

**Passover Memorial – God’s Grace.**

**Exodus 12:11 – 14**

**Intro:** God is the one who is establishing this memorial given the nature of man to in time forget or diminish the significance of various events in their lives. I wonder how much of our day-to-day routines is God on our minds? When troubles assail, things seem to be going awry, then God becomes a part of our thoughts at least for the time being. The memorials God establishes are meant to be reminders of His goodness, grace and mercy to each generation. This is the case for the Passover celebration as it applies to the Jews. There is no reason for the Redeemed of the Lord to celebrate the Passover other than for the experience. The blood sprinkled on the lintel and door posts was to protect those in the house from the death angel. We have the blood of Christ that cleanses us from all sin – **I John 1:7**.

**II. The Passover is God’s memorial of His \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. Once again we understand that this event in the Jewish life was not because they \_\_\_\_\_ it or that God owed them anything, but this event took place because of God’s grace.

1. While God’s covenant was in force to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, their descendants were \_\_\_\_\_ as were the Egyptians.
2. Those Jews who heeded the admonition of Moses and followed God’s \_\_\_\_\_ concerning the application of the blood were \_\_\_\_\_ from the death angels Passing over.
3. If there was a rebellious Jew who did not harken and follow through, they would have experienced the \_\_\_\_\_ consequences as the Egyptians.

B. We are reminded in the New Testament that these Old Testament events were \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and good things to come. **Hebrews 8:4 & 5; 10:1.**

1. The Passover was not merely a picture of God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to the undeserving Jews, it was a truth about God’s grace towards all sinners.
2. The sacrifice of the appropriate animals never took sin \_\_\_\_\_ from the sinner, it temporarily covered or appeased God concerning the individual or individuals making the offering – **Hebrews 9:8 – 14.**
3. Their action of \_\_\_\_\_ in offering under the first covenant, would in the time to come be consummated in the New Covenant – **Hebrews 9:15**, Christ’s death was retrospective as well as perspective, or a looking back as well as forward.

- C. We need to understand for the typical Jew, they are still \_\_\_\_\_ for the Messiah, and so for them, they carry on the Old Testament ordinance looking for the Messiah.
1. The sad reality is that so many have gone out to a Christ-less \_\_\_\_\_ following the first advent of Christ in which He was rejected as being the Son of God and the Savior.
  2. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ was to provide the only sacrificial Lamb necessary for the complete purging of sin through His blood shed on Calvary. **Colossians 1:14 – 22.**
  3. It is going to take the Tribulation, more specifically, the great Tribulation to \_\_\_\_\_ the Jews – **Matthew 24:10 – 22; Romans 11:26;**
- D. Three important lessons from the Passover concerning God. Exodus is the book in which we find the beginning in which God \_\_\_\_\_ reveals many themes concerning theology. The Passover is more than history, it is the message of the everlasting Gospel (**I Corinthians 5:7** – “**Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: “**)
1. *The Passover is a lesson in Sovereign grace* – **Exodus 11:5.** On this last plague some were going to \_\_\_\_\_ and some were going to \_\_\_\_\_. All were clearly guilty before God – **Joshua 24:14**, the reason for sparing the Hebrews is found in God Himself. (**Romans 9:15 – 24.**)
  2. *The Passover is a lesson in substitutionary atonement* – **Exodus 12:12**, Jesus met the same criteria that had to be met in the preparation of a lamb being the offering and a substitute for the first born. Sin \_\_\_\_\_ a penalty and that penalty is eternal separation from God unless a \_\_\_\_\_ substitute is found. Christ became that substitute as we see in, **I Peter 1:17 – 21.**
  3. *The Passover is a lesson in saving faith* – **Exodus 12:13 & 14.** The night of the Passover, marks the beginning of a new \_\_\_\_\_, a journey a way from Egypt and a new life in Christ. Christ becomes our daily provision – **John 6:38 – 48 & II Cor. 5:17.**