

Sermon Notes – March 25, 2018
The Passover (*Joshua 5:10-15*)

“When I see the blood, I will pass over you.” Exodus 12.

- I. The Prerequisite for the Passover.
 - A. Circumcision was how God’s people gained access to the Passover.
 - B. Baptism is how New Testament saints gain access to the Lord’s Supper.
 1. Unsaved people have no business being baptized.
 2. Unsaved people have no business eating the Lord’s Supper.

- II. The Pronouncement of the Passover.
 - A. The transition is complete!
 1. God’s people have left Egypt.
 2. God’s people have taken the land. (the end of 40 years of wandering).
 3. God’s people have a new diet.
 - a. Manna ends.
 - b. Living off the land begins.
 - B. The mission is accomplished!
 1. The Passover reminds us of the redemption of Christ.
 - a. The perfect Lamb of God was sacrificed. (John 19:36) (I Cor. 5:7)
 - b. The perfect Lamb of God shed blood. (I Peter 18-19)
 2. The Lord’s Supper symbolizes our salvation.
 - a. Our salvation is based on the cross of Christ.
 - b. Our salvation is rooted in the grace of God.
 - c. Our salvation results in a home in Heaven.

- III. The Promise of the Passover.
 - A. God’s presence is affirmed. (Matthew 26:17-20, 26-30; 28:18-20)
 - B. Our authority is confirmed. (Matthew 28:18-20)
 - C. God’s priority is established. (Leviticus 19:2; I Peter 1:16)
 1. God fights for those with His priorities.

“It is when we live in glad submission to God’s will, revealed in His Word, that he can lift us up and lead us on. We need to be much more concerned about his priorities than about our planning, our arranging of strategies, our ordering of scaling ladders or our building of battering rams. They may not even be needed. But what is needed is for us, as God’s people, to recognize the commander of the Lord’s army, worship him in his holiness and glory, and put ourselves unreservedly at his disposal. That is what changes things. Then we shall not think primarily of our church, our work, our service and become introverted and problem-oriented. Rather we will see that everything is in the commander’s hands (including our little lives) and that the greatest wonder of all is that he deigns to take up and use a lump of unpromising clay like you and me.”

-JOSHUA, PEOPLE OF GOD’S PURPOSE by David Jackman, Crossway, 2014.