WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS September 3, 2024 Exodus 12:43-50

INTRODUCTION:

- 1. The book of Exodus captures the time in Israel's history when they left Egyptian captivity.
 - a) The tenth plague was the final blow that moved Pharaoh to let Israel go. (Ex. 12.31,21)
 - b) The Passover was instituted to remind future generations of this day. (Ex. 12.42)
- 2. EXODUS 12.43: "This is the ordinance of the Passover"
- 3. God is no respecter of persons. His has the same expectations of everyone. (cf. Deut. 14.21)

I. UNFOLDING THE PASSAGE

- A. Those who were not allowed to eat the Passover. (cf. Ex. 12.42)
 - 1. Exodus 12.43: "No foreigner shall eat it."
 - a) Foreigner (ben-necar): A descendant of one born in a foreign country. (Gen. 17.12)
 - b) In the New Testament: Paroikos, those who live beside the natives.
 - c) Christians are foreigners on earth. (Phil. 3.20)
 - 2. EXODUS 12.45: "A sojourner...shall not eat it."
 - a) Sojourner (tosab): A temporary resident, pilgrim, just passing through. (Ge. 23.4)
 - b) In the New Testament: Parepdemos, those who live beside the population.
 - c) Christians are pilgrims on earth. (Heb. 11.13; 1 Pet. 1.17)
 - 3. EXODUS 12.45: "A hired servant shall not eat it."
 - a) Hired servant (sakir): A day laborer, paid servant.
 - b) In the New Testament: Misthotos, a hireling. (John 10.12,13)
- B. Those who are allowed to eat the Passover.
 - 1. **EXODUS 12.44:** "Every man's servant who is bought for money"
 - a) Slaves were integrated into the nation of Israel. (Gen. 17.12,13,23)
 - b) In the New Testament: Doulos, one who was bought with money. (Matt. 18.23,24)
 - 2. EXODUS 12.47: "All the children of Israel shall keep it."
 - 3. EXODUS 12.48: "a stranger who dwells among you...let him keep it."
 - a) Stranger (gur): Literally, a foreigner who is dependent.
 - b) In the New Testament: Xenos, one whose ways and customs are unfamiliar.
 - c) Christians are strangers of earth. (1 Pet. 4.4)
- C. EXODUS 12.50: "Thus the children of Israel did"

II. GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS

- A. The ordinances governing the Lord's Passover applied to everyone.
 - 1. **EXODUS 12.49:** "One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among you."
 - 2. Anyone and everyone was welcome to become part of God's people as long as they are willing to do what is requires. (Isa. 56.6,7)
- B. God shows no partiality in reference to sin.
 - 1. **ROMANS 2.11:** *"For there is no partiality with God."*
 - 2. Context: The Jews had a double standard.
 - a) **ROMANS 2.1:** Judging the Gentiles while doing the same thing.
 - b) **ROMANS 2.9,10:** Everyone will be judged by the same standard.
 - 3. Everyone will be judged by the same standard. (Acts 17.30,31; John 12.48)
- C. God shows no partiality in reference to salvation.
 - 1. ACTS 10.34,35: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality."
 - 2. Context: Peter preached to a Gentile household. (Acts 10.27,28)
 - 3. Everyone can become a child of God. (Acts 10.43; Eph. 2.11-13,19)