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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

YOUR LAMB SHALL BE WITHOUT BLEMISH, A MALE OF THE FIRST YEAR:...

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SCRIPTURE READING: **EXODUS 12:1-9**

Exodus 12:5-6, Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: **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.

1. BACKGROUND

Refer to the Evening message September 20, 2020

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Chapter 12 is one of the high-water marks in the Preserved Word of God.
- b. It deals with a brand-new division in the Book of Exodus.
- c. If we were to examine the first 11 chapters, we would find that Moses was in the process of delivering Israel.
- d. However, chapter 12-14 speaks of the deliverance, not by Moses but by the Lord Jesus Christ.
- e. In Genesis 35:9-11 God renews His covenant with Jacob. And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of Padanaram, and blessed him. 10: And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. 11: And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;
- f. The Lord also advises Jacob to be fruitful and multiply and a company of nations will come out of him.
- g. As the pages of history turn, we find that Jacob went into Egypt with sixty-six souls.
- h. Joseph was already there and because of the four with him it brought the total to seventy souls. Exodus 1:5, And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: for Joseph was in Egypt already.
- i. The interesting part about this is that these entered Egypt as a family.
- j. During the exodus they come out of Egypt as a nation.
- k. The Nation Israel composed of approximately 2.5 3 million people. This is the great nation of God's chosen people.
- I. We must understand that Israel as a nation was established by God back in Genesis. Genesis 12:2, And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: In 1948, man

cannot re-establish a nation. Israel has always existed as a nation since God instituted it to be. However, man cannot re-do what God has done. Israel will always be a nation; they are still around which is a testimony that the Preserved Word of God is true. They will never be destroyed – they are God's chosen people.

- m. In our main verse, we find the institution of the Passover feast. Exodus 12:1-14
- n. As we look at chapters 13 and 14, we see the crossing of the Red Sea and the destruction of the army of Egypt by God's power.
- o. We must emphasize here that God delivered them by His power and by His blood.
- p. Today, our salvation comes by the same way, God's power and His blood.
- q. The power of the Holy Spirit makes it real and effective to our sinful hearts. **Zechariah 4:6**, Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.
- r. Redemption is a work of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
- s. It establishes a relationship and man cannot enter this process in any way, shape, or form; neither can it be broken by man or anything else on the face of the earth. Romans 8:38-39, For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39: Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- t. God can save to the uttermost. Hebrews 7:25, Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.
- u. As we peruse this chapter, we will find that 1 Corinthians 5:7 confirms. Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:
- v. Christ Jesus is all through this chapter in Exodus.
- w. As we study this chapter, let us keep in mind that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Sacrifice. Hebrews 9:28, So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

3. SEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

- a. And the LORD spake unto Moses...
 - 1. **Exodus 12:1-2**, <u>And the LORD spake unto Moses</u> and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, **2:** This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.
 - 2. This speaks to the birth of this nation.
 - 3. When Israel entered Egypt, they entered as a family.
 - 4. During the exodus from Egypt they were a nation.
 - 5. God has put the emphasis on the family comprised of building blocks that will build the nation.
 - 6. There is an old saying that no nation can be stronger than the families which are the fabric of that nation.
 - 7. God also speaks of salvation and it is on an individual basis.
 - 8. When the Philippian jailer was saved, the Word of God says it was he and

his house. This means he came to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ based on his belief; but the members of his family made that same decision with the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world. John 1:29, The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

- 9. **This is a personal salvation.** We must keep that in mind as we go through the Bible.
- Acts 16:31, And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. – This means that not only was the individual saved but the house also came to a saving knowledge of Jesus.
- 11. This reflects on the fact that we need to be leading our families to the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.
- 12. This is a countdown for the Nation Israel in getting them out of Egypt.
- 13. God is going to institute the Feast of Passover.
- b. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel,...
 - Exodus 12:3, Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:
 - 2. Although Israel is a nation at this point, God is still dealing with them by families and individuals.
 - 3. "they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:" God is reflecting on individuals.
 - 4. It is a personal salvation. Although He deals in totality with the nation and with the household, everyone must be protected by the blood.
 - 5. This speaks of the blood and the family. It is symbolic of Jesus Christ who would eventually be shedding His blood on the cross of Calvary.
 - 6. Every house was to place the blood on the door post and the lentils.
- c. And if the household be too little for the lamb,...
 - 1. **Exodus 12:4**, And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbour next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.
 - 2. "And if the household be too little for the lamb" This does not say anything about the lamb being too little for the household.
 - 3. The Lamb of God is sufficient to take away the sin of the world. Hebrews 10:12, But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;
 - 4. The Passover Feast speaks of Calvary where Jesus Christ shed His blood so that you and I might have remission of sin.
 - 5. I want you notice; "his neighbour next unto his house" God is not about wasting anything. If they were too small for the lamb it was to be shared with the neighbor, but each man was to be a partaker of the lamb.
 - 6. It also means that each household was to be protected by the blood on the doorpost.
 - 7. Everyone in the family is to receive a part of the lamb. This is a personal salvation and a personal celebration.
 - 8. This is the redemption of the nation but also centers on the family.
 - 9. Each person must receive the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. John

- 1;12, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:
- 10. God is going to save this nation; He also is in the business of saving those who come to Him and believe He is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him. Hebrews 11:6, But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
- 11. In the land of Goshen, the Israelites were spared because they obeyed God to the nth degree.
- 12. We must not change the message, nor the formula and we must not change the procedure. **Deuteronomy 4:2,** Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.
- 13. God has instituted the plan and it will be there **until He decides** to change it, which will never happen.
- d. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year:...
 - 1. **Exodus 12:5-6**, Your lamb shall be without bleimsh, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: 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.
 - 2. It is interesting that this lamb was to be without blemish.
 - 3. It reminds me of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was a lamb without spot or blemish. 1 Peter 1:19, But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
 - 4. The reason why man cannot atone for sin is because the Lord Jesus Christ had to be perfect. We must also remember that He is God. Hebrews 1:8, But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Even His enemies indicated they could find no sin in Him. Luke 23:4, Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.
 - 5. "Israel shall kill it in the evening." This was to be done on a specific date and at a specific time. In the evening means in the Hebrew between noon and sunset; the very time in which our Lord was crucified.
 - 6. We have indicated before that God deals with Israel in dates and times.
 - 7. The Passover is to be offered. This feast points to the coming of Jesus Christ to shed His blood. Hebrews 9:22, And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.
- e. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts...
 - 1. **Exodus 12:7**, And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.
 - 2. The Children of Israel were to put the blood on the outside of the door.
 - 3. The death angel, upon seeing the blood on that house would pass over.
 - 4. The only thing that will appease an angry God is the blood of Christ.
 - 5. You might question: Is God angry? Psalms 7:11, God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.
 - 6. He will come for His own; He is coming for those who have made reservations. The reservations are simple: we must do what God has

- instructed us to do. John 1:12, But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Acts 16:31, And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.
- 7. We must take in the Preserved Word of God, allow the Holy Spirit to draw us to the side of the crucified Saviour, realize we cannot save ourselves, and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our own personal Saviour. We are instructed in the Bible to seek the Preserved Word of God. Psalms 12:6-7, The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7: Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.
- 8. When we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead us, we will be saved. Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- 9. It is important that we do not mix anything with the salvation process. This is strictly God's business; a transaction between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- 10. Outside of the house was the blood; inside they were to eat the Lamb. We must identify with the Lord Jesus Christ as specified in John 6:53, Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
- By faith they were partakers of Christ unto His death.
 Peter 4:13, But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.
- 12. Hebrews 11:6, <u>But without faith it is impossible to please him</u>: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
- 13. What if someone refused to put the blood on the door post and lentils? The firstborn of that household would die as God had indicated.
- 14. At the rapture of the church God will not leave any of us behind that know Him as personal Saviour.
- 15. There will be multitudes left behind because they have never accepted the simple plan of salvation.
- 16. God's instructions must be followed. "And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it."
- f. And they shall eat the flesh in that night.
 - 1. **Exodus 12:8**, And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.
 - 2. God's instructions are specific.
 - 3. This day in time, we do not want to receive God's instructions as being absolute.
 - 4. There is an absolute Preserved Word of God. There is a final authority in the

land. Psalm 138:2, I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name. We must do it God's way. We have a complete road map and we must follow it to the letter. John 10:9, I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. John 10:1, Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

- 5. I heard a man say the major theme in hell will be "I did it my way."
- 6. We cannot do it our way. We must do it God's way which is the only way. John 14:6, Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
- 7. This verse also speaks of the fellowship of the family. They are to celebrate the Passover together.
- 8. One of the mistakes we make now days is that we tend to separate families; at church, television certainly separates families.
- 9. Much of my own upbringing we ate together. We received instructions at the dining room table, not everyone eating when they wanted to, we had a certain time that dinner was served; not anytime you felt the need to eat.
- 10. Notice a couple of things: Not only were they to eat, but they were to roast it by fire. "roast with fire,"
- 11. The fire speaks of judgment. The Lord Jesus Christ has taken that judgment away from us because sin must be judged. Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
- 12. "unleavened bread" In Scripture, leaven speaks of sin.
- 13. The unleavened bread cannot be mixed with leaven.
- 14. There must be a judgment for sin. God cannot wink His eye at sin. Acts 17:30, And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:
- 15. Jesus Christ is the Unleavened bread and only in Him must we feast upon. John 6:33, For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. John 6:51, I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.
- 16. They were also to partake of the meal with bitter herbs. "with bitter herbs they shall eat it."
- 17. After we have received the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, things will not always be perfect for us.
- 18. In other words, life will not be a bed of roses. Job 14:1, Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.
- 19. Bitter herbs go hand in hand with the redemption process.
- 20. The most important thing is that we know Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. John 6:29, Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. John 20:31, But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

21. This is the most important decision one will ever make in this life is to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. John 11:25, Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26; And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

g. Eat not of it raw,...

- 1. **Exodus 12:9**, <u>Eat not of it raw</u>, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.
- 2. The sacrifice could not be eaten raw.
- 3. This speaks of the judgment of sin in the life of the individual.
- 4. When we come to God, we must realize that Jesus has paid that supreme sacrifice for our sin. 1 Peter 3:18, For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:
- 5. Our sins are covered by His blood.
- 6. "nor sodden at all with water," We are not to mix anything with the salvation process.
- 7. We must trust Christ and Him alone.
- 8. So many of us today are trying to add something to the salvation process. Believers cannot lose their salvation and certainly cannot keep themselves saved. Good works will not save nor keep us saved. Titus 3:5, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 1 John 5:13, These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.
- 9. God says not to mix anything with it. Galatians 2:21, I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.
- 10. Then He speaks again that the roast is to by fire. "but roast with fire;" the fire of judgment.
- 11. Everyone who comes to Christ must realize that there was a supreme price paid for our salvation. 1 Corinthians 6:20, For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 7:23, Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Do you know the Saviour my friend?
- b. If you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, today needs to be the day of salvation.
- c. Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
- d. Romans 6:23, For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- e. Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- f. You need to make that commitment today my friend. Come to Jesus; come to

- the side of the Crucified Christ.
- g. Be born again and know for sure you have a home in Heaven. 1 Peter 1:23, Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.
- h. Do you have reservations?
- i. Please stand.

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