

Hebrews 11: This is My Blood Poured Out for You

Part 7: Faith in the Power and Provision of the Lord (11:28-29)

By faith he [Moses] kept the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood, so that the one who destroyed the firstborn would not touch them. By faith they crossed the Red Sea as if on dry ground, but when the Egyptians tried it, they were swallowed up.

Hebrews 11:28-29

And when your children ask you, ‘What does this ceremony mean to you?’ then tell them, ‘It is the Passover sacrifice to the Lord, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when He struck down the Egyptians.’

Exodus 12:26-27

- Passing our faith on to the next generation requires intentional teaching about God and what He has done.
- Knowing the history of God’s work in the past is vital to understanding how He wants to work in our lives today.

In the same way, after the supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

Luke 22:20

- In recalling the original Passover story, the author of Hebrews connects it to the Lord’s Supper recounted in all three Synoptic Gospels. Just as the Passover was formative for Israel’s identity, now the Lord’s Supper is formative for Christian identity.
- Christ’s blood – poured out for us – is the better covenant of which Hebrews speaks. His blood has freed us from sin’s slavery and protects us from judgement.
- All the Old Testament stories and rituals point forward to Christ. The blood which was sprinkled throughout the OT as a covering for sin always pointed to the much greater and complete “pouring out” of Christ’s blood on our behalf.

Those who go down to Egypt for help are as good as dead, those who rely on war horses, and trust in Egypt’s many chariots and in their many, many horsemen. But they do not rely on the Holy One of Israel and do not seek help from the Lord.

Isaiah 31:1

- It is faith in the power and work of God – not our own strength and abilities – which give us salvation and will carry us through challenges and trials.
- What looks like overwhelming power and advantage from a human perspective is meaningless from God’s perspective. The greatest powers on earth are no match for the power of God. Nothing and no one can enslave God’s people when they trust and depend on him.

Discussion/Reflection

1. What strategies or habits do I (and my family) have for remembering God’s work in our lives in the past?
2. What strategies or habits do I (and my family) have for reading and talking about Scripture – the record of God’s past activity in history – together?
3. What challenges in my life do I need to turn over to God? Where do I need to look for His “parting of the seas” for me?