

LESSON 10 - A PASS-OVER AND A PASS-THROUGH ON PROMISE ROAD

Exodus 1 - 14

THEME: *To teach the completeness of salvation in Christ.*

We are going to pretend for a few moments. Suppose your country is at war! The enemy is sending planes with bombs over your city! You see them coming, a great mass of them. You start praying they will pass over without dropping their bombs. When they do, you are saved! Death did not strike you from the air.

Today as we journey we shall learn how God's people were saved from three kinds of death as they traveled on PROMISE ROAD. The close of the last lesson left us in Egypt after the death of Jacob and Joseph. While Joseph was in power, everything went well for the children of Israel, the descendants of Jacob, but after many years a different Pharaoh came to power. Because he feared the multiplying numbers of the Israelites, he began to oppress them, making them slaves. Exodus 1:8-22.

When the affliction became more than the Israelites could bear, they cried out to God. Exodus 2:23-25. God heard and called another Israelite named Moses to lead His people out of Egypt to the land God had promised to give Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We call it the PROMISED LAND. God gave Moses many mighty signs, or plagues, to prove to the Israelites and to the Egyptians that the true God was with Moses. We read the exciting story of the plagues and contests in Exodus 7:8-11:10. God caused definite differences between the Egyptians and the Israelites, but even after all of these, Pharaoh still refused to allow the Israelites to leave Egypt.

God gave Moses the plans for the Passover Lamb as told in Exodus chapter 12. All the Israelites were to follow the plans exactly as God had given them to Moses, their leader. One night at midnight the Lord was to pass over Egypt and kill the firstborn in every house. God had already told the Israelite families to kill a lamb and place its blood on the door posts of their houses and they would be spared: where there was no blood, *every firstborn would be killed*. That night in Egypt death came to all houses and there was the sound of great wailing throughout the land.

Suddenly Pharaoh cried: "Get out!" So Moses led the people out of Egypt. The Egyptians even gave gifts to the Israelites to pay them for the work they had been doing as slaves. The Egyptians were glad to get rid of the

Israelites. Then when the Israelites had not been long on their escape, the army of Pharaoh began to pursue them. Pharaoh had changed his mind and decided he would not let the Israelites go. In front of Israel was the Red Sea with no way to get across or to go around.

Moses commanded the people: "Fear not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord...the Lord shall fight for you!" Exodus 14:13-14. Then Moses lifted up his rod, stretched it out toward the sea, and the waters divided. The sea became dry land so that Israel quickly crossed to the other side safely. But did the pursuing army of Egypt also cross safely to the other side? No. They thought they could go through the sea, instead they drowned in the midst of it.

Israel was victoriously saved that day from three kinds of death: 1) from the death angel; 2) from the sea; 3) from the army of Pharaoh. God did it all by His power. We who live today at GRACE AIRPORT also have victory over three kinds of death: 1) the world; 2) the flesh; 3) the devil. We will now think of how our experience is similar to that of the fleeing Israelites.

Egypt stands for the world which will one day be judged. Israel was saved from the judgment upon Egypt by the blood applied to the door posts--we shall be saved from the judgment upon this world by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ applied to our hearts.

The flesh is the old man who fights against the spiritual man. The Israelites ate of the roasted Passover lamb to receive strength for their journey--we feed upon the living Christ by studying His Word to receive strength for our journey in life. Our goal is to put off the old man /our old nature and to put on the spiritual man which only happens as we feed upon the spiritual food of the Word of God.

Pharaoh and his armies stand for the devil. As Israel was saved by obedience to the word of their leader Moses, so we are saved by obedience to the word of our Leader, the Lord Jesus Christ. By faith we win the battle between the old and the new natures in us. We gain victory over the temptations and trials which Satan puts into our path by following the Word of our Leader. If we do not obey His words, even as the Israelites had not obeyed the words of Moses, we will be defeated by the enemy.

We see in each case Israel's salvation depended on believing and obeying God. At that very point God showed His delivering power. Our salvation from the world, the flesh, and devil depends upon believing and obeying God's Word. Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us. By applying His shed blood to our hearts and lives, we believe and receive Him as Saviour. At that very point God will do His great work of salvation.

MEMORY VERSE: "For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us."
1 Corinthians 5:7.

LESSON 10 - WORK SHEET

1. The Israelites had followed PROMISE ROAD to what country?
Exodus 1:1 _____
2. Why do we call Canaan the PROMISED LAND? Exodus 12:25

3. List the 10 judgments /plagues God sent upon Egypt. Exodus 7-12.

God saved His people from three kinds of death as they escaped from Egypt to Canaan on PROMISE ROAD. Write what the 3 deaths were:

4. Exodus 12:12-13 _____
5. Exodus 14:22-23 _____
6. Exodus 14:27-28 _____

We today are saved from an enemy who wants to destroy our body and soul. He has three means he uses. The verses below warn us. Look them up and fill in the spaces below.

7. Galatians 1:4 Christ gave Himself that He might deliver us from _____
8. Romans 8:13 If we live after the _____ we shall die.
9. 1 Peter 5:8 Your adversary /enemy, the _____ seeks to devour you.
10. Write from memory 1 Corinthians 5:7 _____

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