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Lessons from the Exodus

Deliverance (*Exodus 12-14*)

1. The Exodus is really the central defining moment in Israelite faith. It gave them the ritual of Passover, which marked them out as God's beloved people, and the Exodus itself, supernatural proof of God's matchless power. Read Exodus 12:1-13. **Why were the Israelites commanded to consume a lamb and mark their doors with its blood? How would this enable them to leave Egypt?**

2. The Israelites did as God commanded and by midnight, Pharaoh was finally convinced to 'let God's people go.' **Read 12:29-41 and 14:1-31 to see how it happened.** Israel was finally free.

3. During the rescue itself, some of the Hebrew people lost heart and doubted God's promise. You can read about it in Exodus 14:10-13. **How can we avoid this 'premature panic' and focus on God's promises rather than our current circumstances?**

4. **How does the Exodus demonstrate God's grace? Read Deuteronomy 7:7-9. Why did God choose to make Israel His people? How does that affect how you think about salvation? Are we saved by impressing God?**

5. From this point on, the Bible writers would often look back to the Exodus to motivate people to live God-honouring lives. “Because God did this (the Passover), it makes sense you would do *this*.”

Read the following passages. **What do they communicate that people would do in light of the Exodus? What ‘makes sense’ as a response? How does this principle reflect our response to the Cross?**

- Deuteronomy 5:16-21, esp. 15;
- Leviticus 19:36;
- Leviticus 11:45;
- Exodus 22:21, 23:9; Leviticus 19:34; Deuteronomy 10:19;
- Hosea 13:4

6. Paul speaks of Jesus as OUR Passover lamb (1 Corinthians 5:7). In what ways does the Passover anticipate Jesus’ redeeming death on the Cross?

It is therefore incumbent on every person, in all ages, that he should consider it as though he had personally gone forth from Egypt, as it is written [ibid. xiii. 8]: "And thou shalt tell thy son on that day, saying, This is done for the sake of that which the Lord did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt." We are therefore in duty bound to thank, praise, adore, glorify, extol, honor, bless, exalt, and reverence Him who wrought all these miracles for our ancestors and for us; for He brought us forth from bondage to freedom, He changed our sorrow into joy, our mourning into a feast, He led us from darkness into a great light, and from servitude into redemption: let us therefore say in His presence, "Hallelujah" – Part of ancient Jewish tradition (*Pesachim* 10, Mishna writings).