

Exodus 13

7/2/17

Sunday Morning

Review: Last week we saw that as God was on the verge of delivering Israel As they thought about their deliverance their natural response was to worship Him

1. The question arises –
  - a. Because we have been delivered from the bondage of sin
  - b. Because we are on the verge of being delivered from corruptible flesh
    - i. Do you worship Him?
    - ii. There is **corporate worship** & **private worship** – both are essential to godly living
    - iii. Do you have times of private worship?
    - iv. The Apostle Paul did –

**Romans 11:33** Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

<sup>34</sup> For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR?

<sup>35</sup> Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN?

<sup>36</sup> For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

2. The record of eternity future is clear – there will be a lot of worshipping of our Savior

**Revelation 5:8** And when He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

**V.11** And I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

<sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice, " Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing."

**V.13 (NP)**

V.13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."

12:29 Now it came about at midnight that the LORD struck all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the captive who was in the dungeon, and all the firstborn of cattle.

V.30 Pharaoh arose in the night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians, and there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was no home where there was not someone dead.)

V.31 Then he called for Moses and Aaron at night and said, "Rise up, get out from among my people, both you and the sons of Israel; and go, worship the LORD, as you have said.

**V.35** Now the sons of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, for they had requested from the Egyptians articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing;

V.36 and the LORD had given the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have their request. Thus they plundered the Egyptians.

V.37 Now the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth about six hundred thousand men on foot, aside from children.)

**V.40** Now the time that the sons of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.

V.41 And at the end of four hundred and thirty years, to the very day, all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt.

**V.51** And on that same day the LORD brought the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

1. "the LORD brought the sons of Israel out of the land of Egypt"
  - a. They were to celebrate the Passover & Feast of Unleavened Bread annually as a reminder of what God had done for them in Egypt
    - i. But that isn't the only reminder – **13:1**

**13:1** (NP)

**13:1** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

V.2 "Sanctify to Me every firstborn, the first offspring of every womb among the sons of Israel, both of man and beast; it belongs to Me."

1. "Sanctify to Me every firstborn...it belongs to Me"
  - a. "Sanctify" – to set apart – "set apart for me every firstborn"
  - b. God killed every firstborn of Egypt
    - i. But He redeemed the 1<sup>st</sup> born of Israel w/ a lamb
    - ii. Therefore they were His
  - c. They were reminded of Passover w/ birth of every first born son
  - d. They were also reminded w/ every first birth of male livestock whether a calf/lamb/kid
    - i. Those all belonged to God & were to be sacrificed to Him

V.3 Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you went out from Egypt, from the house of slavery; for by a powerful hand the LORD brought you out from this place. And nothing leavened shall be eaten.

1. "by a powerful hand the LORD brought you out from this place"
  - a. Only God could deliver them from bondage
  - b. Only God can deliver you & me from ourselves

**Zechariah 4:6** Then he answered and said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel saying, 'Not by might nor by power, **but** by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.

- c. Anything of value accomplished – it comes from God

V.4 "On this day in the month of Abib, you are about to go forth.

V.5 "It shall be when the LORD brings you to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Hivite and the Jebusite, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall observe this rite in this month.

V.6 "For seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD.

V.7 "Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and nothing leavened shall be seen among you, nor shall any leaven be seen among you in all your borders.

V.8 (NP)

V.8 "You shall tell your son on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'

1. "It is because of what the LORD did for me"

- a. What He did for them corresponds to what He has done for us
- b. He saved them w/ the blood –

**Heb.9:22(ESV)** Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

c. He guaranteed their safety by His word

- i. You can't tell if a person is saved just by their works

**Matthew 7:22** " Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?'

<sup>23</sup> "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

- ii. You can know you are going to heaven b/c God said so!

d. He made them strong by their feasting on the Lamb

**John 6:48** " I am the bread of life.

<sup>49</sup> " Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

<sup>50</sup> "This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

<sup>51</sup> " I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread also which I shall give for the life of the world is My flesh."

<sup>52</sup> The Jews therefore *began* to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us *His* flesh to eat?"

<sup>53</sup> Jesus therefore said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

<sup>54</sup> "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

**V.55 (NP)**

V.55 "For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

<sup>56</sup> "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood **abides** in Me, and I in him.

- e. He wanted them ready for service by having them dressed your loins girded, sandals on, w/ your staff in hand,

**Ephesians 6:10** Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might.

<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

V.9 "And it shall serve as a sign to you on your hand, and as a reminder on your forehead, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth; for with a powerful hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt.

V.10 "Therefore, you shall keep this ordinance at its appointed time from year to year.

- 1. "it shall serve as a sign...you on your hand, & a reminder on...forehead"

- a. In later years, (Christ time) interpreting this verse along w/

**Deut.6:8 & 11:18** literally

- i. Pious Jews began to wear phylacteries (a leather box) on their forehead & left arm (below the elbow) w/ certain commandments in those boxes – the verses were **Exodus 13:1-10; Exodus 13:11-16; Deut.6:4-9; Deut.11:13-21**

- b. Christ criticized them – **not** for wearing the phylacteries but for wearing them for the wrong reason! (to show off)

**Matthew 23:5** "But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries, and lengthen the tassels *of their garments*.

V.11 "Now when the LORD brings you to the land of the Canaanite, as He swore to you and to your fathers, and gives it to you,

V.12 you shall devote to the LORD the first offspring of every womb, and the first offspring of every beast that you own; the males belong to the LORD.

- 1. "the first offspring of every beast that you own"

- a. Why? – b/c God wants the first of **you**

- b. Believers so often go their own way & ask God to bless what they want to do
- c. God has called His own to acknowledge Him first above all else

**2 Corinthians 8:1** Now, brethren, we *wish to* make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia,

<sup>2</sup> that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality.

<sup>3</sup> For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability *they gave* of their own accord,

<sup>4</sup> begging us with much entreaty for the favor of participation in the support of the saints,

<sup>5</sup> and *this*, not as we had expected, but **they first gave themselves to the Lord** and to us by the will of God.

- d. We are to recognize that we are owned by God

**1 Corinthians 6:19** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that **you are not your own?**

<sup>20</sup> For **you have been bought with a price:** therefore glorify God in your body.

V.13 "But every first offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, but if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck; and every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem.

1. "every first offspring of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb...you shall break its neck"

- a. Notice the order of how it is stated:

- i. He refers to a donkey that must be redeemed w/ a lamb or its neck must be broken
- ii. Then he goes straight to a man & says that he is to be redeemed w/ a lamb

- b. EXPLAIN: Man in his lost condition is a beast of burden

- i. As the donkey is unclean so is lost mankind

- c. In the end, he must be redeemed by the Lamb or he will have his spiritual neck broken

V.14 "And it shall be when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' then you shall say to him, 'With a powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.

1. "when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this'"
  - a. There is a purpose for every one of these ordinances God gives Israel

V.15 'It came about, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore, I sacrifice to the LORD the males, the first offspring of every womb, but every firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

V.16 "So it shall serve as a sign on your hand and as phylacteries on your forehead, *for with a powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt.*")

V.17 Now when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, even though it was near; for God said, "The people might change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt."

1. "for with a powerful hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt"

**Jeremiah 10:23** I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not in himself; Nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.

**Proverbs 20:24** Man's steps are ordained by the LORD, How then can man understand his way?

**Proverbs 16:9** The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

2. "God did not lead them...land of...Philistines... people...change their minds when...see war"
  - a. God knows what we are able to do & keeps us from getting in over our heads

V.18 Hence God led the people around by the way of the wilderness to the Red Sea; and the sons of Israel went up in martial array from the land of Egypt.

1. "the sons of Israel went up in martial array from the land of Egypt"
  - a. Approx. 2 million people – camp would have covered 700 sq. mi.
  - b. It was an orderly exodus

V.19 (NP)

V.19 *Moses took the bones of Joseph with him*, for he had made the sons of Israel solemnly swear, saying, "God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones from here with you."

1. "Moses took the bones of Joseph with him"
  - a. For approx. 300 years Joseph's bones were waiting to be moved
  - b. In today's world that promise would have become lost
    - i. But w/ each generation there was the reminder to take Joseph's bones when we go
    - ii. We don't see the big picture today
    - iii. Our society only looks at what will affect them today – not 10, 50, 100 years from now

V.20 Then they set out from Succoth and camped in Etham on the edge of the wilderness.

V.21 *The LORD was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day* to lead them on the way, and in **a pillar of fire by night** to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.

1. "LORD...going before them...pillar of cloud by day...pillar fire by night"
  - a. Was it an upside down funnel – shaded them?
  - b. Lit their way by night

**Psalm 105:39** He spread a cloud for a covering,  
And fire to illumine by night.

V.22 *He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night*, from before the people.

1. "He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night"
  - a. God wanted to lead them
  - b. He wants to lead you – by His Spirit
  - c. But that means never taking the easy way or the shortest route

**Deuteronomy 8:1-10 (NASB77)**

<sup>1</sup> "All the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore *to give* to your forefathers.

**V.2 (NP)**



V.2 " And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

<sup>3</sup> "And He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.

<sup>4</sup> " Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

<sup>5</sup> " Thus you are to know in your heart that the LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son.

<sup>6</sup> "Therefore, you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him.

<sup>7</sup> "For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills;

<sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey;

<sup>9</sup> a land where you shall eat food without scarcity, in which you shall not lack anything; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper.

<sup>10</sup> "When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

Are you allowing God to lead you?