



Your Covenant with God: The Power of the Blood Covenant
Lesson 4: Passover, the Blood of Jesus & Communion - Part 1

Introduction / Review

Hebrews 8:6

If we truly understood our covenant with God, we would never live in defeat.

We have seen how, after Adam and Eve sinned, God began working immediately on His plan to redeem us from Satan's bondage.

We have also seen that in order for God to legally work in the earth and bring about our freedom from Satan – He had to establish a covenant with a man.

He did this with Abraham.

All of the promises God made to Abraham belong to us too – if we are in Christ!

Galatians 3:29 – New Living Translation

And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.

Egypt

Let's go to Egypt. The children of God are slaves, but they are in covenant with God.

Exodus 2:23, 24

Why did God respond to the cries of the children of Israel? – _____

That is the _____ God responds to you today. He responds to those who have faith in their covenant.

He does not respond simply because He loves you. He does not respond out of your need.

He responds to _____

We know about the plagues that came upon Egypt through Moses. But it all leads up to the Passover.

Passover

Exodus 12:1-5

Each family had to get a lamb. It had to without blemish.

Exodus 12:6

They had to keep it until the 14th day, which was 3 days away. A careful inspection was made of the lamb to make sure it was without blemish.

Then everyone would kill their lambs at twilight.

Exodus 12:7

They used hyssop, which is a plant with an end like a brush. They dipped it in the blood.

Exodus 12:8-10

The lamb was roasted with bitter herbs which reminded them of their bondage in Egypt.

The unleavened bread reminded them that they were _____

Exodus 12:11

They were getting ready to leave the bondage of Egypt and begin the journey to the Promised Land.

Exodus 12:12, 13

The blood was a _____. Death did not come to the homes which had the sign of the covenant.

Exodus 12:14

This was an _____ ordinance, which is still in effect today.

Years go by . . . let's now move to the time of Jesus.

Jesus and His disciples celebrated the Passover at what we refer to as _____

The Passover Meal

- All leaven was removed from the house. The leaven represented the bondage of Egypt.
- The family (or Jesus and His disciples) reclined at the table.
- When God made His covenant with Abraham, He promised that Abraham would have a descendant who would be a blessing to the whole world. So, the Hebrews began to look for the “coming one”.
- They set aside a place for the “coming one” at the Passover table. It was called “the cup” or “the cup of blessing”. It was placed at the end of the table. Nobody was allowed to drink from that cup.
- The bread was put in a small bag which had three compartments.

Three pieces of unleavened bread were placed in the bag, one in each compartment.

The middle piece was broken and the family ate it.

The Jews believed the pieces represented _____

The “Isaac piece” was broken. The piece was also called “afikomen” which means “coming one”.

When the Temple of Jerusalem was built, instead of killing lambs at the doorposts, the people would take their lambs to the Temple and kill them there.

Eventually the Levites (the priests) began raising lambs for the sacrifice right in Jerusalem.

So, after people purchased their lambs, they took them to the Temple.

At 3:00 p.m. the lambs were slaughtered.

The people had to wait in line – wait their turn.

Each person would slit the throat of his lamb. The priest would then catch the blood in a basin and then throw it on the altar.

Approximately 250,000 lambs were slaughtered.

Jesus the Passover Lamb

The day the lambs were set aside, _____
(This is the 10th day of the month of Nisan.)

This fulfills prophecy.

Zechariah 9:9

At 6:00 p.m., 3 days later, Jesus sat at the Passover dinner with His disciples.

At the end of the meal, Jesus took the _____

Luke 22:19

The disciples were amazed!

The three pieces of bread did not represent Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – they represented the

The middle piece did not look _____ to Isaac, but rather looked _____ to Jesus!

Then Jesus took “the cup” – the cup nobody touched – the cup reserved for the “coming one”.

Matthew 26:27, 28

Jesus was saying, “I am the coming one and I am making a new covenant with you today.”

We know that Jesus prayed in the garden . . . went on trial . . .

At 9:00 a.m. (still the same day in Jewish time), Jesus was nailed to the cross.

At 3:00 p.m. He cried out, “It is finished!”

This was also very significant.

Roman soldiers would do this _____ as a shout of victory.

This is _____ lambs were being slaughtered in the Temple.

This also meant that the Old Covenant had come to an end and the New Covenant was beginning.

Then, something significant happened.

In the Temple there was a veil – a thick curtain. This veil was hung between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies, where God’s presence resided.

Nobody could go into the Holy of Holies into God’s presence. Only the High Priest went once every year to offer the atonement offering.

The blood of the atonement offering was shed to cover the sins of the people every year.

The veil was twenty feet high and more than four inches thick. It was not just a veil, but a shield for the glory of God!

The _____ was behind that shield.

When Jesus died on the cross, look what happened . . .

Matthew 27:50, 51

_____ made a way into God’s presence.

Jesus went to Hell for three days and three nights.

Ephesians 4:8-10

On the day He rose, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw Jesus.

John 20:15-17

He would not let Mary touch Him.

But later, He allowed Thomas touch him.

What did He tell Mary? He said, “I have not yet ascended to My Father.”

Between the time He saw Mary and the time He was with Thomas – _____

Jesus took His own blood into the Holy of Holies in heaven!

Hebrews 9:11-15 – New Living Translation

Hebrews 9:11 *So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world.*

- Hebrews 9:12** *With His own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—He entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.*
- Hebrews 9:13** *Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity.*
- Hebrews 9:14** *Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered Himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.*
- Hebrews 9:15** *That is why He is the One who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.*

It is a finished work! It is a completed work!

Under the Old Covenant you had to live a perfect life to be blessed. You could never mess up. You could never break God's law.

Jesus blood gives you the opportunity to have a relationship with God based on faith.

Eight Things the Blood of Jesus Says to You

Jesus' blood speaks.

Hebrews 12:24

We know from this verse that Jesus' blood speaks and that it speaks better things than Abel's blood.

Genesis 4:10

Abel's blood cried out for vengeance.

Jesus' blood cries out for mercy on our behalf.

1. _____

Romans 5:9

Definition of JUSTIFIED:

- Acquitted
- Declared innocent
- Not guilty

Jesus paid the penalty for our sin when he died in our place.

2. _____

Ephesians 1:7

1 Peter 1:18, 19

We have been redeemed from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13, 14)

3. _____

Colossians 1:19, 20

We have peace with God and we have the peace of God.

4. _____

Hebrews 13:12

Definition of SANCTIFIED:

- Set apart for God's use
- God's property

1 Corinthians 6:19, 20

5. _____

Hebrews 13:20, 21

Through the blood of the everlasting covenant, you have everlasting salvation.

6. _____

1 John 1:7

7. _____

Revelation 1:5

8. _____

Revelation 12:11