

The Passover

Session FIVE

TEACHING NOTES

The 10th Plague (Exodus 11:1-2)

Moses communicates to God's people (Exodus 12:21-28)

Death of the firstborn in all of Egypt

God provides (Exodus 12:21-23)

For the Lord will pass through the land to strike down the Egyptians. But when he sees the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe, the Lord will pass over your home. He will not permit his death angel to enter your house and strike you down. Exodus 12:23

God acts (Exodus 12:29-32)

KEY VERSE(S)

Exodus 11-12

KEY THEME(S)

God communicates

God keeps His promises

God provides

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God provides

Passover (Exodus 12:1-13)

Doorframe – blood was applied so Death Angel passes over

Lamb - year old, unblemished, blood applied to doorposts

Unleavened bread – without yeast so they could eat it in haste

Bitter herbs - reminder of their 400 years of slavery

Remembering the Passover

Celebrated every year in remembrance of God's provision until Jesus is sacrificed.

Jesus - the final sacrifice

God keeps His promises

He is the kind of high priest we need because he is holy and blameless, unstained by sin. He has been set apart from sinners and has been given the highest place of honor in heaven Unlike those other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices every day. They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. But Jesus did this once for all when he offered himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins.

Hebrews 7:26-27

For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. 1 Peter 1:18-1

PERSONAL STUDY

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This is your personal study time, a time for you and God. Take this opportunity to intentionally seek God knowing that He is pursuing you right this very minute. God is the one who is going to draw you closer to Him. He desires a willing heart.

Session 1 (approximately 20 minutes)

Prepare your heart and mind

Take a moment to quiet yourself. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you experience God’s presence and learn what He wants for you.

God promises

Read Exodus 6:1-8

This passage is an example of God’s faithfulness even when we are faithless. As 1 Timothy 2:13 tells us, “He must always remain faithful for he cannot deny who He is.” In Exodus He reminds Moses about His Promises, His covenant with them, with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their descendants. God is going to keep His Word and deliver them - He is going to remain faithful.

Read Exodus 6:6-8 below again. As you read, underline the seven times God says “I will”. Then note what He will do.

“Therefore, say to the people of Israel: ‘I am the Lord. I will free you from your oppression and (I) will rescue you from your slavery in Egypt. I will redeem you with a powerful arm and great acts of judgment. I will claim you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God who has freed you from your oppression in Egypt. I will bring you into the land I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I will give it to you as your very own possession. I am the Lord!’”

Now read Exodus 6:9. The Israelites did not want to hear what God was going to do. They were completely faithless and undeserving, just as we are. But again, we see and know that God still kept His promises.

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Take a few minutes to write down a promise God has given us as believers.

Read the following verses that are promises to us as believers and write out each promise.

2 Peter 1:3-4

Philippians 4:19

Romans 8:37-39

Session 2 (approximately 20 minutes)**The Passover****Read Exodus 12:28-36**

The story of the Exodus is one of the most famous and memorable stories in the entire Bible. We see God's power and judgement play out on the Egyptian people. Put yourself in the shoes of the Israelites. You have been treated harshly as slaves for nearly 400 years. How would you have felt seeing the Lord pour out His wrath on your Egyptian neighbors while sparing your people? It must have been incredible to see the Living God make a distinction between His people and the people of Egypt (Pharaoh). As God pronounces the tenth and final plague, we see Him introduce a new idea to the Jews - the Passover and the saving power of the blood of the lamb.

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God tells Moses to ready the people because near midnight He will release the death angel to kill the firstborn among every living thing in Egypt. The death angel has instructions from God to enter every home and kill its firstborn child unless it has the blood of a spotless lamb applied to its doorpost. What would it have been like to be an Israelite mother holding your firstborn in your arms as the midnight hour approached? Was she wondering if the lamb's blood would be enough to save her child as the screams of the Egyptians were heard in the night? What relief must have come as the death angel passed by! The blood had provided an escape from the death that came. For the next 1500 years Israel would continue to celebrate the Passover as the nation waited for the Promised Messiah, Jesus - the real Passover Lamb.

What might your view of God have been if you were an Israelite during the Passover and witnessed God's provision firsthand?

God's provision for His people comes in many forms. Think of a time(s) in your life when God has provided for you. Write them down and spend some time thanking Him.

If you have placed your faith and trust in Jesus' death on the cross, you have the same provision from God. Tell God how grateful you are.

God - our provider

As you read Psalm 91, be reminded of who God wants to be in your life. Write down all the ways God wants to protect and provide for His followers.

Key verse

Put to memory Philippians 4:19. Place the provided scripture card somewhere that you'll see it throughout the day.

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OPTIONAL STUDY

Have you ever wondered what Jesus meant in Matthew 5:17 when He said, “Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.”? Jesus was the fulfillment of the Law in every way, even down to the smallest detail. As you read and meditate on the following scriptures, know that God truly kept His Word and provided Jesus as the final Passover Lamb.

Read Exodus 12:43-51

Notice that the Israelites were to be careful not to break any of the bones of the Passover Lamb.

Read Numbers 9:11-12

Again we see the reaffirmation of the original command not to break even one of the Passover Lamb’s bones. When God repeats something in the Bible He wants us to pay closer attention.

Read John 19:31-37

It is amazing how the Lord always fulfills His Word! How does this help you believe that the blood of Jesus can cause the wrath of God to “pass over” your life?