**Living Life Together**

**Living Life Together in the Joy of Our Redemption[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**Exodus 10:28-29** - *Then Pharaoh said to him, “Get away from me! Beware, do not see my face again, for in the day you see my face you shall die!” Moses said, “You are right; I shall never see your face again!”*

3 truths to help us understand the centrality of our Passover Lamb:

**I. Be Aware of the Surety of God’s Judgment of Sin**

**Romans 16:19** - *…I want you to be wise in what is good and innocent in what is evil.*

A. Pharaoh’s attempted murder of the Israelites’ sons

**Exodus 1:22** - *Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Every son who is born you are to cast into the Nile, and every daughter you are to keep alive.”*

B. Pharaoh’s harsh treatment of the children of Israel

**Exodus 5:9** - *Let the labor be heavier on the men…*

**Exodus 5:14** - *Moreover, the foremen of the sons of Israel, whom Pharaoh’s taskmasters had set over them, were beaten and were asked, “Why have you not completed your required amount either yesterday or today in making brick as previously?”*

C. Pharaoh’s mistaken belief that he was a god

**Isaiah 42:8** - *I am the Lord, that is My name; I will not give My glory to another, nor My praise to graven images.*

D. This is why God’s people should not take vengeance themselves

**Romans 12:19-21** - *Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. “But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”*

**II. Be Amazed that Your Sin Can Be Passed Over**

**A. While God’s holiness demands a price, God’s mercy offers a payment**

**Luke 24:25-27** - *And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! “Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?” Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.*

1. The Passover lamb was to be selected on the tenth day of Nissan (Exodus 12:3) – Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday (Nissan 10) (Luke 19:36-38).

**Exodus 12:3** - *Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, “On the tenth of this month they are each one to take a lamb for themselves, according to their fathers’ households, a lamb for each household.”*

**Luke 19:37** - *As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen,*

2. The Passover lamb was then observed for four days (Exodus 12:5-6) – Jesus sat in the courtyard and taught for four days, being examined by the religious and secular leaders with no blemish being found in Him (Matthew 22:23-33, John 18:38).

**Exodus 12:5-6** - *Your lamb shall be an unblemished male a year old; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month…*

**John 18:38** – *Pilate…went out again to the Jews and said to them, “I find no guilt in Him.”*

3. The Passover lamb was killed “at twilight” (Ex. 12:6 - literally “between the two evenings” – the minor evening oblation was from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm and the major evening oblation was from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm) – twilight was 3:00 pm – Jesus died on Nissan 14 at 3:00 pm (Matthew 27:45-50).

**Exodus 12:6** - *You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month, then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel is to kill it at twilight.*

**Matthew 27:46-50** - *About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?”…And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.*

**1 Peter 1:18-19** - *knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.*

B. Our message is not simply a plan of redemption but a relationship with a personal Redeemer

**Hebrews 10:26-31** - *For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge His people.” It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

**2 Corinthians 5:11** - *Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men…*

C. A positional Passover prepares us to live an “unleavened life” individually and corporately

**1 Corinthians 5:7-8** - *Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

**III. Be Looking for Ways to Remind Yourself of Our Precious Redeemer**

**Exodus 12:26-27** - *And when your children say to you,”What does this rite mean to you?” you shall say, “It is a Passover sacrifice to the Lord who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians, but spared our homes.” And the people bowed low and worshiped.*

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