

Remember Me

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You shall tell your son on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.' And it shall serve as a sign to you on your hand, and as a reminder on your forehead, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth; for with a powerful hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt.
~Exodus 13:8-9 (NASB)

1) A Meal To Share

- A) As Moses leads God's people out of Egypt after 430 years of captivity (Exodus 12:33-41), God once again reminds the people to always remember their freedom from slavery through the remembrance of Passover (12:42).
- B) The Passover meal though, was not meant for everyone! Only those who belonged to God's people (the Jews) were to eat the Passover meal (12:43 & 45).
- C) However, if a slave (12:44) or foreigner "converted" (12:44 & 48-49) to faith in God, they were to be circumcised (the "sign" of the covenant, cf. Genesis 17:9-14), and only then could they join Israel in celebrating Passover (12:46-47).

D) The meal was to be celebrated in every home in Israel (12:46), a shared experience for all the Jews of the unblemished and unbroken lamb!

E) Israel was obedient in their observation of the Passover and of all its regulations, distinguished as God's own people (12:50-51).

2) A Meal To Eat

- A) Passover was a meal, meant to be eaten. Both the lamb and unleavened bread were a physical testimony of Israel's salvation from Egypt (13:3), and marked off the beginning of each year for the Jews (13:4).
- B) The blood on the doorposts of every Jewish home was a clear connection to the lamb being consumed inside the home. The sacrifice of the lamb was more than a simple symbol, it was a spiritual reality, as much a part of the life of the Jew as what they ate and drank.
- C) By eating the offering, the Jews identified completely with the sacrifice which God provided for salvation. The lamb and the bread were symbols of salvation, a connection between a gracious God and His people (13:5-7).

3) A Meal To Explain

- A) Whenever Passover occurred, the heads of the family were to tell the story behind the symbols (13:8), and remember God's goodness again and again.
- B) These symbols were to be at the "forefront" of both the mind and the actions (head and hand, 13:9) for every person of God forevermore (13:10), a constant reminder of God's saving power in all the world!