

Consecration Of The Firstborn

Exodus 13

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Unit 11 Lesson 3

Supplemental Texts

Exo 11; 12:1-28

Focus Verse

“Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.” – Exodus 13:2

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 His own?
2. The Lord’s deliverance of the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage is synonymous to which event in your life? Why? How often do you remember the event on the day it happened?
3. Why did God want the Israelites to tell their children of how God brought them out of Egypt? Share a testimony your parents have told you about the goodness of God that have inspired you. How were you inspired?
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 characteristic of God is shown when He led the Israelites through a longer route through the desert and toward the Red Sea? 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 did the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire represent to the Israelites?

Personal Meditation

The sound of deliverance is exciting; it brings the reality of safety to the soul. Being free is a beautiful thing. Moses was the man God assigned to deliver His people from under the bondage of the Egyptians. The process, from the beginning, was not easy for the Israelites, nor for Moses and Aaron, but God had a perfect plan. As it might be hard for the Israelites to fully understand God's plan, so it may be for us today. The good news is that God's plan is perfect and will come to pass sooner than we think (Hab 2:3). Throughout the periods of the first nine plagues, Pharaoh obstinately stood in their way preventing them from leaving. However, that was for the glory of the Lord. Pharaoh could not stop the people of God from being free. To be free, dwell in Christ, and He will show Himself strong on your behalf.

Think about the awesomeness of God that would overtake the Israelites seeing that none of their firstborn was killed, and that Pharaoh, at last, ordered them to leave as quickly as possible. This indeed was the hand of God. Lord, let your hand work out miracles in our lives. AMEN!

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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