

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024
EXODUS 13:1-16

INTRODUCTION:

1. Exodus 13 is the beginning of the next section of Exodus which spans through chapter 19.
 - a) Exodus 1-12: Israel's captivity and deliverance.
 - b) Exodus 13-19: Israel travels from Egypt to Mount Sinai. (cf. Ex. 3.12)
 - c) Exodus 20-40: Israel is given the Law of Moses.
2. In Exodus 13.1-16, Moses instructs the children of Israel to keep the Feast of the Unleavened Bread and the consecration of all firstborn.

I. THE FEAST OF THE UNLEAVENED BREAD

- A. Three things that the children of Israel were to remember.
 1. The children of Israel were to remember what they were leaving behind.
 - a) **EXODUS 13.3:** *"you went out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage"*
 - b) But the children of Israel forgot. (Ex. 2.23; 3.7; 16.3; Num. 11.5,6)
 2. The children of Israel were to remember who led them out.
 - a) **EXODUS 13.3:** *"for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out of this place."*
 - b) But the children of Israel forgot. (Ps. 78.9-12; Num. 13.31; 14.11; Heb. 3.16-19)
 3. The children of Israel were to remember how they were led out.
 - a) **EXODUS 13.3-10:** *"No leavened bread shall be eaten."*
 - b) But the children of Israel forgot. (2 Kings 23.21-23; Judges 2.10)
- B. What is the benefit of remembering?
 1. Remembering prevents apostasy. (Deut. 4.9,23; 8.18,19; Jer. 2.5,6)
 2. Remembering prevents complacency. (Deut. 6.12; 8.11,12; Rev. 3.17)
 3. Remembering prevents self-deception. (Deut. 9.7,8; Num. 14.20-23; 1 John 1.7-10)

II. THE CONSECRATION OF THE FIRST-BORN

- A. There are three observations concerning the consecration of the firstborn.
 1. Definition: Consecration is a setting apart.
 - a) **EXODUS 13.2:** *"Consecrate to Me all the firstborn"*
 - b) **EXODUS 13.11,12:** *"that you shall set apart to the LORD all that open the womb"*
 - c) **EXODUS 13.15:** *"Therefore, I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb"*
 - d) Not sacrifice by slaying, but by dedication to service. (cf. Lev. 18.21; Jer. 7.30,31)
 2. Designation: Three groups are mentioned.
 - a) **EXODUS 13.12:** *"every firstborn that comes from an animal."*
 - b) **EXODUS 13.12:** *"But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb"*
 - c) **EXODUS 13.12:** *"And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem."*
 3. Explanation: Why set apart the firstborn? (Ex. 13.14-16)
- B. The consecration of God's people today.
 1. The definition of consecration.
 - a) "Saint" and "sanctified" come from the same root word meaning, "holy." (1 Cor. 1.2)
 - b) Being set apart, we are to be different from the world. (Rom. 12.1,2; 2 Cor. 6.17)
 2. Designation: One group is mentioned.
 - a) God has a special people who belong to Him. (1 Pet. 2.9)
 - b) We are sanctified by the blood of Jesus. (Heb. 2.11)
 3. Explanation: Why are we to be separate?
 - a) We are holy, set apart for God, because God is holy. (1 Pet. 1.15,16)
 - b) Through the love of God, we were called out of the world. (Rom. 5.6-11)