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Text: Hebrews 11:28 "Through faith he kept the **passover**, and the **sprinkling of blood**, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them."

Reading from Hebrews 11 verse 24. Hebrews 11:24-28 "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25. Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26. Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward. 27. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. 28. Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them."

I am skipping down a few verses because of the Easter season. This Sunday is called Palm Sunday when Jesus entered into the city of Jerusalem. This is the time that the Lord celebrated the Passover feast with his apostles. Next Sunday is Easter Sunday when we commemorate the resurrection Jesus Christ from the dead and we will study the significance of Christ resurrection.

This morning I want to reflect on the Passover and the significance of it. We sang this morning the hymn "At The Cross." The first phrase of the first stanza says "Alas, and did my Savior bleed? And did my Sovereign die?" has the order of events on the cross reversed. Our Savior did not bleed and then die. What happen according to John 19 is that our Savior died and then he bled.

Many say that Jesus bled when he was scourged by the Romans, but you can not prove that from the Word of God. The Holy Spirit did that for a purpose. He wanted to emphasize the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ apart from his death.

We had breaking of bread this morning and we read from Matthew's account where we read in Matthew 26:28 "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for **many** for the remission of sins." We know that when Jesus died on the Cross he tasted death for every man. There has never been a person that has come into this world that has come to the age where they know the difference between right and wrong that could not be saved. A child that dies at birth or in abortion can not make a decision to receive or reject Jesus Christ as savior. That is the Lord's business and I personally believe that they are covered in the death of Jesus on the cross. The scripture is very plain when it comes to tasting death for every man and the blood being shed for many. There is a difference and the Lord presented this distinction first in the passover in Egypt.

In Hebrews 11:28 "Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, . . ." two events are mentioned. First the passover and then the sprinkling of blood. They are not the same event. They were done in the same feast but they were set apart with the blood on the door post and the lamb was eaten inside of the house.

We read that it was the firstborn that was protected in Hebrews 11:28 ". . . the sprinkling of blood, **lest** he that **destroyed** the **firstborn** should touch them." as well as in Exodus 12:13 "And the blood shall be to you for a token [sign] upon the houses where ye *are*: and **when I see the blood**, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt." When we think of how many firstborn there can be in a family we see that there can be as only three. The three could be the father and/or the mother, and their first born child. All three would be protected by the blood.

Every house of Israel had blood on the door. Israel as a whole was called the firstborn son of God in Exodus 4:22 "And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel *is* my son, *even* my firstborn:"

The lessons about the inheritance of the firstborn was provided to teach us God does make distinctions in the family, we are not all the same. The lessons of the firstborn was given to teach us that the firstborn would get a better inheritance than the others in the family. Another lesson that we learn is that God delights in giving the better inheritance to those who do not deserve to receive it and because of being last in the family, it would be seemingly impossible to have. God chose Joseph and David to be kings when they had no idea that it could be possible. David was the last in his family and Joseph was next to last in his family, yet God have him a dream.

The blessing and inheritance of the firstborn son has been established in Genesis 27. We have also seen that being firstborn, in the book of Genesis, has not been an advantage because the first born did not receive the preferred blessing and inheritance. What did the blood provide? It provided protection for those who would received the firstborn's blessing and inheritance.

MOSES

Acts 7:35-37 "This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did **God send** *to be* a **ruler** and a **deliverer** by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush. 36. He brought them out, after that he had showed **wonders** and **signs** in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years. 37. This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, **A prophet** shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, **like unto me**; him shall ye hear."

In the years just before the passover was instituted there were events that paralleled the New Testament that lead up to the crucifixion of our passover lamb Jesus Christ. Moses is a picture and a type of the Lord Jesus Christ and we see that in Acts 7:35-37. We find this prophesied in Deuteronomy 18:15 "The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;" Further light is given in Deuteronomy 18:18-19 "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19. And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him."

God authenticated that Moses was sent from Him by "wonders and signs in the land of Egypt." God did the same thing with the Lord Jesus Christ.

INHERITANCE

Exodus 3:8 "And I am come down to **deliver** them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land **unto a good land** and a large, unto a land **flowing with milk and honey**. . . ."

God sent Moses to the nation of Israel to deliver them from the bondage of the Egyptians and to bring them into the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This land was given to the fathers and their seed to inherit. Keep in mind that when you are dealing with an inheritance you are dealing with the family. This inheritance was described as a land flowing with milk and honey, that it was a good land and large. There would be plenty of room.

SIGNS TO THE SAVED

Exodus 4:30-31 "And Aaron spake all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the **signs** in the sight of the people. 31. And the people **believed**: and when they

heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then **they bowed their heads and worshipped.**"

Notice that the Moses showed the signs in the sight of the people. When they saw these signs they knew that Moses was sent from God and that the Lord was about to do something in their midst. Coming to this realization, they bowed their heads and worshipped. Notice that it is here in chapter 4 that the people are worshiping the Lord and not after the passover in chapter 13. These are saved people worshiping the Lord and Moses' ministry was to saved people to deliver them out of bondage.

I want you to see that it was signs that Moses performed for the people and not plagues. There were only nine signs and only one plague. The word *plague* is only found in chapters 11 and 12. The plague was the killing of the firstborn. Moses did not show the killing of the first born but all the signs that the Lord wanted him to perform. The word sign is plural and it may be that he only showed them the sign of the rod turning into a serpent and his hand becoming leprous and then turning back to the way it was. In any case, Moses showed the people signs.

THE BIRTHRIGHT

Exodus 4:22 "And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, **Israel is my son, even my firstborn:**"

I believe this verse is given to Moses and to us to associate the coming deliverance with the blessing of the birthright and not the first born son. As we have already learned, the firstborn did not get the inheritance nor the blessing.

I WILL REDEEM YOU

Exodus 6:6 "Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and **I will redeem you** with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:"

Moses was a deliverer and redeemer, Jesus Christ is our deliverer and redeemer. Redemption is free some one from bondage. Israel was in bondage to the nation of Egypt. When they left Egypt, a type of the bondage of the world, they found themselves in bondage to the flesh. The struggled over the desires of the flesh. Lord we are thirsty. Lord, we want meat. Lord, we loath this manna. Moses was of the tribe of Levi and part of the family of the nation of Israel. Moses was a kinsman redeemer as Jesus Christ was a kinsman redeemer.

KINSMAN REDEEMER

Ruth 4:6 "And the **kinsman** said, I cannot **redeem it** for myself, lest I **mar mine own inheritance:** redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem *it.*"

A closer relative to Ruth and Naomi was talking to Boaz about the right of redemption. When he found out it was more than just having children with Ruth, but that he would have to buy land that was lost when Naomi and her family left Israel, he said no. Doing the part of the kinsman redeemer was to insure that every family of the nation of Israel would have an inheritance in the land. Applying this to the first twelve chapters of Exodus is God redeeming his family from bondage and bringing them into the good land flowing with milk and honey that they had lost.

PASSOVER

Exodus 12:11 "And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: *it is* the LORD'S **passover.**"

The passover feast begins in Exodus 12. A lamb was to be chosen and watched for 14 days to make sure there were no blemishes. There were to be other preparations made before the passover could be eaten.

CIRCUMCISION FIRST

Exodus 12:48 "And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the **passover** to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for **no uncircumcised** person shall eat thereof."

We just got through reading that they would be eating the passover lamb in a hurry and that they would be walking out of the land of Egypt that night. What this means is that there were no circumcision done the day before. If they had been circumcised a day or so before, they would not be able to walk out of Egypt that night. It is also interesting to note that when Moses came back to Egypt he had not been circumcised. I do not know why Moses' parents did not circumcise him on the eighth day unless they thought that being uncircumcised would keep him from being killed by the Egyptians.

Circumcision has nothing to do with salvation but everything to do with the righteousness which is faith. We will see that in Romans 4.

SIGN OF CIRCUMCISION

Romans 4:11 "And he received the **sign of circumcision**, a seal of the **righteousness of the faith** . . ."

Circumcision was a sign that they were seeking to please God. Having the righteousness which is of faith will allow us to stand approved at the judgment seat of Christ. The sign of circumcision meant that you were being faithful to God's commandment and you were trusting him for your inheritance. Again, keep in mind, Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith *it is impossible to please him*."

PASCAL LAMB

Exodus 12:5-6 "**Your lamb** shall be **without blemish**, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats: 6. And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the **whole assembly** of the congregation of **Israel shall kill it** in the evening."

Jesus Christ is our Pascal Lamb. I do associate the slaying of the passover lamb as a type of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on the cross. When Jesus Christ was crucified it was for every man. It was the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel that slew the lamb, not just the firstborn. In 12:7 we have a different situation. The sprinkling of blood was not for the whole assembly, but for the firstborn of the house.

SPRINKLE THE BLOOD

Exodus 12:7 "And they shall take of the **blood**, and **strike it** on the **two side posts** and on the **upper door post** of the houses, wherein they shall eat it."

Here we have something new being added to the sacrifice of innocent animals. What has been added is the sprinkling of the blood of the animal. In the whole book of Genesis there is no sprinkling of blood. There is no reference made of the shed blood of any animal that was sacrificed in Genesis. Remember Moses wrote the book of Genesis and knew what had been added in Exodus 12, but the Holy Spirit did not allow him to mention the blood one time. The death of the animal is separate from the sprinkling of the blood. The death of the animal was for sin and the blood was for protection from perishing before entering into the good inheritance.

THE BLOOD

Exodus 12:12-13 "For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the **firstborn** in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD. 13. And the **blood shall be to you for a token** upon

the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will **pass over** you, and the **plague shall not be upon you to destroy you**, when I smite the land of Egypt."

It was the blood on the door that was to protect the firstborn in the house. Why was it on the door and not on the roof? If it had been on the roof it would have been easier to see. Everything is done for a purpose. By putting the blood on the door post it was saying to apply the blood where you walk and as you walk. It is a daily application of the blood of Christ as you walk with him will keep you from perishing and failing to enter into your inheritance.

The blood in type protected the firstborn, but it was the second born that received the inheritance of the land flowing with milk and honey. Saved people perish. Moses and Aaron and all of those who were twenty years old and older perished in the wilderness. Only Joshua, Caleb, and those who were nineteen and younger enter into the land. Those less than twenty would be considered second born. These are the ones who had the jewels of silver, jewels of gold, and raiment which were the same items that Rebekah had when she traveled through the wilderness to become Isaac's wife.

PUT AWAY LEAVEN

Exodus 12:15 "Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away **leaven** out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that **soul shall be cut off from Israel**."

Not only were they to partake of the passover but they were to cleanse their houses of leaven. If they eat leavened bread they would be cut off. To be cut off is the same thing as to perish. This feast of unleavened bread was to start the day that the passover lamb was killed and continue seven days. What does leaven speak of? It speaks to us of sin and false doctrine. The putting away of leaven is the same thing as repenting of sin.

CHRIST

Acts 2:22 "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man **approved** of God among you by **miracles** and **wonders** and **signs**, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:"

Just as Moses performed signs, wonders, and miracles to prove he was a man sent from God, so did Jesus perform miracles, wonders, and signs to show that he was approved of God. Nicodemus knew that Jesus was sent from God. John 3:2 "The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him."

KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Matthew 4:17 "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent**: for the **kingdom** of heaven is at hand."

What was Jesus preaching and teaching in his ministry? He was teaching about repentance which is associated with the feast of unleavened bread and the kingdom of heaven which is the inheritance that preferred. We are to live a clean and holy life by getting the leavened out of our lives and keeping it out lest we be cut off.

HEAVENLY INHERITANCE

Matthew 25:34 "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, **inherit** the **kingdom** prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"

I included this verse so that you could see that the kingdom is inherited if we are not cut off. This is the better inheritance that we associate with the land flowing with milk and honey. To be denied the kingdom inheritance is to received an inheritance in the wilderness.

THE LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29 "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the **Lamb** of God, which taketh **away the sin of the world.**"

Jesus was the lamb that was slain for the sin of the world. He is our passover lamb.

IT IS FINISHED

John 19:30 "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, **It is finished:** and he bowed his head, and **gave up the ghost.**"

What was finished? The plan of salvation for all of mankind. His death on the cross was a finished work, but his work was not finished. He would become our high priest to apply the blood.

FEAST OF LEAVENED BREAD

1 Corinthians 5:7 "**Purge out** therefore the **old leaven**, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ **our passover is sacrificed** for us: "

After the sacrifice of the lamb of God for the sin of the world then we are to start purging out the old leaven of sin and false doctrine out of our lives.

WASHING OF WATER

John 13:5 "After that he **poureth water** into a basin, and began to **wash** the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded."

Associated with the message of the kingdom of heaven was repentance first then the washing of baptism. Baptism was symbolic of being cleansed from sin. This is not salvation. Jesus symbolically washed the his disciples feet so that they might be clean. Just as water was used in the Old Testament for cleansing and sanctification, we have the water of washing in the New Testament. Baptism without repentance is getting wet without being clean. Baptism is the separation of the individual from past sins. The baptism at the Red Sea was the separation of the nation of Israel from the world, and the baptism at the Jordan River was the separation of Israel from the sins of the flesh.

NO PART WITH ME IN THE KINGDOM

John 13:8 "Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me."

Peter was embarrass that he had not done the duty of being a host and his pride step in. Jesus said if I don't wash thee, you will not reign with me. Having a part with the Lord is a reference to the coming kingdom. Revelation 3:4 "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk **with me** in white: for they are worthy." Revelation 3:21 "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit **with me** in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

Why was Reuben's inheritance was outside the land, because of immorality. You practice immorality you will not reign with Christ in his coming kingdom.

BLOOD AND WATER

John 19:34 "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water."

After Jesus tasted death for every man his blood was shed. His side was pierced and blood and water came out. The water is for washing and repentance and the blood speaks of cleansing from all unrighteousness. This cleansing is also found in 1 John 1:7-9 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his

Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

BLOOD FOR MANY

Matthew 26:28-29 "For this is my **blood** of the new testament, which is **shed for many** for the **remission** of sins. 29. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when **I drink it new** with you in my Father's **kingdom**."

Notice that the blood was shed for many and not for all. The blood of Christ was shed for the many who will enter into the inheritance and blessing of the firstborn. What part does the shed blood have in the lives of the many? The answer is found in the word **remission**. The word *remission* is not a common word and it sort of hides the true meaning of this word. The true meaning of the word is found in Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach **deliverance** to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at **liberty** them that are bruised," The true meaning of the word remission is **deliverance** and **liberty**.

In Leviticus 25:10 "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a **jubilee** [remission, LXX] unto you; and ye shall **return** every man unto his **possession**, and ye shall **return** every man unto his family." in the Septuagint we have the word remission used and it comes from the word translated **jubilee**. The year of jubilee was the time when all land and peoples were released from bondage.

BLOOD FOR REMISSION

Hebrews 9:22 "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of **blood** is no **remission** (deliverance, liberty)."

Without the shedding of blood there can be no deliverance or liberty to serve the Lord. Exodus 4:23 "And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let him go, behold, I will slay thy son, *even* thy firstborn." The blood released Israel to go and serve the Lord. When Jesus said "It is finished", the plan of salvation was finished apart from the shedding of blood. It was the shed blood that protected them from the judgment of God and released them to go into the wilderness to serve God.

SPRINKLED AND WASHED

Hebrews 10:22 "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith [hope], having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies **washed** with pure **water**."

Being washed with pure water is not talking about taking a bath with soap and all. This has to do with our walk with the Lord. We need to be washed to have a part with the Lord in the coming millennial kingdom. We are cleansed from all unrighteousness through the blood and we stay clean by washing of the word. Ephesians 5:26 "That he might **sanctify** and cleanse it with the **washing of water** by the word," This is not salvation.

REDEEMED BY THE BLOOD

1 Peter 1:18-19 "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not **redeemed** with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your **vain conversation** *received* by tradition from your fathers; 19. But with the **precious blood** of Christ, as of a **lamb** without blemish and **without spot**:"

This passage is dealing with life style and not salvation. You can be saved and still live in sin. Redemption from a vain sinful life style is through the precious blood of Christ. Without the shedding of blood there would be no release for the vain life style produced by the traditions that

were taught by the fathers.

It was the fathers that wanted to go back to Egypt. Acts 7:39 "To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned **back** again into **Egypt**," If they stayed in Egypt would they have had the better inheritance of the land flowing with milk and honey? No. They could have stayed in Egypt and would have been in the land promised to Abraham. Maps that I have show the land of Goshen where the nation of Israel live was East of the Nile River. The promise made to Abraham by God in Genesis 15:18 "In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the **river** of **Egypt** unto the great **river**, the **river** Euphrates:" puts Goshen in the promised land. The river of Egypt I believe is the Nile River and not a little wadi called the river of Egypt in Southern Israel. If that is the river, then the promise of God to Abraham failed Manasseh, Rueben, Gad, Esau, Ishmael who are of the seed of Abraham.

Even though the children of Israel were in the land promised to Abraham, they were not serving God but Egypt.

Israel was redeemed and we also are redeemed by the blood from a wasted way of life so that we can enjoy an inheritance that is better than Goshen or the wilderness East of the Jordan River.

OUR WALK

1 John 1:7 "But if we **walk** (in and out through the door) in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood** of Jesus Christ his Son **cleanseth** us from all sin."

Why is the blood sprinkled on the door post? It is where we walk. It is not just walking but walking in the light of the Word of God. This life style is not vain. It will maintain our fellowship with the Lord because we will be clean through the blood.

GIVE THANKS TO THE FATHER

Colossians 1:12-14 "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the **inheritance** of the saints in light: *13.* Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into **the kingdom** of his dear Son: *14.* In whom we have **redemption** through his **blood**, *even* the **forgiveness** [remission] of **sins**:"

According to Ephesians 1:3 "Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ:" we truly have been blessed.

This verse is written to the **saints**. The word **saint** can also be translated **holy ones**. These holy ones are those who have washed themselves. These are the ones that have been observing the feast of unleavened bread. These are the ones who will be partakers with him in his coming kingdom and glory. These holy ones are living in the light of the word of God. These holy ones have been delivered or rescued from the power of darkness. Our enemy is the powers of darkness Ephesians 6:12 "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the **rulers of the darkness** of this **world**, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*." The saints in light are the ones who have been transferred into the kingdom of the Son of his love. The saints in light are the many that have been redeemed by his blood and delivered from the power of sin.

We need to give thanks to the Father that has made it possible for us to be saints in light and to be transferred into Christ coming kingdom. As Gentiles we were not offered the land flowing with milk and honey nor the heavenly inheritance but because Israel refused this blessing, saved Gentiles can now enjoy this heavenly blessing.