

# THE LORD'S PASSOVER

Exodus 7:14-12:30

Calvary Church of Pacific Palisades

April 3, 2011 ♦ Sunday Morning Worship

## Introduction:

Since begin of 2011 the world has given witness a battle of the gods ... Struggle, powerful forced clashing.

- March 11 Tectonic Plates ... devastate developed country, 2<sup>nd</sup> largest economy, most prepared.
- Wave of unrest Egypt North African Nations ... oppressive dictators deposed.
- Closer to home ... "Little Hitler"; William the Conqueror, locked in a power struggle.

Ill. 2 kids, 7 year old boys, at the beach fighting the waves. Think we are more powerful than we are. All the while we were really powerless.

When we're powerless to help selves, God demonstrates His power to show us that He truly loves us.

Please open your Bibles to Exodus 7. **Page 44.**

Ex 6 ... God explains His name YHWH "covenant keeping God"; gives a seven fold promise, SIGNS YHWH Moses & Pharaoh (conditions of hearts) ... Moses heart discouraged, Pharaoh heart hard? Moses believed he was powerless, and Pharaoh believed he was invincible.

10 Plagues. Extreme measures to demonstrate that He is sovereign, demonstrate love to covenant people.

## Read Exodus 7:14-18

Every plague came with increasing intensity and was an attack on a particular Egyptian GOD.

Plagues 1-3 defeated specific gods Water to blood; Nile was sacred. Frogs cover land; fertility goddess a frog. Gnats; purity; religious priests representatives of the gods of Egypt.

Plagues 4-6 Disrupted way of life ... flies annoyed. Wealth wiped out, livestock. Disease/Boils, Health.

Plagues 7-8 Crops destroyed. Hail/Locusts. Grocery stores empty.

Plague 9 Greatest insult to Pharaoh, sun-god RA. Unable to break through the Darkness.

YHWH proves that He is sovereign. So far, YHWH has shown that the gods of this world are impotent, powerless in comparison to His power.

After 9 insults, Pharaoh looks at Moses and says, ***"get outta here, I never want to see your face again."***

**Moses parting words** ... One plague remaining ... **Read Exodus 11:4-10**

PLAGUE 10 – THE LORD'S PASSOVER. Commemorated by generations to come. Prefigured Communion.

God goes to extremes to show mercy to His people ...

TLP ... God took the life of Egyptians firstborn, to set His people free. TABLE – PASSOVER MEAL.

COM ... reminds us that God gave His own firstborn life, to set us free from sin. TABLE – LORD'S TABLE.

Ill. Brennan Manning, Ray Brennan ... SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT

When Brennan became a priest he was instructed to take on the name of a saint. He thought of his friend, Ray Brennan. So he took on the name "Brennan." Years later he went to visit Ray's mother in Brooklyn. They sat up late one night having tea when Brennan asked her, *"Do you think Ray loved me?"* Mrs. Brennan got up off the couch, shook her finger in front of Brennan's face and shouted, *"What more could he have done for you?"* Brennan said that at that moment he experienced an epiphany. He imagined himself standing before the cross of Jesus wondering, *Does God really love me? And Jesus' mother Mary pointing to her son, saying, "What more could he have done for you?"*

**1 John 2:2 He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Come to the table reminded that Jesus conquered sin, once for all.**

God goes to extremes to (SHOW MERCY) satisfy His justice ...

TLP ... Firstborn Hebrews spared. BLOOD Perfect lamb; spot or blemish sacrificed, satisfied God's justice.  
COM ... We have been spared because the death of Jesus (perfect lamb) satisfied God's just demands.

Come to the table reminded that **Jesus sacrifice satisfied God's just demands.**

Ill. PROPITIATION STORY ... Azusa students May 2009 \$105,000, \$70,000, \$130,000

three students who were graduating that year and told us that for the next two years, they were going to serve the poorest of the poor in India. These three students thought they were there just to be commissioned and sent out with a blessing—which they were. But then something happened that they did not know was coming. President turned to them and said, "I have a piece of news for you. There's somebody you do not know—an anonymous donor—who is so moved by what you're doing that he has given a gift to this university in your name, on your behalf." President turned to the first student and said, "You are forgiven your debt of \$105,000." The kid immediately starts to cry. John turns to the next student: "You're forgiven your debt of \$70,000." He then turns to the third student: "You are forgiven your debt of \$130,000." All three students had no idea this was coming. They were just ambushed by grace

Jesus paid the price, in full. The debt of sin has been paid. GOD'S JUST DEMANDS HAVE BEEN SATISFIED.

God goes to extremes to (SHOW MERCY, SATISFY JUSTICE) enter into relationship with us ...

Eternal life, abundant life ... based on a relationship. Communication, fellowship, communion.

Come to the table reminded that JESUS CONQUERED SIN, ONCE FOR ALL, JESUS SACRIFICE SATISFIED GOD'S JUST DEMANDS, **Jesus lives to dwell in us, to give us eternal life in Him.**

**John 5:39,40 (NIV84)** <sup>39</sup> *You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me,* <sup>40</sup> *yet you refuse to come to me to have life.*

Eternal life is not in found in the pages of a document ... PERSON.

Ill. OPRAH ... watch her show, subscribe to her network, read her autobiography; listen to her radio program, magazine ... expert, you can know all about her with really knowing her personally.

Same with Jesus, listen to Christian music, join local church, read the Bible; subscribe to Christianity Today, yet miss eternal life.

Eternal life is not based solely on a decision ... RELATIONSHIP

**John 1:12 (NASB95)** *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,* Received is the decision ... but believe is the relationship.

Ill. Marriage ... decide to get married, wear ring, say vows, celebrate the anniversaries. But never talk, never share life. Not really married, maybe in your mind, but marriage was intended to be more.

Eternal life is found in a person. Eternal life is found in Jesus.

Conclusion ...

Jesus conquered sin, once for all.

Jesus sacrifice satisfied God's just demands.

Jesus lives to dwell in us, to give us eternal life in Him.

Come to the Table. Surrender to Him. Submit to Him. Receive Him. Live in Him.

DOES GOD REALLY LOVE ME? WHAT MORE COULD HE HAVE DONE FOR YOU?