

VICTORY OF MOSES

Lesson Aim: Believers can have victory over temptation and sin by faith in Jesus Christ's power.

Suggestion: Have the students read the Scriptures and answer the questions in the student lesson and insert the following questions where they fit the lesson for class discussion.

Introduction: Pharaoh refused to release Israel, the LORD's firstborn son (the nation He chose as His own), so He punished Pharaoh by killing all the firstborn in Egypt. He gave Israel instructions on how to save its firstborn. The tenth plague set Israel free and gave Moses the victory over Pharaoh. "Whoever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith " (1 John 5:4)

Why did the LORD kill all the firstborn people and beasts in Egypt? 11:5; cf 4:22-23

The LORD commanded Pharaoh through Moses to let Israel, His firstborn son, leave Egypt to serve Him. If he refused, the LORD would slay his firstborn son. Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let Israel go through nine plagues that ruined Egypt. The Israelites were his slaves and he was determined to keep them in Egypt. The LORD warned Pharaoh and his people that He would slay all of the firstborn of families and of beasts in Egypt at midnight. It would be the tenth plague and the worst. When this happened, Pharaoh told Moses to leave Egypt with all of the Israelites. The LORD honored Moses' faith and gave him the victory over Pharaoh. The LORD will honor our faith as well and give us the victory over the world and its sins.

What does the Passover teach us? Ex 12:1-51

The sacrifice of the Passover lamb was primarily a lesson about the atonement. The heart of the lesson is found in the LORD's conditional statement, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you" (12:13). The Passover memorialized Israel's physical salvation from Egypt, but in a deeper sense it typified the atonement that God provided by the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. He is the Passover Lamb that shed His blood for our sins (Jn 1:29; 1 Cor 5:7). When we receive Him by faith as our Savior, we apply His blood to the door of our spiritual heart. When God sees His blood, He will pass over us and we will not be condemned with the rest of the world. We are saved from the bondage of sin by His blood and are set free to serve Him.

What does the Passover lamb teach us about Jesus as our Passover Lamb? 12:4-8

The Passover lamb was selected on the 10th day and examined for any defect, disease or injury to be certain that it was an unblemished lamb. Then it was slaughtered on the 14th day. Jesus was tested and was without sin to be the perfect Lamb of God (Heb 4:15). The Passover lamb was a male of the first year in the prime of life. Jesus was a male in the prime of life when He was crucified. The Passover lamb was killed in the evening between 3:00 and 5:00 PM according to rabbinic tradition. This was the time when Jesus died on the cross (Mt 27:45-46). The blood of the Passover lamb had to be put on the doorframe of the house to protect the firstborn in the house. It was an act of faith in the LORD's word. Likewise, the blood of Jesus must be applied by faith to our hearts to protect us from the wrath of God (Jn 3:36). The Passover lamb was roasted as a whole lamb to maintain its integrity. No part of its body was severed and not one bone was broken. The whole Lamb of God was sacrificed for the sins of the world (Jn 19:33-36).

What is the significance of the firstborn? 13:1-22

The LORD claimed Israel as His firstborn son, which meant it was His favored nation. The firstborn son in a family was given a blessing by the father, a position of leadership in the family and an inheritance twice that of his other sons. In the tenth plague, He spared all the firstborn of Israel; now they were His. The LORD established a law to remind Israel of the special relationship of the firstborn to Him. It was required to sanctify all of the firstborn to Him. It did not save their souls, because it was required of both of man and beast (13:1-6). It was a position of honor. Now Jesus was the firstborn of God's creation, not the first one He created, but the one that had authority and honor over all creation. Since we are in Christ, we are joint heirs with Him and share in His authority and honor (Rom 8:16-17; Eph 1:11).