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Call to Worship
Psalm 25:6-10

Psalm 25:6-10 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; **therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.** All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Nothing but the Blood

Hymn 266



Jesus Paid It All

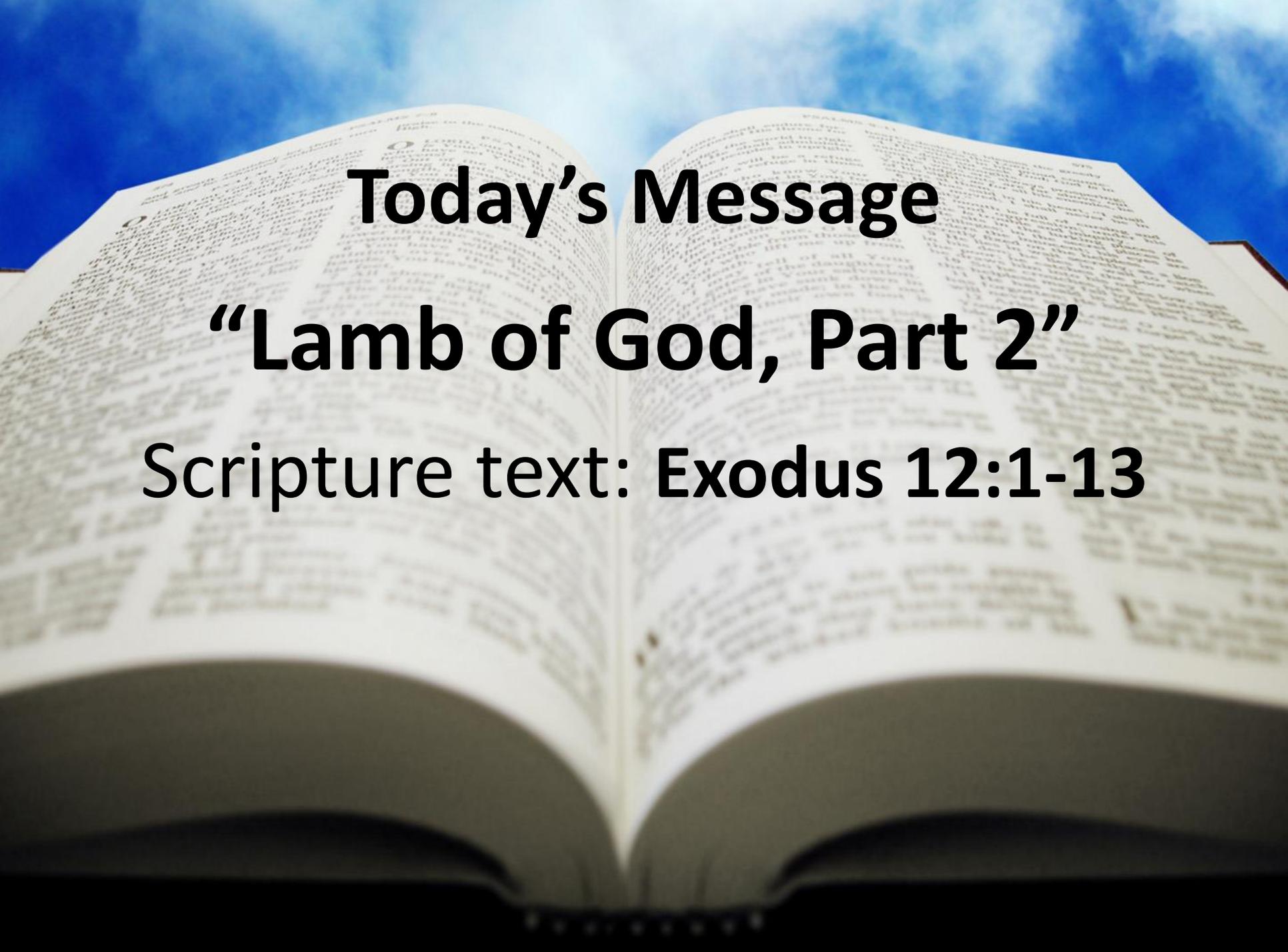
Hymn 273



Famous Quote:

“In my preaching of the Word, I took special notice of this one thing, namely, that the Lord did lead me to begin where His Word begins with sinners; that is, to condemn all flesh, and to open and allege that the curse of God, by the Law, doth belong to and lay hold on all men as they come into the world, because of sin.”

JOHN BUNYAN

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 a large, bold, black font.

Today's Message

“Lamb of God, Part 2”

Scripture text: Exodus 12:1-13

We have been looking at an overview of 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!**"

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.**

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).

The Lamb 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!”**

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.**

The Lamb Eaten (12:8–20, 43–51)

We often neglect **this important part of the Passover**, the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Leaven (yeast) in the Bible is a picture of sin: it works silently; it corrupts and puffs up; and **it can only be removed with fire.** The Jews had to put all leaven out of their homes at Passover season, and **they were not allowed to eat leavened bread for seven days.** Paul applies this to Christians in 1 Cor. 5; read the chapter carefully.

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 Corinthians 5:9-13 I wrote to you in my letter **not to associate with sexually immoral people**--not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. **But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler--not even to eat with such a one.** For what have I to do with judging outsiders? **Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?** God judges those outside. **"Purge the evil person from among you."**

The **blood of the lamb** was sufficient to save from **death**, but the people had to feed on the lamb to **get strength for their pilgrim journey**. Salvation is just the beginning. **We must feed on Christ if we are to have the strength to follow Him**. Christians are a pilgrim people (v. 11), **always ready for their Lord's orders to move on**. The lamb was to be roasted with fire, **which speaks of the sufferings of Christ on the cross**. Nothing was to remain to be eaten later; no "leftovers" can satisfy the believer, for **we need a whole Christ. We need a completed work on the cross.**

Furthermore, leftovers would become corrupt, and this would ruin the type; for **Christ did not see corruption** (Ps. 16:10).

Psalm 16:10 For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

Alas, too many people receive the Lamb as their salvation from death, but they do not feed on the Lamb daily.

Matthew 4:4 But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Verses 43–51 give further instructions concerning the feast. **No stranger could participate**, nor could a hired servant or one who was uncircumcised. These regulations **remind us that salvation is a birth into God’s family—*no strangers are there***. It is by **grace—no one can earn it**. And it is **through the cross**—for circumcision points to our true spiritual circumcision in Christ (Col. 2:11–12). The feast was not to be eaten outside the house (v. 46), **for the feast cannot be separated from the shed blood**. Remember, you cannot “**feed on Christ**” apart from His shed blood, if you think you can, you are fooling yourselves.

Colossians 2:11-14 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the **circumcision of Christ**, having **been buried with him in baptism**, in which you were also raised with him **through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead**. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **God made alive together with him**, having **forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands**. This he set aside, **nailing it to the cross**.

The Lamb Trusted (12:21–42)

It took faith to be delivered that night! The Egyptians thought all these things were foolishness, but God's Word had spoken and that was enough for Moses and his people. **Please keep in mind that the people were saved by the blood and assured by the Word (v. 12).** No doubt many of the Jews were safe under the blood **who did not "feel safe,"** just as we have saints today who doubt God's Word and worry about losing their salvation. **God did exactly what He said He would do.** And the Egyptians urged the Jews to leave the land, just as God said they would (11:1–3). **God was not one day late. He kept His Word.**

Exodus 12:23-28 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. You shall observe this rite as a statute for you and for your sons forever. And when you come to the land that the LORD will give you, **as he has promised**, you shall keep this service. And when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?' you shall say, '**It is the sacrifice of the LORD's Passover**, for he passed over the houses of the people of Israel in Egypt, when he struck the Egyptians but **spared our houses.**'" And the people bowed their heads and worshiped. Then **the people of Israel went and did so**; as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, **so they did.**

If Almighty God keeps His Word concerning us, should we then honor Him for what He has done?

The Lamb Honored (13)

The lamb had died for the firstborn; **now the firstborn would belong to God**. The Jews were a “**purchased people**” just as we are God’s purchased people (1 Cor. 6:18–20). The nation would **forever honor the Lamb by giving their firstborn—their best—to the Lord**. The hands, eyes, and mouth would be given to Him for His service (v. 9).

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or **do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit** within you, whom you have from God? **You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

The Passover illustrates the Christian's salvation through the blood of the Lamb, but there is more to the Christian life than being saved from judgment. Israel's experiences in their journey from Egypt to Canaan are **pictures of the battles and blessings of the Christian life**. God wanted Israel in Canaan, and Canaan is a **picture of the victorious Christian life**—the life of **claiming our inheritance in Christ** (Eph. 1:3).

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us in Christ** with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Far too often, many Christians (like the Jews of old) are delivered from Egypt, **but they get lost in the wilderness of unbelief!** Yes, they are saved by the blood, but **they fail to claim their rich spiritual inheritance by faith** (Heb. 3–5).

Hebrews 3:12-13 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But **exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today,"** that none of you may be **hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.**

Jesus our Savior and our Passover Lamb!

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, **but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,** that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

G. I. G. O.

Amazing Grace

Hymn 107

