

Consecration Of The Firstborn

Exodus 13

Faith Portal Church

ADULT

Unit 11 Lesson 3

Supplemental Texts

Exo 11; 12:1-28

Focus Verse

“That thou shalt set apart unto the Lord all that openeth the matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou hast; the males shall be the Lord's.” – Exodus 13:12

Introduction

Pharaoh and his people finally recognized the God of Israel. His judgment upon Egypt was a thing history will never forget. The plague on Egyptian firstborn was the final of the plagues and the most devastating ensuing in unprecedented anguish and wailing in Egypt (Exo 11:6; 12:30). While this happened, the Israelites enjoyed the protection of the Almighty God (Exo 12:27). And the Egyptians, along with Pharaoh and his officials, hastily drove the Israelites out of their land.

Deeper Look

Sanctify Unto Me All The Firstborn – Exo 13:1-16

The Lord enjoined the Israelites to consecrate every firstborn son unto Him after He spared their firstborn sons the night of the Passover. This also applied to their animals. Moses charged them to remember the day God delivered them from Egypt and to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread when God took them to Canaan, the promised land. Besides, God instructed them on how to adhere to the ordinance (*vv.* 6-7; Exo 12:15-16). The Israelites were told to teach their children the reason for the celebration from year to year. This celebration, like a sign, will be a constant reminder of how God mightily delivered the Israelites from Egypt. Likewise, Christians ought to celebrate their deliverance from the power of Satan through the redemption of Jesus. They were to consecrate their firstborn males (both of humans and animals) when they arrived in Canaan. The Lord required that every firstborn son be redeemed. Just as the Israelites were admonished, Christians are admonished to never forget God's wondrous deeds to them (Psa 34:1).

Lest Peradventure The People Repent – Exo 13:17-22

After Pharaoh had let the Israelites go, God led them via a longer way to guard against any potential attack from the shorter way that they might not be discouraged to return to Egypt. The Israelites went out in marching order. And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him as Joseph had told them (Gen 50:25). The Lord guided them in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Also, the Lord guides His children day and night and protects them from all enemies.

Questions

1. What does the word “sanctify” mean as used in the passage? Why did God call all the firstborn sons of the Israelites to be sanctified unto Him?
2. In observance of the Passover, what do the prohibition of the Israelites to eat leaven bread, and their removal of leaven from their homes symbolize spiritually? In what way can we employ this idea in our Christian walk?
3. What does the Bible mean in Exo 13:9 concerning the Feast of Unleavened Bread: “And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes?” How can this apply to us today?
4. The Israelites were given a provision to redeem their firstborn sons. What does the word “redeem” mean? How was every firstborn son redeemed? See Num 3:46,47; 18:15,16. How does this relate to the redemption of Christians?
5. What route would the Israelites have chosen if they had to choose between the two possible routes? Would their choice be the same as God’s? Why? How important is it for us to allow God to lead us rather than ourselves? Explain. See Prov 14:12.
6. What can be learned from Moses and the Israelites carrying Joseph’s bones out of Egypt? See Gen 50:24-26.
7. What comfort did the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire provide to the Israelites?

Personal Meditation

God is so good! His wondrous acts were evidently shown in how He delivered the Israelites out of their bondage in Egypt. Our God is Almighty! Pharaoh could not hold the Israelites back because it was God's time for them to be delivered. Two feasts were instituted to be celebrated yearly as a perpetual reminder of how God rescued the Israelites. The Feast of Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread are celebrated by the Jews till today. As Christians, we have reasons to celebrate our Savior Jesus Christ for His great deeds on the cross, delivering us from the grip of the Devil. Truly, whoever the Son sets free is free indeed (John 8:36). This calls for celebration just as it is before the throne of God (Luke 15:7,10).

God led His people through a longer route instead of a shorter one that might cause them to be attacked by the Philistines. He did not want them to be frustrated and return to Egypt. He will not allow us to face what will shake our faith as we walk with Him. Jesus knows the way best; let Him lead even when you feel uncertain. You can never lose your way in Jesus Christ.

DAILY STUDY

Monday	Exo 13:1-4
Tuesday	Exo 13:5-7
Wednesday	Exo 13:8-12
Thursday	Exo 13:13-16
Friday	Exo 13:17-19
Saturday	Exo 13:20-22



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