

**Day #1**

- 1) Read through the whole of Exodus 12. This week we will be focusing on the “*Judgment of Passover*.” Today we’ll consider several texts on God’s holiness and then enter into worship.
- 2) Read v21-23 and then v12. Who is the one bringing death to the firstborn? What does this tell us about God?
- 3) Read Exodus 9:15-16. In addition to judging Egypt for Pharaoh’s disobedience and rebellion, what other purpose does God’s judgment serve? Reflect on this in light of Exodus 12:30-32
- 4) Read Exodus 11:4-6. Consider the impact of God’s holiness.
- 5) Return to Exodus 3:1-6 and Moses’ first meeting with God and consider who God is.
- 6) Take some time to reflect deeply on all that you’ve just read and considered regarding God’s holiness. Move beyond intellectual insight or study. He is the righteous judge of all things! How does that impact you personally? Respond to God in worship

**Day #2**

- 1) Our first task as God’s creation is to worship him. We want to grow as worshippers together this year. Yet, personal worship is not something many people have been disciplined into. Worship is the response of our heart, mind, and will to God. It’s speaking the truth about God to God, bowing our wills before him, acknowledging who he is – our King, Lord, Creator, Judge, Father, and the one who loves us passionately. Worship is more than an intellectual experience. It must include our hearts and our wills. Today, try to enter into worship through the Passover.
- 2) The following questions might help you to enter into worship. As you place yourself in this biblical scene, respond to God in worship and prayer.
  - a. Take some to read through the following texts: Exodus 12:5-13 & 21-23.
  - b. Using the text, and your imagination, consider what it must have been like to be part of that moment in history: gathered inside, around the table, hearing the cry, and listening for God (*The Destroyer*) to pass down your street. What are you hearing, smelling, thinking, and feeling? What do you fear? Who is God? What do you want?
- 3) How do you want to enter this day given who you have been worshipping?

**Day #3**

On Day #1 we considered the judgment of God that is connected to his holiness. The Judgment of Exodus 12 is more than just the response of God’s holiness.

- 1) Read Exodus 12 and pay special attention to all the references to the firstborn.
- 2) Read Exodus 4: 22-23, who is God’s firstborn?
- 3) Why did God put to death the firstborn of Egypt?
- 4) Grappling with the judgment of God that flows from his holiness is one thing, but God’s actions in Exodus 12 were also motivated by his love for his firstborn, i.e. Israel, his people. Take a few moments to reflect on God’s passionate love.

- 5) Do you know that God is passionate about you, his firstborn? (If it was suddenly true that God was not passionate about you, his firstborn, what would be different in your life etc. this week?)
- 6) Our individual and personal experience of God's passion for us is very important. Yet, Exodus tells us that the people/nation of Israel = God's firstborn. Throughout Exodus we see that no individual is more important to God than "the people." Not even Moses. Do you know that God is passionate for his "people?" (*If it was suddenly true that God was not passionate about his people/the church, what would be different in your life, etc., this week?*)
- 7) Take some time to reflect and meditate on God's passionate love for you and his people.
- 8) Worship God.

#### **Day #4**

- 1) Read the following verses to consider the how the last of the plagues (the Passover) is different from the others
  - a. Ex 7:19-20, 8:5-6, 10:21-22. How does this differ from Ex 12? Why?
  - b. Ex 9:1-6, 10:22-23. Did God need any sign to mark the Israelite's territory before?
- 2) Read Ex 12:13. Who was the blood to be a sign for? Take some time to reflect on this.
  - a. Why did they need a sign?
  - b. What did the sign signify for them that night?
- 3) Read Exodus 12:23. The blood was also a sign to God. But was it the blood of these lambs that prevented death from entering their homes that day?
- 4) The only difference that day was that the people of God were marked by the blood of the lamb. That was all that set them apart.
  - a. Take some time to reflect: imagine yourself in the house that night, knowing what was going on, and knowing what your only hope was that God would pass-over you because of the blood of the Lamb.
- 5) Read Romans 5:7-9 and let this lead you into worship.

#### **Day #5**

- 1) Read Exodus 12. We've become familiar with this text. Enjoy the growing depth of your knowledge and experience of this passage fill your heart as you read.
- 2) Take some time to reflect on what taking the Lord's Supper has been like for you. How do you typically approach the Lord's Supper? What do you want from it? What is your state of mind before, during, and after?
- 3) Take some time to reflect on how this week's study and reflection has given you a deeper picture of what the Lord's Supper represents.
  - a. The context of judgment
  - b. The event being named, "Passover" and not "Victory in Egypt."
  - c. God's passion for his firstborn.
- 4) *"God has passed-over me with his consuming holy judgment. He has protected me himself from the punishment my sin deserves. He has protected me with his own blood"*

*and suffering. He is passionate to fight for me and free me from my bondage.”* Take some time to read over this statement slowly and repeatedly. Focus in on whatever grabs your heart and attention. Let it lead you into worship.