

Exodus 12:29-32 “The Lord’s Last Plague: Deliverance through Death”

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Sermon Text Exodus 12:29-32 (CSB)

29 Now at midnight the Lord struck every firstborn male in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the firstborn of the prisoner who was in the dungeon, and every firstborn of the livestock. 30 During the night Pharaoh got up, he along with all his officials and all the Egyptians, and there was a loud wailing throughout Egypt because there wasn’t a house without someone dead. 31 He summoned Moses and Aaron during the night and said, “Get out immediately from among my people, both you and the Israelites, and go, worship the Lord as you have said. 32 Take even your flocks and your herds as you asked and leave, and also bless me.”

1. How in the past have you reacted to passages like this where God does something that would be wrong for us to do as humans?
2. Have you ever been challenged by an unbeliever about something contained within the word of God? Have you ever thought about answering them with the CORD (Context: what came before and after, Ownership: who alone is the rightful master, Righteousness: who is truly good and who deserves what, and Desire: Do you intend to bow to God or only want His blessing)? How do you think that this answer to them could be useful?
3. How is the death of the firstborn consistent with God’s just and loving Character? What does a passage like this reveal about our God?
4. What does the judgement of Egypt with the death of the first born point toward? How does this help you to appreciate Christ more?
5. Does an understanding of the wrath of God against all unrighteousness change how likely you are to talk to your unbelieving friends and loved ones? Why or why not?

Spend some time praying for each other’s struggles and then some time praising God for His goodness and for the Lord Jesus Christ the promised King who came, lived, died on the cross for forgiveness of our sins. Jesus Christ rose again and ascended to heaven where he sits on the throne and from where He will return and come again to judge the living and the dead. Who will by His power restore all creation, to the glory of God the Father. He lives to intercede for His own and saves to the uttermost as Hebrews puts it. Pray for more Spirit-wrought faithfulness and boldness to proclaim the good news of God’s grace and mercy in Jesus Christ and for more faithful gospel preaching churches unashamed of the gospel of Christ to rise up. Pray the Lord of the Harvest would raise up many workers (Matthew 9:38) to take the Gospel to the nations and call sinners to repent of their sin and look to Jesus Christ for salvation, eternal life and lasting hope. Soli Deo Gloria!