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Down at the Cross

Hymn 255



I Will Praise Him

Hymn 359



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Call to Worship
Psalm 25:1-5

Psalm 25:1-5 Of David. To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me. Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

O Worship the King

Hymn 336



In My Heart There Rings A Melody

Hymn 633





Praise and Prayer Request

Philippians 1:3-6 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Receiving of the Offering



2 Corinthians 9:5 So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready **as a willing gift**, not as an exaction.

Famous Quote:

“All heaven is interested in the cross of Christ, all hell terribly afraid of it, while men are the only beings who more or less ignore its meaning.”

OSWALD CHAMBERS

An open book is shown from a low angle, looking up at the pages. The pages are filled with small, dense text, likely a Bible. The book is set against a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. The text is overlaid in the center of the book's pages.

Today's Message

“Lamb of God”

“The Needed Lamb!”

Scripture text: Exodus 12:1-13

As an overview, let us look today at Exodus 11-13.

The key to this section is the lamb. The Passover marks the birth of the nation of Israel and its deliverance from bondage.

This great event also pictures Christ and His work on the cross.

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

1 Corinthians 5:4-8 When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. Your boasting is not good. **Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?** Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. **For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.** Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, **but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.**

1 Peter 1:14-19 As obedient children, **do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct**, since it is written, **"You shall be holy, for I am holy."** And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, **conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways** inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but **with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.**

The Lamb Needed (11)

“One plague more!” God’s patience had run out and **His final judgment**—death to the firstborn—was about to fall. **Note that death was to come to all** (Ex. 11:5–6; 12:12–13), **unless they were protected by the blood of the lamb.** “All have sinned” (Rom. 3:23) and “the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). God specifies that the **“firstborn”** will die, and this speaks of God’s rejection of our first birth. All people are “firstborn” who have not been “twice-born.” “That which is born of the flesh is flesh ... you must be born again” (John 3:6–7). **People cannot save themselves from the penalty of death; they need Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Exodus 11:3-6 And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people. So Moses said, "**Thus says the LORD: About midnight I will go out in the midst of Egypt, and every firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh who sits on his throne, even to the firstborn of the slave girl who is behind the handmill, and all the firstborn of the cattle. There shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there has never been, nor ever will be again.**"

Exodus 12:11-13 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.

For years, the Jews had slaved for the Egyptians without pay, **so now God permits them to ask for** (not “borrow”) **their just wages**. See Gen. 15:14 for God’s promise, and Ex. 3:21 and 12:35ff.

From a human point of view, **there was no difference between** the firstborn of Egypt and the firstborn of Israel. **The difference was in the application of the blood** (v. 7). All are sinners, but **those who have trusted Christ are “under the blood” and saved**. This is the most important difference in the world!

The Lamb Chosen (12:1–5)

The Jews have a religious and a civil calendar, and Passover marks the beginning of their religious year.

The death of the lamb makes a new beginning, just as the death of Christ makes a new beginning for the believing sinner.

Chosen before it is slain.

Selected on the tenth day, and slain “between the evenings” of the fourteenth and fifteenth days, **the lamb was set aside for death.** So Christ was the Lamb foreordained before the foundation of the world (1 Peter 1:20).

Spotless.

The lamb was to be a male without blemish, a picture of the perfect Lamb of God in whom there was no spot or stain (1 Peter 1:19).

1 Peter 1:19-20 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a **lamb without blemish or spot**. He was **foreknown before the foundation of the world** but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you

Tested.

From the tenth to the fourteenth days, **the people watched the lambs to make sure they were satisfactory**; similarly, **Christ was tested and watched during His earthly ministry**, especially during the last week before He was crucified.

Note the progress: **“a lamb”** (v. 3), **“the lamb”** (v. 4), **“your lamb”** (v. 5). This parallels **“a Savior”** (Luke 2:11), **“the Savior”** (John 4:42), and **“my Savior”** (Luke 1:47). It is not enough to call Christ **“a Savior”** (one among many), or **“the Savior”** (for somebody else). **Each of us must be able to say, “He is my Savior!”**

Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a **Savior**, who is Christ the Lord.

John 4:42 They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed **the Savior** of the world."

Luke 1:47 and my spirit rejoices in God **my Savior**,

The Lamb Slain (12:6–7)

A living lamb was a lovely thing, but it could not save! We are not saved by Christ's example or His life; **we are saved by His death.** Read Heb. 9:22 and Lev. 17:11 to see the importance of the shed blood of Christ. Of course, killing a lamb seemed like foolishness to the wise Egyptians, but it was God's way of salvation.

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

Leviticus 17:11 For the **life of the flesh is in the blood**, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, **for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.**

1 Corinthians 1:18-23 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? **Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?** For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, **it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.** For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but **we preach Christ crucified,** a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,

The blood of the lamb had to be applied to the door of the house (12:21–28). The word “basin” in 12:22 can mean “threshold,” so that the blood of the lamb was caught in the hollow place at the threshold. The blood was then applied to the lintel over the door and the posts at the sides of the door. Anybody who went out of the house walked on the blood.

Hebrews 10:29 How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has spurned the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

Christ was slain on the fourteenth day of the month, just at the time when the Passover lambs were being offered. Note that God speaks of Israel killing it (the lamb), not them (lambs); **for to God, there is but one Lamb—Jesus Christ.**

Isaac asked, **“Where is the lamb?”** (Gen. 22:7), and John the Baptist answered in John 1:29, **“Behold, the Lamb of God!”** All of heaven says, **“Worthy is the Lamb!”** (Rev. 5:12)

Near the Cross

Hymn 254

