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Exodus and Leviticus Sermon Series

Supports Session 3: Delivered from Egypt

Sermon Title: “Passed Over” (Exodus 11:1—12:13)

Connection to Session 3

Exodus 11—12 is a breaking point between Pharaoh and the Lord. The Lord had unleashed nine plagues upon the land of Egypt, but His final plague would be the most devastating one. Pharaoh had refused to repent, and he would suffer judgment for his sin. However, the Lord had promised deliverance for His people if they would trust and obey Him.

Introduction/Opening

The tenth and final plague would soon happen, but the Lord would show His favor to the Jewish people in a mighty and strong way. It had been a rough couple of weeks in Egypt. Water turned to blood, infestations of frogs and gnats ensued, Egyptian livestock died, and more. Now a threat of death was coming. God called Moses to prepare the Jews for this final plague. God’s great power would be unveiled.

Outline

I. Promise of plunder (Ex. 11:1-3)

While the people were still in slavery, God promised that not only would they be set free, but they would also plunder the Egyptians.

- a. Promise of freedom
 - i. In verse 1, God promised the Israelites would be set free.
- b. Promise of fortune
 - i. When the people were set free, they would take silver and gold from the Egyptians (v. 2).
 - ii. This promise would be fulfilled in Ex. 12:35-36.

II. Promise of plague (Ex. 11:4-10)

God promised a plague would come upon the firstborn. Instead of repenting, Pharaoh’s heart was hardened to God’s warning of judgment (Ex. 11:10).

- a. The plague
 - i. A plague would come upon the firstborn of Egypt. This plague would prove to finally break Pharaoh and allow the Israelites to leave.
- b. The deliverance
 - i. While God promised judgment upon Egypt, He promised to deliver the Israelites (v. 7).

- c. Pharaoh's hardened heart
 - i. The Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and Pharaoh refused to listen to Moses and Aaron (v. 10).
- d. Application: Will you trust God's promises? God has promised to deliver all those who have placed their faith in Christ. Will you trust in Jesus to deliver you from judgment?

III. Passed over (Ex. 12:1-13)

The Passover event would become so instrumental in the life of Israel that their whole calendar would revolve around it (Ex. 12:2). God would send judgment upon the gods of Egypt (v. 12).

- a. Judgment
 - i. This final plague showed Lord to be the one true God. His judgment would fall upon the gods of Egypt (v. 12).
- b. Salvation
 - i. While judgment would fall on Egypt, the Israelites would be spared.
 - ii. The Israelites were to sacrifice a lamb without blemish.
 - iii. Homes with blood on their doorpost would be passed over (v. 13).
 - 1. The salvation that God provides for Israel here points to the salvation that we have in Jesus. In John 1:29, Jesus is described as "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Conclusion

During the Passover celebration, every firstborn son in every home would look at that table, see the lamb, and say, "The only reason I'm not dead is because that lamb died instead of me." God did not save them based on their own blood. No, God saved them by the blood of the lamb. The same is true for us today. We are saved by the work of the perfect Son of God. The Passover in Exodus pictured a greater deliverance that was to come. One day God would send a greater, spotless Lamb, One who would introduce a greater Passover. This Passover would save the lives, not only of the firstborn, but of all who find refuge in the blood of Jesus Christ shed on behalf of their sins.

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