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OPENING PRAYER

EXODUS – <u>Chapter 10</u> – The Eighth Plague; Locusts – (vs. 1-20); The Ninth Plague; Darkness – (vs. 21-29); <u>Chapter 11</u> - Death of the Firstborn Announced – (vs. 1-10); <u>Chapter 12</u> - The Passover Instituted – (vs. 1-28); The Tenth Plague; Death of the Firstborn (vs. 29-30); The Exodus – (vs. 31-42); Passover Regulations – (vs. 43-51).

REVIEW:

• (*Exo* 9:33-35) So Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh and spread out his hands to the LORD; then the thunder and the hail ceased, and the rain was not poured on the earth. [34] And when Pharaoh saw that the rain, the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he sinned yet more; and he hardened his heart, he and his servants. [35] So the heart of Pharaoh was hard; neither would he let the children of Israel go, as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

The Eighth Plague: Locusts (Egyptian god - Seth)

Exo 10:1 Now the LORD said to Moses, "Go in to Pharaoh; for <u>I have hardened his heart</u> and the hearts of his servants, that I may show these signs of Mine before him,

• The coming plague of locusts would be preceded by a warning, so God commanded Moses to go into *Pharaoh. I have hardened his heart.* Three verbs are used in Exodus to describe God's hardening of Pharaoh's heart. Usually the verb meaning to" <u>make hard</u>" (*chazaq*) is used. See (*Exo 4:21*). In (*Exo 7:3*) the Hebrew verb meaning "to make stiff" (*qashab*) is used. Here in *verse 1*, the Hebrew verb that means "to make heavy" (*kabad*) or "to make insensitive" is used.

Exo 10:2 and that <u>you may tell</u> in the hearing of <u>your son and your son's son</u> the <u>mighty things I have</u> <u>done</u> in Egypt, and My <u>signs</u> which I have done among them, <u>that you may know that I am</u> the <i>LORD."

- *That you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son!* God's mighty work was not only for the generation of Moses and Pharaoh, it was also for your son and your son's son! He does mighty works among us so we can tell and encourage generations to come.
- How effectively have I and am I telling my sons and grandchildren the mighty things that God has done?
- We begin to get clues of God's larger plan. The tenth plague will institute a memorial that continues to this day.

Exo 10:3 So Moses and Aaron came in to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: 'How long will you <u>refuse to humble yourself</u> before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

- God is now giving a demand upon the Pharaoh. It is really a threat.
- **Refuse to humble yourself**: Pharaoh's pride was his undoing. He believed himself to be a god and paraded himself as one. (Jas 4:6) But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

Exo 10:4 Or else, if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring <u>locusts</u> into your territory.

• As in each of the first nine plagues, the LORD used a part of His own creation. *Locusts* are well known as a recurring cause of destruction, bringing unparalleled devastation to Egypt

Exo 10:5 And they shall cover the face of the earth, so that no one will be able to see the earth; and they shall eat the residue of what is left, which remains to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree which grows up for you out of the field.

Exo 10:6 They <u>shall fill your houses</u>, the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians—which neither your fathers nor your <u>fathers' fathers have seen</u>, since the day that they were on the earth to this day.' " And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

• Moses just came in, saying just look at what is happening. Let the people go or you have had it! Tomorrow the locusts come in, and they are going to take care of whatever was not destroyed by the hail.

Exo 10:7 Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, "How long shall this man be a snare to us? <u>Let the</u> <u>men go,</u> that they may serve the LORD their God. <u>Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed</u>?"

- *Pharaoh* thought it over, and he brought them back in,
- **Be a snare to us.** The term *snare* can be used to describe a trap for birds. (*Amos 3:5*). Here it speaks of Moses as a symbol of destruction for the Egyptians. *Egypt is destroyed*. This admission by Pharaoh's councilors fulfilled God's prediction that the Egyptians would acknowledge God's supremacy over Pharaoh. (*Exo 7:5; 8:19; 9:20; 12:33*)

Exo 10:8 So Moses and Aaron were brought again to Pharaoh, and he said to them, "Go, serve the LORD your God. Who are the ones that are going?"

Exo 10:9 And Moses said, "<u>We will go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters</u>, with our flocks and our herds we will go, for we must hold a feast to the LORD."

- **Everybody** is going!
- **Pharaoh's questions imply that he was not serious about releasing the Israelites**. For example, who are the ones that are going? That was a preposterous question! From the beginning Moses had demanded the release of the entire population of the Hebrews.

Exo 10:10 Then he said to them, "The LORD had better be with you when I let you and your little ones go! Beware, for evil is ahead of you.

Exo 10:11 Not so! Go now, you who are men, and serve the LORD, for that is what you desired." And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

- Pharaoh was offering here now a compromise, *Go now, you who are men, and serve the LORD*, go, <u>but leave your children here</u>. Do not make your children experience the rigors of that wilderness area. Do not deprive them of the luxuries and the ease of Egypt. If you want to go out there yourself, go ahead, but, man, do not drag your kids into that."
- So often, Satan is offering compromises. "If you want to sacrifice and serve the Lord, that's one thing, but <u>don't force this on your children</u>." If you want to make a total commitment to Jesus Christ, that is fine, but do not force your kids to be different. We <u>should bring every godly influence into</u> their life as long as we can; and surround them with godly influences. "Go, but let your children stay. No way! We are either going to go all of us, or we are not going to go."

Exo 10:12 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that <u>they may come upon the land of Egypt</u>, and eat every herb of the land—all that the hail has left."

Exo 10:13 So Moses stretched out his rod over the land of Egypt, and <u>the LORD brought an east wind</u> on the land all that day and all that night. When it was morning, the east wind <u>brought the locusts</u>. *Exo* 10:14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested on all the territory of Egypt. <u>They were very severe</u>; previously <u>there had been no such locusts as they</u>, nor <u>shall there be such after them</u>.

Exo 10:15 For <u>they covered the face</u> of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. So <u>there remained nothing</u> <u>green</u> on the trees or on the plants of the field throughout all the land of Egypt.

Exo 10:16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste, and said, "<u>I have sinned against the</u> <u>LORD your God</u> and against you.

Exo 10:17 *Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and <u>entreat the LORD your God, that</u> <u>He may take away from me</u> this death only."*

- **He realized that locusts could continue, they are going to destroy everything** and bring death upon Egypt.
- Notice the confession, "I have sinned against God." There is a confession of sin that is not to salvation. It is just an acknowledgment; and a lot of times a person is brought to an acknowledgment of his guilt, or his sin: "I've sinned, I'm a sinner." There has to be repentance, and repentance is a change. There is a sorrow, but sorrow is not always repentance. Sorrow, godly sorrow, can lead to repentance, but it is not repentance itself.
- There is a sorrow, there is a confession that is not really to salvation. "I'm a sinner, I've sinned against God," and you pray for me, but there is no change of life, there is no change of heart, and repentance involves change. When there is true repentance, <u>the word repentance itself means change</u>. I do not do it anymore. Godly sorrow will lead you to a real change, to a real repentance.
- **Pharaoh is confessing his sin, and asking for prayer**, but he is not saved. There are a lot of people they want prayer to get out of their calamity, but they really do not want God. They do not want to submit to the lordship of God.

Exo 10:18 So he went out from Pharaoh and entreated the LORD.

• **So, without warning,** the ninth plague.

Exo 10:19 And <u>the LORD turned a very strong west wind</u>, which took the locusts away and blew them into the Red Sea. There remained not one locust in all the territory of Egypt. Exo 10:20 <u>But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart</u>, and he did not let the children of Israel go.

The Ninth Plague: Darkness -Ra)

Exo 10:21 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt."

- So dark that you can almost feel it. Have you ever been in total darkness? It is a very awesome thing. It is rare to be able to find a place of total darkness. This is a deeper darkness than the mere absence of light. This is a spiritual darkness. Darkness which may be *felt*!
- "*Ra*" the sun, source of light, was the highest among the Egyptian gods. "Pha<u>ra</u>oh" is derived from the word "*Ra*." <u>The ultimate insult for Egypt</u> is to address the highest of their gods, "*Ra*," the god of light! God deals with him by plunging the land into darkness for three days (*Gen 1:3*)!

Exo 10:22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was <u>thick darkness</u> in all the <u>land of Egypt three days</u>.

• Now, there are those who try to give scientific reasons for this, and one of them is the eruption of the volcano on the Greek island of Theron. Like the darkness that covered the Pacific Northwest when Mt. St. Helen's erupted, and at noon you had to have your car lights on. God can use natural phenomena, but the difficulty of these theories is that there was light in the area where Israel dwelt! How was God able to have the volcano dust landing only on the Egyptians, and not among the Israelis? It was a supernatural miracle!

Exo 10:23 They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for <u>three days</u>. But all the children of Israel had light (Shekinah glory - supernatural light like the supernatural darkness?) in their dwellings.

- We are children of the light. (1Th 5:4,5, 8,9) But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. [5] You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. [8] But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. [9] For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Three days of darkness. God withdrew His light from the land of Egypt. Jesus was made sin for us (2 Cor 5:21); Can God look upon evil? No! (Hab 1:13) (Psa 22); My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Jesus was made sin on our behalf and the Father could not look upon sin!

Exo 10:24 Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, "Go, serve the LORD; <u>only let your flocks and</u> <u>your herds be kept back</u>. Let your little ones also go with you."

- Another compromise. Go ahead and serve God; but do not take of your substance for God. Leave your substance. Do not serve God with everything you have. Go ahead, take your little ones with you, but let the flocks and the herds be kept back.
- **Pharaoh continues to see God as** someone he could bargain with, showing that he still didn't really know who the LORD God was, because He had not submitted to Him.
- How often do I "bargain with God?" which is an indication of my not fully surrendering and submitting to Him?

Exo 10:25 But Moses said, "You must also give us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.

Exo 10:26 <u>Our livestock also shall go with us;</u> <u>not a hoof shall be left behind</u>. For we must take some of them to serve the LORD our God, and even we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we arrive there."

Exo 10:27 But <u>the LORD hardened</u> (made stiff) <u>*Pharaoh's heart*</u>, and <u>he would not let them go</u>. *Exo 10:28 Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Take heed to yourself and see my face no more! For in the day you see my face you shall die!"*

Exo 10:29 So Moses said, "You have spoken well. <u>I will never see your face again</u>."

A Final Plague Threatened against Pharaoh and Egypt

Exo 11:1 And the LORD said to Moses, "<u>I will bring one more plague</u> (This is it!) on Pharaoh and on Egypt. <u>Afterward he will let you go</u> from here. When he lets you go, <u>he will surely drive you out</u> of here altogether.

Exo 11:2 Speak now in the hearing of the people, and <u>let every man ask from his neighbor and every</u> woman from her neighbor, articles of silver and articles of gold."

Exo 11:3 And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. <u>Moreover the man Moses</u> <u>was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants</u> and in the sight of the people. <i>Exo 11:4 Then Moses said, "Thus says the LORD: 'About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt;

Exo 11:5 and <u>all the firstborn</u> in the land of Egypt <u>shall die</u>, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the female servant who is behind the hand mill, and all the firstborn of the animals.

Exo 11:6 Then there shall be <u>a great cry throughout all</u> the land of Egypt, such as was not like it before, nor shall be like it again.

Exo 11:7 *But against <u>none</u> of the children of Israel shall a dog move its tongue, against man or beast, that you may know that <u>the LORD does make a difference between the Egyptians and Israel</u>.*

• God makes a difference between His people and those that are not His people.

Exo 11:8 And all these your servants shall come down to me and bow down to me, saying, 'Get out, and all the people who follow you!' After that I will go out." Then he went out from Pharaoh <u>in great</u> anger.

• Moses gave this final warning. Here is what is going to happen. And Moses was angry! Exo 11:9 But the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh will not heed you, so that My wonders may be <u>multiplied</u> in the land of Egypt."

Exo 11:10 So Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh; and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

The Passover

Exo 12:1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, Exo 12:2 "This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you.

- This is really the beginning of the birth of the nation in a spiritual sense. They had been slaves in Egypt, they had multiplied. Seventy people went down with the family of Jacob when he went to Egypt. Now, we read in (*Exo 12:37*) 600,000 men besides the children. They have multiplied, but they have not yet been molded into a nation. This is going to be the beginning of a nation. It's the beginning of your months, to start your year, which is equivalent to our month of April, the month of *Abib*.
- They made their months according to the lunar calendar. So, the Passover is related to the third new moon after, or the third full moon after the winter equinox, and thus differs from ours from year to year. That is why the Jewish Passover is not always related to our Easter. Sometimes, they come about the same time, but they are calculated on a different basis than we calculate Easter Sunday.

Exo 12:3 Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself <u>a</u> lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household.

Exo 12:4 And if the household is too small for <u>the</u> lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb.

• The whole lamb is to be eaten in the one night. So, get as many families as necessary, in order that you can eat the whole lamb in one night.

Exo 12:5 <u>Your</u> lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

- It can be a little goat, it can be a little lamb. It is to be without blemish. It's to be roasted whole.; not to be boiled. That is, you are not to break it up and boil it in the pot. But it was to be roasted, no doubt, on a spit over an open fire, roasted whole. You were not to break the bones. The whole thing was to be roasted together from the head all the way to the legs and all, just tied to the spit and the whole thing roasted at once.
- A lamb without blemish. A blemish is an acquired defect. If it got tangled up in barbed wire, if it had a scar; you could not use it. If it had been grabbed and rescued from a wolf and had been ripped open, you could not use it, the scars, the blemishes. It had to be without blemish. Peter tells us, that

"we were redeemed with the blood of Jesus Christ, who was slain as a Lamb without spot or blemish." A spot is an inherited defect. That is a part of the genetic structure. A blemish is an acquired defect.

• Jesus was without inherited sin. He did not sin. He was a Lamb without spot or blemish. The sinless One! God made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin. And so, in order that this lamb might be a true type of Jesus, it had to be without blemish.

Exo 12:6 *Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight* (sunset).

• They were to set it apart from the flock on the tenth day, and it was kept. No doubt, that during these four days, as they looked at that little lamb, they realized that little lamb is going to be the substitute for our family. <u>That little lamb is going to die</u>, in order that our child won't have to die. And the tenth day to the fourteenth day. The little lamb was a type of Jesus Christ, who on the tenth day, which would have been the Sunday before Passover, was presented to Israel as their Messiah in His Triumphant Entry, but then was crucified, or slain, on the fourteenth day, for the sins of the people. But selected, presented on the tenth day to the people by God; fourteenth day, crucified.

Exo 12:7 And they shall take some of the blood and <u>put it on the two doorposts</u> and <u>on the lintel of the houses</u> where they eat it.

Exo 12:8 *Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.*

- *With unleavened bread,* which is a type of sin. They were not to have any leaven. Leaven is a process by which the bread rises through putrefaction; as it rots, the air comes in. The air bubbles as it rots, causing it to rise; not to have any rottenness in it. Leaven became an interesting type of sin, because you put just a little bit of starter in a batch of dough, and it permeates through the whole batch. A little leaven leavens the whole lump.
- A little sin tolerated in your life, it begins to permeate until it fills your whole life. And so, it was to be unleavened bread. Again, the type of Jesus, who said, "*I am the bread of life come down from God out of heaven*." But in Him, there is no sin, no leaven.

Exo 12:9 *Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but <u>roasted in fire</u>—its head with its legs and its entrails.*

• Because they did not have any pots really to boil the whole thing without breaking it up, and it was not to be broken up, it was to be roasted whole.

Exo 12:10 You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire.

Exo 12:11 And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.

• With a belt on your waist. Your loins girded. In those days, men wore long robes down to their sandals, making it difficult to run in, or even to work in. When a fellow was getting ready to go to work, he would have a cinch belt, and he would pull up his skirt and tie it. The long skirt pulled up, so that you have your legs are free to run.

Exo 12:12 'For <u>I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night</u>, and <u>will strike all the firstborn</u> in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and <u>against all the gods of Egypt</u> I will execute judgment: I am the LORD.

- God has appointed a day in which He is going to bring His judgment against the Egyptians, even as God has appointed a day of final judgment. It is appointed unto man once to die, after that, the judgment. There is a day of judgment appointed by God.
- *Against all the gods of Egypt.* Who is God judging? He is judging the gods of Egypt! The plagues chronicle the gods they worshiped.

Exo 12:13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when <u>I see the</u> blood, <u>I will pass over you</u>; and the plague <u>shall not be on you to destroy you</u> when I strike the land of Egypt.

• I am going to judge Egypt. Judgment is coming, but there can be a place of safety in the houses where the blood is upon the door posts and the lintels, those within that house will be safe. When I see the blood, I will pass over that house.

 How concerned am I whether my sons, daughters and grandchildren have His blood on their two doorposts and lintel of their houses? What am I doing about it? Note the similarity to believe that the blood must be applied, both at the time of the Passover, to be saved, as well as now to be born again!

Exo 12:14 <u>'So this day shall be to you a memorial</u>; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as <u>a feast by an everlasting ordinance</u>.

Exo 12:15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

Exo 12:16 On the first day there shall be a holy convocation, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them; but that which everyone must eat—that only may be prepared by you.

Exo 12:17 So you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on <u>this same day I will have</u> <u>brought your armies out of the land of Egypt.</u> Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations <u>as an everlasting ordinance</u>.

Exo 12:18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening.

Exo 12:19 For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or a native of the land.

Exo 12:20 You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.' "

- The point is made pretty clear. No leaven!
- Is there any leaven, any sin, in my life? In my home? In my heart? How am I responding as the Holy Spirit convicts me?

Exo 12:21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill <u>the Passover lamb</u>.

Exo 12:22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

Exo 12:23 For <u>the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians</u>; and <u>when He sees the blood</u> on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow <u>the destroyer</u> to come into your houses to strike you.

• Here the death angel passes through Egypt! This is *the destroyer*! God passed through the land, and the destroyer went in and destroyed the first born in every house with the exception of those places of safety that God had provided for His people through the blood; the substitutionary death of the lamb, and its blood being upon the door post.

Exo 12:24 And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever.

- The Passover was one of the three major feasts that were established by the Jews in the year, in which every male Jew had to come to Jerusalem to present himself. *The feast of the Passover* was the first, the beginning of the new year, gathering together. It was during the Feast of the Passover that Jesus observed the feast with His disciples, a very common practice in the Jewish homes. But the interesting thing; when Jesus observed the Passover with His disciples, He brought out the true meaning. What was the Passover signifying? It was not just a memorial for what God had done, but it was a sign for what God was going to do, providing a place of safety from judgment through the shed blood of the Lamb, His Son, Jesus Christ!
- Jesus, when He observed the Passover with His disciples, took the one loaf of unleavened bread and broke it and gave it to His disciple, He said, "*Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you: do this in remembrance of Me.*" You are no longer to remember God's deliverance out of Egypt, you are to remember God's deliverance out of the bondage of sin that I am bringing to you through My body, which is to be broken for you."
- When He took the cup and gave it to His disciples, He said, "*This cup is a new covenant in My* blood: which is shed for the remission of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat

this bread, and drink this cup, you will show my death." Not the death of the lamb in Egypt, but <u>now</u> the death of the Lamb of God whereby God has provided a place of safety in that day of judgment.

Exo 12:25 It will come to pass when you come to the land which the LORD will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service.

Exo 12:26 And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' Exo 12:27 that you shall say, <u>'It is the Passover sacrifice</u> of the LORD, <u>who passed over the houses of</u> <u>the children of Israel in Egypt</u> when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.' "So the people bowed their heads and worshiped.</u>

• **The elders** to which he was talking.

Exo 12:28 *Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.*

The Tenth Plague: Death of the Firstborn

Exo 12:29 And it came to <u>pass at midnight</u> that <u>the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt</u>, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of livestock.

Exo 12:30 So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and <u>there was a</u> <u>great cry in Egypt</u>, for there was not a house <u>where there was not one dead</u>.

• The judgment of God was thorough! It was severe.

Exo 12:31 *Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, "<u>Rise, go out from among my</u> people, both you and the children of Israel. And <u>go, serve the LORD as you have said</u>.*

Exo 12:32 Also <u>take your flocks and your herds</u>, as you have said, and <u>be gone</u>; and bless me also."
But unless you change, prayers are not going to be of much value.

The Exodus

Exo 12:33 And the Egyptians urged the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste. For they said, "We shall all be dead."

Exo 12:34 So <u>the people took their dough before it was leavened</u>, having their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders.

• They all had their knapsacks, and they took off.

Exo 12:35 *Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and they had asked from the Egyptians articles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing.*

Exo 12:36 *And* <u>the LORD had given the people favor in the sight</u> of the Egyptians, so that they granted them what they requested. <u>Thus they plundered the Egyptians</u>.

• Actually, what they did was get their back wages. They had been withheld by the Egyptians for years. They were slaves not being paid, so it was just payment for back wages.

Exo 12:37 <u>Then the children of Israel journeyed</u> from Rameses to Succoth, about <u>six hundred</u> <u>thousand men on foot, besides</u> children.

Exo 12:38 A mixed multitude went up with them also, and flocks and herds—a great deal of livestock.

• The mixed multitude were a weakening element among God's people. There are always the mixed multitude who want to go along with God's people, but they are not really, fully, completely a part of God's plan and program. This mixed multitude will cause problems all the way through the wilderness march.

Exo 12:39 And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, <u>because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait</u>, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves.

Exo 12:40 Now the sojourn of the children of Israel (and their fathers-Samaritan Pentateuch) who lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.

• (Gal 3:16-17) Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "AND TO YOUR SEED," who is Christ. [17] And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.

Exo 12:41 *And it came to pass at the end of the <u>four hundred and thirty years</u>—on that very same day—it came to pass that all the armies of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.*

• The exodus is occurring on the anniversary, four hundred and thirty years after they had gone into Egypt, on the same day, *that all of the armies of the LORD came out of the land of Egypt*.

Exo 12:42 It is a night of solemn observance to the LORD for bringing them out of the land of Egypt. This is <u>that night of the LORD</u>, a <u>solemn observance for all</u> the children of Israel <u>throughout their</u> <u>generations</u>.

Institution of the Passover

Exo 12:43 And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the ordinance of the Passover: No foreigner shall eat it.

- It is really just for God's people. Paul speaks of this in (*ICo 11:27*) *Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.* He said that you should not take part in an unworthy manner. It is for God's people, it is not for the outsider. The communion isn't just for anybody. The Passover was not just for anybody. No outsider was to partake of it. Only those who were a part of the family of God were to partake.
- There are some churches that carry this much too far. "If you don't belong to our church, if you're not a member of our church, then you can't partake with us;" and they draw these narrow, restricted line and boundaries of denominations, and that is tragic. We have open communion. If you love the Lord, help yourself; you are part of the family of God. But if you are not a part of the family of God, then you really have no business taking it; and if you do, it is to your own destruction, it is to your own damnation. You are eating and drinking damnation to your own body because you are acknowledging that Jesus has provided through His death a refuge for you, but you have not taken the refuge. You are really indicting yourself; partaking in a physical sense, but not having partaken in the spiritual sense. It is an indictment against you, and you're only bearing witness to your own damnation. This is the ordinance, no outsider should take it.

Exo 12:44 But every man's servant who is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he may eat it.

• **Being circumcised was a necessity!** You could not take it unless you had been circumcised, which was intended as the mark of spirituality. I am not going to live after the flesh, I am going to live after the spirit; the cutting off of the flesh, the life of the flesh. So is to be a spiritual experience, even as communion is a spiritual experience.

Exo 12:45 A sojourner (one who is visiting) and a hired servant shall not eat it.

Exo 12:46 In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, <u>nor</u> <u>shall you break</u> one of its bones.

• Now, later on in the Psalms, in a prophecy concerning the death of Jesus Christ, it said, "Not a bone of Him shall be broken! When the bodies were hanging there on the crosses, and they were saying, "The Sabbath day is about to begin. Break their legs so that they will die more quickly. They will not be hanging here on the Sabbath day." The Roman soldiers broke the legs of the other two prisoners who were crucified at the time of Jesus, but when they came to Jesus, they saw that He was already dead, so they didn't break His legs, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, "Not a bone of Him shall be broken." So as the Passover Lamb, He could not have a broken bone. Instead, the soldier just took his spear and plunged it into Jesus' heart. When he pulled the spear back, out came water and blood, but there were no bones broken. He was just making sure that Jesus was dead.

Exo 12:47 <u>All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.</u> *Exo* 12:48 And when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it.

Exo 12:49 One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you."

- The outsiders could come in by submitting to the rite of circumcision.
- *Now one law.* It covers everybody, no matter if they are sojourners or natives.

Exo 12:50 Thus all the children of Israel did; as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

Exo 12:51 *And it came to pass, on <u>that very same day</u>, that <u>the LORD brought the children of Israel</u> <u>out of the land of Egypt</u> according to their armies.*

- **The Exodus!** The LORD bringing the children of Israel out of Egypt, which is a type of the life in sin! A life of oppression and bondage, the life of the flesh!
- God sent His Son to be a sacrifice, a Lamb to be slain, that man might escape the judgment of God that is coming. Let us not forget that! He has brought forth a Savior, to save the world from sin!
- Is there anything more important in my life than "my Exodus, from sin?," my being "Born Again?" How effectively am I living that and telling that to the world?

SUMMARY

- How effectively have I and am I telling my sons and grandchildren the mighty things that God has done? (Exo 10:2a) and that you may tell in the hearing of your son and your son's son the mighty things I have done.
- How often do I "bargain with God?" which is an indication of my not fully surrendering and submitting to Him? (Exo 10:24) Then Pharaoh called to Moses and said, "Go, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be kept back.
- How concerned am I whether my sons, daughters and grandchildren have His blood on their two doorposts and lintel of their houses? What am I doing about it? Note the similarity to believe that the blood must be applied, both at the time of the Passover, to be saved, as well as now to be born again! (Exo 12:13) Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you!
- Is there any leaven, any sin, in my life? In my home? In my heart? How am I responding as the Holy Spirit convicts me? (Exo 12:20) You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.
- Is there anything more important in my life than "my Exodus, from sin?," my being "Born Again?" How effectively am I living that and telling that to the world? (Exo 12:51) And it came to pass, on that very same day, that the LORD brought the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt according to their armies.
- Thank You, LORD for my Exodus! I am desperate for You! *I surrender*!

CLOSING SONG

ISURRENDER Hillsong Worship (4:08/4:11)

Here I am Down on my knees again Surrendering all Surrendering all And find me here Lord as You draw me near Desperate for You Desperate for You I surrender Drench my soul As mercy and grace unfold I hunger and thirst I hunger and thirst With arms stretched wide I know You hear my cry Speak to me now Speak to me now I surrender I surrender I wanna know You more I wanna know You more I surrender I surrender I wanna know You more I wanna know You more Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me I surrender I surrender I wanna know You more I wanna know You more

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT WEEK: Read and study Exodus Chapters 13-15!