

## PARTAKING OF THE LAMB Exodus 12:7-13

Intro: For the Jews it was not enough to just kill the lamb and apply the blood of the lamb to the doorposts and lintel (vs. 7), protecting them from judgment, but the lamb had to be eaten as well.

The blood applied to the doorposts and lintel meant protection from the judgment outside the house where faith had been shown. The eating of the flesh of the lamb was provision for the journey that lay ahead. Both were necessary; both were accentual for the believing Jewish household.

So it is in the believer's relationship with the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. We are protected in the household of faith from the "wrath to come." Not only this, but we have provision in the Bread of Life. He sustains us, and we feed upon Him as we journey through life.

### I. Vss. 8-10, APPROPRIATION OF THE LAMB

A. Vs. 8, The lamb was to be killed, the blood applied, and the flesh eaten after it had been roast with fire.

1. The flesh of the slain lamb was God's supply for those within the house. The blood supplied and secured protection from the wrath of God on the outside, and the flesh was provision for those inside.

2. By way of death, God appoints food for life.

a. The laying down of the life of the lamb became the sustenance of life for God's people in Egypt. As Christians, we feed upon the death of Christ. He is our sustenance for life, eternal, and temporal.

b. If Christ had not died, we would not have spiritual life. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:12).

c. F. W. Grant said: "Death is become the food of life-yea, of a life which is eternal" (Pink 90).

3. The flesh was to be eaten. Eating signifies, among other things, fellowship.

a. In Philippians 3:10, Paul expresses his desire for a deeper relationship and greater fellowship with his Lord.

b. Daily we are to feed upon the Lamb of God, the Bread of Life. As we do, we find strength for the journey of life, and we can accomplish all that He has for us to do. As we feed on Him, we can say: "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." God supplies our need "by Christ Jesus."

4. The Passover lamb was to be eaten with "unleavened

bread; and with bitter herbs...”

a. “Leaven” is that which speaks of evil. The “unleavened bread” speaks of that without evil. We must separate ourselves from evil to truly feed upon Christ. If we dally with sin, then we will lack in spiritual food and thus in spiritual power. Joshua said to the children of Israel in Joshua 3:5: “Sanctify yourselves: for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you.” If you want to see the wonders of the Lord, stay away from evil.

b. Sin keeps us from having sweet communion with our Savior. Isaiah 59:2: “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”

c. We only have true fellowship with Him when we walk in the light (1 John 1:7).

5. The lamb was to eaten with “bitter herbs.”

a. Bitter were his sufferings for us. We must keep in mind what He went through for each one of His people. Why did He go to the cross? It was because of our wicked sin. Never forget, dear believer, what sent Christ, the Lamb of God, to the cross.

b. The cup of sin was so bitter that Jesus was to bear on the cross that He prayed: “Father if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine be done” (Luke 22:42).

B. Vs. 9, Because the sacrifice speaks of the judgment of our sin, the meat could not be eaten raw. It had to be subjected to the fire of judgment.

1. The Passover sacrifice was not to be soaked in water. We must trust Christ and Him alone for salvation. J. Vernon McGee says: “Unfortunately there are many today who are trusting in water for their salvation. Everything was to be roasted. It was the judgment of fire” (vol. 1, 238).

2. The eating of the lamb pictures appropriation. The lamb is a type of the Lamb of God the Lord Jesus Christ. “He [Christ] is God’s food for His people- ‘The Bread of Life.’” (Pink 90) We are to feed upon the Lamb who has been through the fire of judgment.

a. Christ not only died for His people; He went through the fire of God’s judgment for them. He who knew no sin became sin for us and suffered for our sins on the cross (2 Cor. 5:21). He took our curse upon Himself (Galatians 3:13).

b. On the cross, Jesus cried: “I thirst.” Lamentations 1:12 speaking of the death of the Messiah on the cross: “Is it nothing to

you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger. From above he sent fire into my bones.” No wonder Psalm 32:4 says: “My moisture is turned into the drought of summer.”

c. Christ is the sacrifice roast with fire. He suffered my hell; He paid my sin debt.

C. Vs. 10, The lamb was to be eaten on the very night it was sacrificed: “ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning.”

1. The work of atonement is accomplished in the lamb slain. The blood was applied and the roasted flesh eaten with nothing remaining to meet the dawn.

2. We do not believing in progressive grace. We believe that the work of atonement is completed in Christ Jesus. “It is not in process of being accomplished; it has been accomplished definitely and eternally.” (Pink 91)

## II. Vss. 11-12, ACCELERATED DEPARTURE OUT OF EGYPT

A. Vs. 11, “And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded...”

1. They were to be ready to go; ready to leave Egypt behind.  
a. They were to have their loins girded. They were to be free from hindrance. If their robe were not girded about them, they would have difficulty making progress and the hems their robes would get dirty.

b. For you and I who believe in Christ today, our loins are to be “girt about with the truth.” It is the truth of the Gospel that set us free, and it will be the truth of God’s eternal Word that will keep us from the defilement of the world. Our feet are to be “shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.”

2. “Ye shall eat it in haste...” They were to be anticipating and expecting the Lord to pass over at any time to lead them out of Egypt.

a. When there is true conversion, there is a desire to get out of the world and leave it behind.

b. You cannot travel very easily in the spiritual life if you are dragging the world with you (Hebrews 12:1-2). The Israelites were to gird up and be ready to make haste.

B. Vs. 12, God was getting ready to pass through the land of Egypt and to kill all of the firstborn of the Egyptians.

1. One at a time, God had directed His plagues against the gods of Egypt. Each one of the principle gods required the death of the

firstborn. Now, as Israel is preparing to leave the land of Egypt: “God is turning His guns against all the Egyptian idols.” (McGee 238)

Conclusion: The only way to get to heaven is through the applied blood. We are to partake of the sacrificial Lamb with our loins girt about, ready to go.

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