

A. SERMON SLIDES

Slide 1: Title

The Lamb of Hope Appears

Exodus 12:1-13

Slide 2:

Exodus 12:1-13 (ESV)

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

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“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Slide 4:

Who is God that I should obey Him?

We must understand the concept of the lamb

Slide 5:

3 Bites of The Lamb

I. The limited story of the lamb in Exodus

II. The progressive story of the lamb in the Bible

III. The ultimate story of the Lamb of God

Slide 6:

On the ground in Egypt

Exodus 12:23 (ESV)

For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.

Slide 7:

The two purposes for the 10th plague

- 1) Liberation (Pharaoh must give them up)
- 2) Redemption (Purchase them)

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In the air to see the progressive story

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Genesis 1-3: The Necessity of The Lamb

Slide 10:

Genesis 22

Abraham being asked to sacrifice his son

- 1) A test of the communal dream
- 2) A reasonable request for Abraham's disobedience

Slide 11:

Isaac: "Father?"

Dad: "Yes, my son?"

Isaac: "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

Dad: "God will provide the lamb"

Slide 12:

Progression

Genesis 1-3: The Necessity of The Lamb

Genesis 22: The Substitution and Provision of God

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Progression

Genesis 1-3: The Necessity of The Lamb

Genesis 22: The Substitution and Provision of God for the lamb

Exodus 12: The Perfection and Protection of the lamb

Slide 14:

Our relationship with God is built upon debt and undeserved grace

The "terms and conditions" broken in Eden have been extended but not erased.

Slide 15:

Why can't God "just" forgive?

- 1) He wouldn't be just
- 2) It doesn't work that way

Slide 16:

Behold the Ultimate Lamb

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world"

Slide 17:

The final Passover Meal

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Exodus 12: 1-13 at least. So what is your recollection of this event in Jewish history? What is the story as you remember it being shared to you? What stands out to you? What confuses you?
2. How do you feel about the concept of original guilt? How do you feel about communal guilt? How do you feel like you have done yourself in living up to the best that you can be as a human on this earth? Do you believe that we are born as a gift and grace from God, and at birth deserve His judgment? Why or why not?
3. Why can't God "just" forgive...meaning cancel debts without payment?
4. Why are these preceding principles and concepts important to understanding the gift of the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world?
5. God wanted to make sure that the Israelites remembered the original passover (and not necessarily the first 9 plagues). Jesus wanted us to institute an event to remember His sacrifice (and not necessarily the other parts of His life on earth). Why do you think this is so?
6. Praise and prayer