

Introduction:

- Today marks the beginning of the Feast of Passover.
 - Passover can be defined as: *"the celebration of God's love and power in delivering His people out of the hand of His enemy."* Rober Heidler, "Messianic Church Arising."
 - What was passed over? Israel, was passed over! In one night:
 - The blood of the Lamb redeemed Israel.
 - The judgement of God was turned away from them.
 - The gods of Egypt were judged and their power was broken.
 - Israel was delivered from Egyptian bondage.
 - They were now free to enter God's promises!
- We celebrate Passover for three reasons:
 - One, we are spiritually united with Israel. Romans 11:17
 - Two, It is part of God's plan of salvation for us. Without it the Jew would have died in Egypt and Jesus would not have been born.
 - Three, Passover is important because it is designed as a celebration of Jesus! 1Cor 5:7, *"Jesus is our Passover Lamb!"* Redeemed! Judgement turned away! Sins power broken! Set free we are! Free to enter God's promises.
 - The passover can be celebrated everyday with communion! But rest assured once a year we celebrate God's act of love and power through His Son Jesus Christ! God simply wants us to experience, a new, reality of His deliverance!
- God brings judgement against Egypt:
 - *"Even then Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you. So I will bring down my fist on Egypt. Then I will rescue my forces—my people, the Israelites—from the land of Egypt with great acts of judgment."* (Exodus 7:4, NLT)
 - *I will execute judgment against all the gods of Egypt, for I am the Lord! Ex 12:12* Judgement was being brought against Egypt for her sin.
 - *But, when I see the blood... "But the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt."* (Exodus 12:13, NLT)

I. The Whole World Lives Under God's Judgment

- A. Even Israel was under God's judgement in Egypt!
- B. Judgement is the process of forming an opinion or evaluation.
 1. At times this is a good thing.
 - a) In school a teacher judges a students homework by evaluation.
 - b) In art class the professor judges the drawing to see who will win first prize.
 - c) In beauty contest judges evaluate and form opinions of the contestants.
 - d) All of these are good, they are fun, they take hard work to win and they are based on a person's performance.
 2. But what if it is your soul that is being judged??? God is clear in His evaluation of us! And we are in trouble! Because it is based on performance the whole world stands judged, and found wanting.

- a) What can you do to make better your soul before God? Nothing! Absolutely nothing. It is a terrible place to be. You are powerless to change it.
 - b) The Bible is clear. Rom 3:23 **All have sinned and fallen short of the God's glory.** *"we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners and **proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us.*** Message Bible
 - c) What a terrible place to be, the place of God's judgement!
 - d) This is God's evaluation of our hearts! This is how God sees us:
 - (1) We are sinners! We are fallen.
 - (2) We get what we deserve
 - (3) We get what we have earned. This is why the Bible calls it 'wages'. We worked to get this! We performed to get this! And that performance was poor, an utter failure!
- C. *"you have been weighed on the balances and have not measured up."* (Daniel 5:27, NLT) The whole world lives under God's judgment and there is nothing we can do! What a terrible place to be. But God comes to our rescue....

II. The Whole World Is Offered God's Promise

- A. Just as the whole world is under God's judgment...the whole world is offered God's promise!
 - 1. The promise to Israel is: Take the blood of a spotless lamb and place it over the top and sides of your door frames. This is how you are to mark your houses if you believe what I am telling you.
 - 2. Take the branch of a hyssop, dip it in the blood of the lamb and sprinkle it on your home.
 - 3. When my death angel comes to Egypt, he will passover you who have the blood applied to your homes.
 - 4. If not, then judgment will come to that house and the first born will die in that home.
- B. God has a plan for man who has been under God's evaluation and found lacking. Man is judged by God because man has sinned.
 - 1. God's plan is His Son. Jesus is called the "Lamb of God" for a reason.
 - 2. John the apostle saw Him as the Lamb that was slain yet lives!
 - 3. Jesus the lamb of God took your place on the cross!
 - a) On his head was a crown of thorns. Thorns speak of the curse. Jesus took the curse so we do not have to! Blood flowed from the Lamb to wash away the curse upon us! The blood removes the not only the curse of sin but it removes generational curses as well!
 - b) On his back were 39 lashes each one drawing blood from our Savior's back. Isaiah the prophet declared that by His stripes we are healed! **Some of you are being healed right now from curses! Generational curses.** The presence of God is touching you.
 - c) In his feet and hands were driven nails. On the cross of calvary, Jesus took your punishment! He took what you had earned! He took what you deserved and He was nailed to that tree so that we who deserved death could find life!
 - d) It was a promise offered to the whole world!

- e) He was beaten, beard ripped out, crown of thorns forced upon his head, stripes upon his back, nails through his hands and feet. And all the while the blood flowed from the Lamb of God! *"For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood."* (Ro 3:25 NLT).
- C. God declared, the death angel will see the blood and pass over you!!!
1. **Does God see the blood of Jesus on you tonight?** Hebrew 9:20-ff
 2. The blood is given for all but it works only for those who receive!
 3. The whole world lives under God's judgement. The whole world is offered God's promise.

III. But Only Those Who Believe Receive

- A. Israel had to hear the Word of the Lord.
- B. Israel had to trust what Moses was saying.
- C. You must trust me tonight.
- D. You must trust God's word tonight.
- E. Everyone here is under God's judgment. He is evaluating your soul right now! It is not for blue ribbon or a certificate. It is death or life.
 1. Life and death is set before you. Choose life.
 2. Faith is what activates the promise of God! We have to apply the blood of Christ to our lives. The blood is applied by doing two things: One, you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Two, you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord.
 - a) *...believe and have everlasting life.*
 - b) *"But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."* (John 1:12, NLT)
 - c) Faith for healing ...Jesus said to many, "Your faith has made you whole go in peace."

Conclusion:

- *"When I see the blood, I will pass over you."* What does God see when He looks at you?
 - *Ex 11:7 Then you will know the Lord makes a clear distinction between Egypt and Israel.*
1. What is the condition of a person before God without Christ? How did you come to realize that you were a sinner in need of God?
 2. What does the judgment of God do to the human heart? Is God's judgment a good thing?
 3. How do we plea/apply the blood of Jesus to our lives?
 4. What will the death angel do on the day of your departure from this life?