

First and Future Passovers

Exodus

September 6, 2020 ♦ Rev. James Chuang ♦ Exodus 11:1-10; 12:1-13:16

Introduction

1. The Final Plague

2. The First Passover

3. The Future Provision

Conclusion:

God instituted the Passover feast to show His commitment to keep on delivering His people from every kind of slavery, until we are truly free. This commitment was fully realized in Jesus, the ultimate Passover Lamb (John 1:29).

SERMON LATER – REFLECTION

1. Please read the whole text of our passage for today, **Exodus 11:1-10; 12:1-13:16**. Notice how this passage interweaves the story of the first Passover with instructions for celebrating the Passover in future generations. Why is it so important for every generation of Israel to remember the Passover? What events do we similarly keep in memory as the church? How do these events define our identity?
2. The name “Passover” literally refers to God’s act of grace in passing over the homes of the Israelites, so that their firstborn children would be saved. Can you think of any ways that God has passed over you and your family, protecting you from some harm? What could you do to help remember God’s grace and protection?
3. What does it teach us about God’s provision that He caused the Egyptians to give their precious objects to the Israelites before they escaped slavery? When has God provided for your needs beyond your expectations? If God *can* provide like this, why doesn’t He *always* provide like this?
4. How does scripture want the Israelites to teach their children in 12:26-27 and 13:14-15? What aspects of our faith do you think are most important to teach to our children? Are there any aspects of faith that you feel we need to talk about and teach more strongly?
5. What Christian traditions are particularly precious or meaningful to you? How could these traditions speak to us during this time of crisis? Can you think of any ways that we could observe or celebrate these traditions in our current situation?