

PERSONAL STUDY: DAY 1

★ The point: God warns us of impending judgment.

▶ Read Genesis 1:1; review Exodus 11:1-3.

What did God tell Moses would happen to Pharaoh? How did God say Pharaoh would react?

▶ Read Exodus 11:4-8.

Think through the following: Moses told Pharaoh God would go throughout Egypt around midnight. Describe what would happen when God went throughout the land.

Compare and contrast what would happen to the Egyptians and Israelites.

Egyptians	Israelites

God sent multiple plagues to offer Pharaoh a chance to obey, but Pharaoh ignored them all. The consequence for Pharaoh's sin would be death.

In the same way, our sin has consequences. Read Romans 6:23 and fill in the blanks.

The consequence for sin is _____, but the
gift of God is _____.

God gives believers eternal life with Him instead of what we deserve, which is eternal separation.

▶ Respond

There was a "great cry" in Egypt when death struck. Sin leads to death. Believers are alive in Christ, but those who don't know Him are dead in their sin (Eph. 2:1-3). God warned us through His Word, and we are called to tell others. How does this affect your thoughts about sharing the gospel? Journal your response.

PERSONAL STUDY: DAY 2

The point: God offers protection through a perfect sacrifice.

Read Exodus 12:1-13.

The Passover was so important God changed the Israelites' calendar so this would always be the first month of their year. What does this tell you about the importance of the instructions outlined in today's passage?

Describe the instructions given for the animal sacrifice.

According to Deuteronomy 17:1, why was it so important to follow the directions given in verse 5?

Why did the Israelites have to mark their doorposts with blood (vv. 7,13)?

God offered the Israelites His protection through the blood of an unblemished lamb. His judgment of death passed over the houses marked by the blood of the lamb. Today, believers no longer participate in animal sacrifices because Jesus, the Lamb of God, was the final, perfect sacrifice for sin. His blood covers us from the judgment of spiritual death.

Respond

How does it affect you to know you deserve death because of your sin?

Jesus paid the price for you, and all of God's judgment was taken out on Him on the cross. How does this cause you to live differently each day?

For further study on Jesus as the Lamb of God, read John 1:29,36 and Revelation 7:17; 15:3; 19:9; 22:3.

PERSONAL STUDY: DAY 3

★ **The point: God’s judgment is severe and His mercy is great.**

▶ **Read Exodus 12:29-32.**

According to verse 29, whom did God “strike” at midnight?

Underline the phrase “there wasn’t a house without someone dead” (v. 30). How did this affect the Egyptians? The Israelites?

What does this tell you about the nature of God’s judgment?

What was Pharaoh’s reaction? What did he tell Moses and Aaron?

Though this passage reveals God’s righteous judgment, it also shows His redeeming power. God’s judgment did not discriminate between the rich or poor, the good or bad. In the same way, believers should not choose to share the gospel only with people they know or are comfortable with. God calls us to go to all people (Mark 16:15).

▶ **Respond**

List the names of two people you know who need to know Jesus. Commit to pray for those people this week, and ask God to give you the opportunity to share the gospel with them.

Maybe you haven’t ever shared your testimony, or the story of how you came to know Jesus as Savior, with anyone. In your journal, write a letter to an unsaved friend describing that time in your life. Use the following questions to guide you as you write:

- What made you realize your sinfulness and need for a Savior?
- Were any particular people influential during this time in your life?
- How is your life different now because you know Jesus?

PERSONAL STUDY: DAY 4

The point: God is worthy of praise for His glory.

Read Exodus 14:1-14.

What caused Pharaoh to go after the Israelites? What was God's role in this?

God delivered the Israelites from Egypt and had been present with them through their entire journey. Even though Pharaoh's pursuit of them was also part of God's plan, the people panicked. Reread verses 11-12 and summarize the people's complaints in your own words.

What was Moses' response to their fearful rebellion?

In what way did God assure Moses their helplessness would serve to demonstrate His glory? Explain.

What do you think Moses meant when he said the Israelites only had to be quiet (v. 14)?

Respond

Why do you think we are so quick to stress out and worry when life presents problems? What should we do instead? List a few ideas on an index card and keep it with you throughout the week. Whenever you begin to stress, look at the card to remind yourself what you can do instead.

For further study on trusting God in the face of opposition, read 2 Chronicles 20:15-17 and Psalm 106:1-10.

PERSONAL STUDY: DAY 5

The point: God is worthy of praise for His deliverance.

Read Exodus 14:17-18.

In your Bible, highlight each occurrence of the words “I (will) receive glory” (vv. 17,18). What does this indicate about God’s reason for allowing the Egyptians to come after His people?

Why is this important?

Read Exodus 14:21-31.

The Egyptians and Israelites both shared the Red Sea experience—in which the Israelites crossed on dry ground and the Egyptians were swallowed up in it when the waters were released. Similarly, during the plagues back in Egypt, both the Israelites and Egyptians witnessed the same miracles, yet their experiences were drastically different.

Describe what the Egyptians experienced as they pursued the Israelites across the Red Sea (vv. 25,28).

What was the experience like for the Israelites?

Respond

When has God delivered you from temptation or danger? Maybe this was the point at which you realized you needed a Savior or a point of decision later on. What was it like to know Him as your Deliverer in that moment?

Did you immediately see God at work in this situation or were you blind to it like the Egyptians? Thank God for revealing Himself to you as your personal Deliverer.