank you very much for these souls we have together won for Christ and His Church. I am mailing 42 first time five Studies in the Bible lessons to addresses you sent us through email. We need more lessons and Bibles. At least every 5 minutes someone knocks on our door either to enroll for a course or to submit their course of grading. We are now getting letters through the PO. A Sabbatarian asked Dee (our daughter) to ask me to give her a Bible. Dee told her she will have to take the Bible Study course from GIJAPA, she told Dee she can't. I consider her and gave her a Bible with P.H. Welshimer tract. She came back asking us some questions pertaining to the Church that she read about in the tract. She worship with us last Sunday evening and promised to come back. Her uncle asked that she request for one Bible for him. She is now taking the course. Many serious people need Bibles and Tracts. May God bless every body who is one way or the other contributing to the successful running of GIJAPA's radio broadcast and the Bible Study courses and those who are studying the Bible through the course and listening to the Radio Broadcast.

God Bless to you all

Ike & Lee Pertey,

Parkside Church of Christ in Ghana, W. Africa

Dear Evangelist Ed Bousman,

I am very glad to write you this letter to express my appreciation to the Lord for your good program on the Radio Africa. Your good message really touched my life and I am introduced to the scripture. Though presently I have no Bible and this is the reason I have written you this letter. I came out from a Muslim home but I am glad in the Lord I am a Christian. Please send me Bibles and free Bible Studies you talked about at the end of your programme.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Ayoo from Nigeria, W. Africa

Dear Ed,

Warm greetings to you all in the love of the Lord Jesus. It is my prayer that GIJAPA radio broadcasts should continue to reach millions of people over the whole world. I would like to sincerely apologize for the break in sending my answered lessons to you. This was due to circumstances beyond my control, which had caused me to relocate to another place. I am committed to completing the 30 lessons and proceeding to Discipleship lessons. I would like to commend you for sending me the sermons of the week. I have been so blessed by the messages and because of them I have made significant strides in preaching and teaching. Please continue to send me there sermons of the week and Bible lessons as they are a source of spiritual strength to me. May God bless you, Naomi and all staff of GIJAPA.

Yours in Christ Service,

Maxwell from Kitwe Area Churches of Christ, Zambia

Dear Sir,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I want to express my gratitude to you and your family and your ministry for these valuable sermon books posted to me. This books has help me so much in knowing more about the mighty God and Christianity. I am really glad and thanks to you and your ministry. I once again thank you because through this course I have learned a lot. May the good God be with you.

Kwabena from Ghana, W. Africa

Dear Brother Ed,

Greetings, joy, peace and happiness in the precious and blessed name of our Lord Christ Jesus. May you and your family and all the members of Ed Bousman Evangelistic Association be bound by the power of the Holy Spirit (Amen). Thanks so much for thy great sermons and this great lessons, the lessons has been of great help to me and has enabled me to know the full meanings, understandings and purpose for life. I pray that your lessons, sermons, and

radio broadcast continue to outreach the hungry souls for the word of God--it has enabled me to know that believers are blessed into the huge family of God, one God, one Father, one Son and one Holy Spirit. I pray that God continues to bless you and the greatest happiness is when you will see the faces you have helped knowing and unknowingly with the Lord and then telling the Lord, this is the brother who has helped us in our sufferings.

Your brother in Christ

Kent from Kanter (Men's) Prison Qalubiya, Egypt

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Ed Bousman,

Thank you for your lessons you sent me the time past. They are very good blessing to me and a good step to a preacher. Your Newsletters also are helping me very much. The last one, "The last one, "There Is Death In The Pot" and "The Faith Once Delivered" thank you for all of these blessings. God bless you.

Kudakwashe from Zimbabwe, Africa

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I would like to greet you again in Christ our awesome Lord and Saviour. Then when I have thought to subscribe for these lessons, my expectations was not as it is now. As Paul said to Philemon (Knowing that thou wilt also do more than I say--Philemon 21), I knew that God have been using you to teach me more than that I have expected. After all you have been instrumental in the hands of God in shaping me. At last I would like to thank you brother Ed for sending me the Bible right with the first five lessons of your Bible Study. Now I have finished the last five lessons and am sending them back to you. May God bless you in His knowledge and understanding and use you more and more in edifying the body of Christ.

In Christ, Tesfin, from somewhere in Africa

(Please don't print my city or location as I'll be persecuted because I have this Bible and lessons)

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