

When I see the Blood

Text: Exodus 12:12-13

"For I will go through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike down all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments -- I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt."

In that awesome event we have come to know as "The Passover" we have pictured some of our New Testament's most essential truths:

Retribution

A. Judgment fell on Egypt - the land of bondage.

1. Nine plagues have fallen previously:
 - River to blood
 - Frogs
 - Lice
 - Flies
 - Murrain
 - Boils
 - Thunder, hail, and fire
 - Locusts
 - Darkness
2. The tenth is about to fall.

B. God's curse hangs over the world system

1. The world is a land of bondage with Satan as its god. Psalms 7:11 and John 3:36.
2. God offers salvation to those who are willing to forsake the land of bondage (Galatians 1:4).

Substitution

A. A Lamb was slain for each family.

1. 250,000 lambs slain and God refers to them 18 times in the singular as "it".
 2. These thousands of lambs were a type of Jesus Christ - the Lamb of God. (John 1:29; 1ST Corinthians 5:7; 1ST Peter 1:18-19).
- B. The lamb had to be without spot or blemish.
1. Christ had to be without sin in order to die for our sins. (Hebrews 1:18-19).
 2. The Passover lamb was inspected four days. (Exodus 12:3 & 6). On April 10th, 30 AD as the Passover lamb was set aside for inspection Jesus entered Jerusalem and presented Himself four days in the temple for examination. The verdict: "I find in Him no fault at all." (John 19:38).
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- C. The lamb's blood had to be shed.
1. The reason is given in Leviticus 17:11 & Hebrews 9:22.
 2. The blood of the Passover lamb dripped from Jewish hands in 30 AD. Their hands, and ours, dripped with the blood of the Lamb of God (Matthew 27:25).
- D. The body of the lamb had to be roasted with fire. This pictured the Lamb of God suffering the flames of eternal hell for us.

Regeneration

A. The judgment of death fell on the first born.

1. Many Old Testament types picture God's curse on the first birth and blessing on the second birth: Cain and Abel; Ishmael and Isaac; Esau and Jacob, Manasseh and Ephraim; David's firstborn of Bathsheba and Solomon.
2. The birth of the flesh does not make people children of God (Romans 9:8 & John 8:44)

B. The Month of Deliverance was the Beginning of Months (Exodus 12:2)

1. The beginning of months for the fleshly nature is the fleshly birth.
2. The beginning of months for the spiritual nature is the spiritual birth. (John 3:3; John 1:11-13).

Appropriation

- A. The Deliverance of the Passover lamb had to be appropriated.
1. "A Lamb", "The Lamb", "your Lamb". (Exodus 12:3, 4, 5).
 2. The blood was ineffective while still in the basin, but struck on the lintels it gave protection from judgment above and struck on the side posts it gave protection from sin below.
 3. It was applied with hyssop, a shrub that possessed a cleansing element. (Psalm 51:7; 1ST John 1:7).
 4. The lamb was eaten as a feast. Meditation of God's promises. Romans 10:17.
 5. The lamb was eaten with bitter herbs - repentance for sin.
 6. The lamb was eaten in haste - the urgency of salvation. Isaiah 55:6.
- B. Those who did not appropriate the blood suffered the judgment of God

(From radium comes two rays. One is a death ray and the other is a healing ray. With a lead shield only the healing ray comes through. At Calvary, God's death ray of judgment and His healing ray of grace fell on Christ. The blood of Christ formed a protective shield so that all who find shelter at the cross will receive only the healing ray of God's salvation. Galatians 3:10-13. "There's room at the cross for you.")

In Israel - A lamb died but among the Egyptians the firstborn died. God did not look for religious nor moral people, but for the blood.

When we appear before God only those who have appropriated the protection of the blood will be safe. God will not be looking for good people and bad people or religious people and non-religious people. He will be concerned about whether we are under the blood or not.