

Remember What God Has Done!

Purpose: to encourage the listeners to remember what the Passover (Easter) represents by worshipping God, as He deserves and by telling our children what He has done.

What kind of things do you find difficult to remember?

- Names?
- Phone numbers?
- Dates?
- Birthdays?

What about the miracles that God has done in your life? Isn't it true that God has been good to us? Yet sometimes, when things are going good, we forget God.

So far in the book of Exodus, we have seen how that God raised up Moses to challenge Pharaoh. After 10 amazing plagues, Pharaoh has finally agreed to let them go, and they have taken spoil from the Egyptians in the process. Yet God knows that after a while, they will forget Him, so he puts some things in place so that they will remember what He did. Let's see what we can learn from the instructions that He gave them.

Read Exodus 13:1-16

Vs. 2 - **Consecrate** to me every firstborn male, both man and beast (set them apart)

Exo 13:2 - "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine."

- By doing this they acknowledged that God was merciful in sparing their firstborn son.
- Later on, God took the tribe of Levi instead of the firstborn

Vs. 3 - **Remember** (commemorate) this day, the day you came out of Egypt...

Exo 13:3 - And Moses said to the people: "Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out of this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten."

- Not just "don't forget", but remember to do something
- Exodus 20:8 - *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*
- Deuteronomy 24:22 - *And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.*
- Judges 16:28 - *Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, "O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one blow take vengeance on the Philistines for my two eyes!"*
- Luke 22:19 - *And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."*

Vs. 5-7 - when the LORD brings you into the land... **keep this service**

Exo 13:5 - And it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, which He swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month.

Vs. 8 - **tell your son** – God expects us to spend time with our children telling them of the good things that God has done:

Exo 13:8 - And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, 'This is done because of what the LORD did for me when I came up from Egypt.'

- Deuteronomy 6:6,7 - *"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*

Vs. 9 –

Exo 13:9 - It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the LORD's law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt.

This Passover is:

- **...as a sign on your hand...** - to guard what you do
- **Mar 9:43** - *If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—*
- **...A memorial between your eyes...** - to guard what you see
- **Mar 9:47** - *And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire—*
- **...that the LORD's law may be in your mouth...** - to guard what you say
- **Mat 5:37** - *But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.*

Vs. 11,12 – set apart to the LORD every firstborn male animal

Exo 13:12 - that you shall set apart to the LORD all that open the womb, that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal which you have; the males shall be the LORD's.

- When God blesses you, give him your best!

Vs. 14-16 – pass it on to your children, not the Easter bunny!

Exo 13:14 - So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Exo 13:15 - And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

Conclusion

God has done a very great thing for us:

- He delivered us from the bondage and slavery of our sins
- He has set us apart for His service

As we celebrate (at Passover) the death and resurrection of the Lamb of God:

- Let's remember to worship Him as he deserves
- Let's remember to tell our children what Easter really is about
- Let's remember what God has done!