Moses
Part 9

Exodus 11 NIV
1 Now the Lord had said to Moses, “I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely. **2** Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their neighbors for articles of silver and gold.” **3** (The Lord made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and Moses himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh’s officials and by the people.)

- 9 plagues and one supernatural demonstration from God and Pharaoh still didn’t listen. Now the Lord says **Vs. 1** “I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely.”

- God forewarned Moses this would happen in **Exodus 4:22,23** “…say to Pharaoh,‘This is what the Lord says: Israel is my firstborn son, and I told you, “Let my son go, so he may worship me.” But you refused to let him go; so I will kill your firstborn son.’”

- Pharaoh could have softened his heart early but he wouldn’t. Perhaps Pharaoh thought he was strong enough to beat God, but now it comes down to this. Because Pharaoh has been unmerciful to God’s firstborn son Israel, God will now be unmerciful towards Egypt’s firstborn sons.

- When Moses reappears in Egypt after 40 years, he has pretty much been forgotten. He has to prove himself to the elders and to Pharaoh. Initially, Moses’s mention of God is met with disbelief, mockery and disregard. Now that Moses and Aaron have been obedient to God, their reputation has come full circle. **Vs. 3** speaks of the reputation they had among the Egyptians - “The Lord made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and Moses

himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh's officials and by the people."

- Go knew Pharaoh would have a hard heart. Yet God was still patient, and wasn't quick to crush Pharaoh, rather he allowed the process to carry out. This shows that God even in dealing with his enemies is patient by allowing due process.

Vs. 4-8 (Moses Speaks to Pharaoh)

4 So Moses said (to Pharaoh), "This is what the Lord says: 'About midnight I will go throughout Egypt. **5** Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the female slave, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. **6** There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again. **7** But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any person or animal.' Then you will know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel. **8** All these officials of yours will come to me, bowing down before me and saying, 'Go, you and all the people who follow you!' After that I will leave." Then Moses, hot with anger, left Pharaoh.

9 The Lord had said to Moses, "Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you—so that my wonders may be multiplied in Egypt." **10** Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh, but the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let the Israelites go out of his country.

- As Moses stood before Pharaoh, for the first time God led him to specifically say what would happen to the firstborn of Egypt. They shall die, all of them, because Pharaoh and the Egyptians would not let God's firstborn (Israel) go **Vs. 6***"There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt—worse than there has ever been or ever will be again."*

- Despite the great calamity to come, God makes a promise to protect his people, just as he did from the previous 6 plagues in **Vs. 7** But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any person or animal.' Then you will know that the Lord makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.

2 Peter 2:9
…the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment.

- This time Moses's warning to Pharaoh doesn't come with a condition, things are already in motion. By this time the timidity of Moses is gone and he speaks to Pharaoh with authority. Then **Vs. 8** says "Then Moses, hot with anger, left Pharaoh."

- After all that Pharaoh has experienced, at this point if he wasn't nervous, he should be.

Exodus 12 (God's instruction to Israel on the Passover
1 The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, **2** "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. **3** Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. **4** If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. **5** The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. **6** Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.

7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. **8** That

same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. **9** Do not eat the meat raw or boiled in water, but roast it over a fire—with the head, legs and internal organs. **10** Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. **11** This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover.

- *The coming deliverance from Egypt was such a significant act that God told the children of Israel to remake their calendar. The new year would now start with the month of their redemption from Egypt. It was a dramatic way of saying that everything was changing.* **(Guzik)**

Details of the Passover

1. **On the tenth day of this month each man is to choose a lamb for his family, one for each household.** (Vs. 3)

- The same is true today. Each man ought to choose Christ for himself and his family. If the man neglects the responsibility to put Christ over his home, then it is left for each person to place Christ over the doorpost of their own hearts.

2. **The animal must be a one year-old male without defect, it can be either a lamb or a goat.** (Vs. 5)

- They were given the task to choose a lamb without defect… In the same way Christ is our spotless lamb…

John 1:29 NKJV
The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

1 Peter 1 NIV
18 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

3. **They must take care of the animal until the fourteenth day of the month, then all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight.** (Vs. 6)

- This means the lamb was chosen by the father and brought home to live with the family for four days. This would have given the family enough time to get to know the little lamb. This would have been enough time to name the little lamb and gain a sense of connection. They would have fed the lamb, given it water to drink and taken good care of it.

- The lamb now meant more to the family than just a random livestock animal. It was apart of their family before laying down it's life to save the family it served.

- In the same way we Jesus should know Jesus personally. The name of Jesus should be more than a religious term used in Christianity. We are meant to have relationship with the one who laid down his life for us.

Revelation 3:20 NKJV
Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

4. **Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.** (Vs. 7)

- The family would apply the blood to the door of the home. They would take a hyssop brand and apply the blood of that innocent lamb or goat to the lintel and the two door posts.

- **Note:** It wasn't enough for a family to slaughter a lamb and eat the meat. They had to apply the blood to the door. In the same way it's not enough for us to hear the Gospel, go to church or even read our Bibles, we must apply it to our lives.

5. **That same night they are to eat the meat that was roasted over a fire. They are to eat the head, legs and internal organs and not leave any of it till morning.** (Vs. 8-10)

Think of the significance this has for us in the New Covenant.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us…

- There is a powerful illustration for us. In the same way the Israelites were required to eat all of the lamb an leave nothing till morning. We in the same way must receive all of the Word of God. No more picking and choosing. We should take in all of it and leave nothing out.

6. **They were to eat it in haste, with their cloaks tucked into their belts, their sandals on their feet and their staffs in their hands.** (Vs. 11)

- The first Passover happened just before Israel's immediate deliverance. When the first-born sons were taken, Pharaoh gives immediate word for them to leave. Their call to be ready was an indication that when God moves things happen fast. The freedom they have asked God for is about to happen.

Vs. 12-13

12 "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. **13** The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

- Every home was promised by God to be safe because of the blood of each lamb sacrificed.

The Death Angel passing over and not touching the homes with blood on the door posts, is a picture of Justification. In the same way believers today when we put our faith in Jesus, we are also Justified before God.

Romans 5:9 NIV
Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV
For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Vs. 14-20 Feast of Unleavened Bread

14 “This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to
come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting
ordinance. **15** For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast.
On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats
anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be
cut off from Israel. **16** On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and
another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days,
except to prepare food for everyone to eat; that is all you may do.

17 “Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this
very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day
as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. **18** In the first
month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of
the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day. **19** For
seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And anyone,
whether foreigner or native-born, who eats anything with yeast in it
must be cut off from the community of Israel. **20** Eat nothing made
with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread.”

- First we have the Feast of the Passover lamb
- Now we have the Feast of Unleavened Bread

The two go together; A one day feast turns into a seven or eight day feast. This is OT Revival…

- The Old Testament foreshadows the New Testament.
- The picture we get from the Passover is Justification.
- The picture we get from the Unleavened Bread is Sanctification.

Notice Justification comes first and then Sanctification.

Justification: God declares a guilty sinner to be righteous, innocent, and fully accepted in His sight

Sanctification: “To be set apart” for God, and made holy

Details of the Feast of Unleavened Bread

1. For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. (Vs.15)

2. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel. (Vs. 15)

3. On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do not work except to prepare food. (Vs. 16)

4. Celebrate the Festival of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought you out of Egypt. (Vs.17)

5. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread. (Vs. 20)

Significance of Leaven

- Yeast or Leaven in the natural is a substance that causes dough to rise.

- Yeast is a single-celled living microorganism that belongs to the fungus kingdom.

- Yeast feeds on sugars and carbohydrates, converting them into carbon dioxide and alcohol. In bread making, the trapped carbon dioxide gas creates bubbles that make the dough rise and become light and airy.

- A Person who makes bread will typically take a small piece of dough that has yeast/leaven and kneed it into a lump of dough that doesn’t and the little bit of leaven in the small lump will spread through the entire lump.

Biblically speaking; Yeast or Leaven used as a metaphor to liken unto sin, worldliness and compromise. It's for this reason Jesus warned his disciples in

Matthew 16:6 NKJV
"Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees."

1 Corinthians 5:7 NIV
Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

Paul the Apostle makes our calling to be separate from the World clear:

1 Corinthians 6 NIV
14 Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? **15** And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? **16** And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:

"I will dwell in them
And walk among *them.*
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people."
17 Therefore

"Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.
Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you."
18

“I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My sons and daughters,
Says the Lord Almighty.”