



JOURNEY TO FREEDOM

8.11.24

BEYOND SUNDAY

Passover — Exodus 11:4-12:24 — Mark Turney

- 1. The Exodus and Historical Context:** How does understanding the historical and cultural context of the Israelites' slavery in Egypt enhance our comprehension of the significance of the Exodus story? In what ways does this context shape our understanding of God's deliverance?
- 2. The Plagues as Judgment and Purification:** Discuss how the plagues served as both a judgment against Egypt and a form of purification for Israel. How did these events reveal the nature of God's power and the delusions of Egyptian deities?
- 3. The Role of the Lamb:** Why was the sacrifice of a spotless lamb crucial in the Passover event? How does this symbolism point to the sacrifice of Jesus as described in 1 Corinthians 5:7? What is the significance of Jesus being identified as our Passover Lamb?
- 4. Understanding Grace in the Exodus:** Reflect on the nature of grace as demonstrated in the Exodus story. How does God's deliverance of the Israelites illustrate the concept of unmerited favor, and how does this connect with the New Testament understanding of grace?
- 5. The Meaning of the Passover:** Why did God command the Israelites to celebrate Passover annually? How does the observance of Passover function as a means of remembering and teaching future generations about God's salvation?

6. **Connecting the Old and New Testaments:** How does the Passover meal relate to the Last Supper that Jesus shared with His disciples? In what ways does the Christian practice of Communion fulfill the meaning of the Passover and its symbolic elements?
7. **Personal Reflection on Enslavement:** How does recognizing personal sin and its consequences in light of the Exodus story help us understand the need for salvation? Share personal experiences of recognizing areas in life where one might feel enslaved and how faith in Jesus offers liberation.
8. **The Table as a Reminder:** How does participating in Communion serve as a reminder of the Exodus and our salvation through Jesus Christ? Discuss the importance of this ritual in maintaining our spiritual awareness and connection to the historical events of salvation.
9. **Obedience and Love:** According to Exodus 20:2, God's commandments follow His act of deliverance. How does this sequence highlight the relationship between God's love, grace, and our response of obedience? How can this principle be applied to our daily lives?
10. **Future Promised Land:** In what ways does the promise of a heavenly land reflect the hope of a future Exodus for believers? How does this future hope influence our present walk with God and our understanding of the ultimate destination for those who follow Christ?