

HOW TO BE DELIVERED

Exodus 12:40-41

Intro: Folks need deliverance from sin and all that it causes: immorality, drunkenness, and drug addiction. Whether we like it or not, the reason for America's sin problem is a love for darkness and a hatred for light. John 3:19 says: "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved."

The Israelites were in Egypt, a picture of the world, and they needed deliverance. If you are in the world spiritually, you need deliverance. If you are in sin and bondage, you need deliverance.

The only way for man to be delivered is through blood. In Exodus 12:27, speaking of what would be said in the future concerning the Passover sacrifice, declares: "That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt..." Then in Exodus 18:8-10, praise is given to God for His great deliverance.

In the New Testament, Colossians 1:12-14 reminds us of the deliverance that we have in the blood of Christ.

Are you in need of deliverance? Come to Jesus who is the deliverer.

I. A MESSAGE UNHEEDED

A. In Exodus 4:22-23, we find the first message that God commanded Moses to deliver to Pharaoh, ruler of Egypt. You know the story, and how that Pharaoh refused over and over to let the people go.

1. The world is not going to let you go; there is going to have to be a sacrifice made. Pharaoh is like the devil; he will not let you go until God through blood delivers you. Revelation 12:11 tells how the tribulation saints will overcome the devil-- by the blood of the Lamb. "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb..."

2. In Exodus 12:29-30, we see the results of the unheeded message. Because he did not heed God's message; because of his unbelief in the message, death came.

a. If you do not heed the message of redemption through the blood, you will die in your sins (John 8:21).

b. Jesus said in John 8:24: "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins."

B. In his stubbornness and rebellion, Pharaoh represents the men of the world in their unbelief.

1. The message of the Gospel goes out with a warning attached: "Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:5).

2. Mark 16:16 proclaims: "He that believeth not shall be damned."

3. Men do not believe what God says. The warning falls on deaf ears, and the majority of the world does not believe that God means what He says. Do you believe what He says?

C. Although Pharaoh was rebellious, God was longsuffering. God sent warning after warning to Egypt's leader.

1. To the warnings of God, Pharaoh and his subjects hardened their hearts.

2. Finally, the door of mercy was shut, and the judgment that God had warned them of fell.

a. There was no exemption for wealth or education. God's holy Word says: "There was great cry in Egypt for; there was not a house where was not one dead" (Exodus 12:30).

b. Death came because they did not believe God's message. They cried a great cry as will those who are cast into hell for eternity where: "there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 13:50).

D. This is a warning to those who are rebels against God today.

1. The day will come, and it will be soon, when it will be too late to repent.

2. Unless you believe the Gospel message, you will be smitten of God.

II. A MESSAGE ABOUT DELIVERANCE THROUGH THE BLOOD

A. Israel was not delivered until the Passover night ended.

1. In the early chapters of Exodus, God showed His mighty power through miracles; but Israel was not delivered!

2. Many today put their trust in emotion and in miracles when what they need to do is believe on Christ. (Acts 16:31 "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...")

B. It was not until the blood of the of the "lamb" was shed and applied that redemption and deliverance came (Exodus 12:22,27).

1. It was the blood that made it possible for them to get out of Egypt (Exodus 12:41-42).

2. Their redemption was bought with a price: blood. Our

redemption is bought with Christ's blood. (Eph. 1:7 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.")

3. 1Peter 1:18-19 reminds us that we "were not redeemed with corruptible things...but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

C. Remember, Israel was not delivered by miracles. They were delivered by blood.

1. We see the same picture in the Gospels:

a. Jesus has a wonderful miracle ministry: the water turned into wine; the blind made to see; and the lame made to walk.

b. Mark 7:37 declares: "He hath done all things well; He maketh the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak."

c. Jesus said many wonderful things. So much so, that it was said of Him: "Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46).

2. All these wonderful miracles and words could not save anyone. Christ had to die, be buried, and rise again the third day before fruit could be borne (John 12:24).

3. Yes, Christ lived a sinless life, but that life could not save us. It is Christ the sinless sacrifice that saves.

III. THE MESSAGE OF THOSE BARRED FROM THE PASSOVER ORDINANCE

A. Three classes of people were excluded from the Passover ordinance.

1. Exodus 12:43, THE STRANGER.

a. The feast was for Israel alone. No stranger was to participate.

b. The reason being it was for the children of Abraham: the family of faith. These are the ones who participated in God's deliverance.

2. Exodus 12:45, THE HIRED SERVANT.

a. The hired servant is an outsider working for pay. He is motivated by self-interest.

b. Works have no place in redemption (Rom. 4:3-8).

3. Exodus 12:48c, THE UNCIRCUMCISED.

a. This applies to the Jew as well as the Gentile. Circumcision was a sign of the covenant relationship. Only those in this relationship could participate.

b. Only those who belong to the covenant of grace can

feed spiritually on Christ for the cross was foreshadowed in circumcision (Colossians 2:10-15).

B. Exodus 12:44,48-- Here we have an open door to the friends of the Master. Enemies were shut out, but the door was open to the friends.

1. No hired servant could participate. The hired servant was one who had his own interest in more than that of the Master.

2. The bond servant who had been purchased and circumcised and who was now one of the household could participate in the Passover.

3. This open door foreshadowed grace reaching out to the Gentiles. In Israel, the stranger and foreigner could participate if he submitted to circumcision.

a. By nature, Gentiles are aliens and strangers (Eph. 2:12).

b. Through the blood of the "lamb," the door is open to the Gentiles (Ephesians 2:13-14).

c. Now by grace, we are no longer strangers from the covenant (Eph. 2:19).

IV. THE MESSAGE OF PROPHECY GIVEN

A. Exodus 12:46 tells us that they were not to break a bone of the lamb. This prophecy was fulfilled at Calvary (John 19:31). Satan tried his best to break the type, but God prevailed.

1. Not a bone broken speaks of reverence in handling the lamb. We are to handle the Lamb and the message of the Lamb with reverence.

2. There was to be reverence in the house where the lamb was eaten. There is to be reverence in the house of God today.

B. Note closely, the words that open Exodus 12:46: "In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry ought of the flesh abroad out of the house."

1. The lamb was to be eaten behind the blood stained doorway of the house. It was to be eaten under the atoning blood and nowhere else.

2. To partake of the lamb, dear friend, you must be under the blood.

V. THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE REDEEMER

A. Exodus 13:2 speaks of sanctification, that is, to be set apart unto to God. The first born of Israel had been redeemed from the death--

judgment which fell upon the Egyptians because they were not under the blood; and now, God claims the redeemed for His own.

1. To the New Testament saints, God says: "Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

2. As God's purchased possession, we are to present ourselves to Him (Romans 12:1-2).

a. We are to be devoted to our Redeemer for He has purchased us with His precious blood.

b. We are saved through the blood of the crucified one.

"Saved by the blood of the crucified one!
Now ransomed from sin and a new life begun,
Sing praise to the Father and praise to the Son,
Saved by the blood of the crucified one!."

Conclusion: It is by way of the blood that we have everlasting life. Are you washed in the blood or are you still a stranger to the covenants of God? The only way of deliverance from sin and its woes is the blood of Jesus.