

UNIT 4 | SESSION 5

GOD FREES HIS PEOPLE

Exodus 7:14-18: 12:3-8.12-13.29-32



God's people are saved through a substitute.

HIS STORY

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- What are some idols in your life that God may need to confront to draw your attention back to Him?
- What warnings might we receive from God today when we refuse to listen to His instruction? What does it take for God to get your attention?
- Why was it important for the sacrificial lamb to be spotless? What did being spotless signify?
- The blood on the door was a public statement for all to see. How does this influence the way we think of our faith?



Essential Doctrine

God Is One | The Bible affirms that God is one, as seen in Deuteronomy 6:4-9, otherwise known as the Shema. In both Old and New Testament times, the advocacy of monotheism (belief in one God) was contrary to the surrounding culture. Where most cultures practiced polytheism (belief in multiple gods) or henotheism (the worship of one god with the belief in multiple gods), the people of God knew, based upon God's self-revelation, that Yahweh, the Lord, is the only one true God.



Just as a spotless lamb was sacrificed in order to spare God's people from His judgment in Egypt, so also Jesus Christ is the Passover Lamb who was sacrificed in order to protect us from God's wrath.



In Defense

Skeptics will often say Christian faith isn't rational or founded upon the evidence, but is the result of wishful-thinking. Of course, the way the Bible presents faith—an two thousand years of church history—nothing could be further from the truth. Faith has never been an intellectual blind leap into the dark, but has always stood on historical facts and evidences. Even here, it is reasonable to conclude that the Israelites needed to witness these miraculous plagues themselves in order to have faith that God had heard them and was coming to their rescue. While faith is much more than evidence, faith certainly relies upon the evidence and makes use of it. Historical evidences like the resurrection of Jesus, are what serve as the very bedrock of our faith.



OUR MISSION





- How does this account highlight both God's judgment and grace?
- What can we learn from this account about not taking God's grace for granted in our lives?





- Why is it easy to put our trust in things we can see (money, people, etc.)? What lies do people in our culture turn to for security, purpose, and joy in life?
- How might these lies have impacted the church?





- How is the culture Moses and Aaron faced in Egypt similar to ours today when it comes to speaking truth?
- What are some false gods in your social circles, community, school, family? How can you start addressing these this week with the truth of the gospel?