

Sermon Outline

THE PASSOVER | Geoff Lin

Readings: Ex 11:1-8; Ex 12:1-13; Ex 12:29-42; Ex 13:1-16

The story so far: we belong to a bigger and better story ... God never forgets His promises ... He uses weak vessels to achieve His purposes ... He is sovereign and we are responsible

Scene 1: God's final judgment on Egypt (11:1-8)

- "Israel is my firstborn son" (Ex 4:22)

- even though it's not like Israel was any better or more deserving ...

- saved from, and saved for ...

Scene 2: God's protection of His people (12:1-13)

- the first month of their calendar (v2)

- what the Israelites are to do:
 1. Take a lamb ... (vv3-5)
 2. Put blood on the sides and tops of the doorframes (vv6-7, vv12-13)
 3. Eat the meal "in haste" (vv8-11)

Scene 3: God judges Egypt and delivers His people (12:29-42)

vv29-30: judgment falls on Egypt

vv31-36: Israel is saved

- i. When God saves His people, it is always in the context of judgment

- ii. What saves us is not the strength of our faith but the object of our faith

vv37-42: the next chapter in God's bigger and better story ...

Epilogue: Remembering our redemption (13:1-16)

2 ways God's people are to remember their redemption ...

1. consecrate the firstborn (people and animals) (vv11-13)

2. repeat the Passover ceremony annually (vv1-10, cf Num 9)

We belong to a bigger and better story ...

Jn 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

1 Cor 5:7 ... For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

1 Pet 1:18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. 20 He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. 21 Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

For discussion: how does this knowledge of Christ's death shape the way you're feeling about this week ahead?

*Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree - so strong His love to save us.
See, His blood doth mark our door;
faith points to it, death passes o'er,
and Satan cannot harm us. Hallelujah!*
(Martin Luther (1483-1546))