



Shepherd's Path

A Shepherd's Personal Devotions

God is Our Rescuer Series, Lesson 5

Lesson Title: Never Forget How God Rescues You

Take Home Point: Never forget. Can't you see?
Always remember. God rescues me!

Warm-Up:

In my family and circle of friends, I am rather well known for my ability to remember things. Not because I am really good at it, but because I am not! So when I say, "I won't forget," or, "I'll remember," the usual reaction is, "Did you write that down?" Of course, writing a note is not the only way I receive the assistance I need; my children remind me when their birthday approaches, and the loving presence of my wife reminds me that we have an anniversary to celebrate. But I have learned that if I am to remember something, I need a reminder – a calendar note, a shopping list, or another visible means of jogging my memory.

Read: Exodus 12:1-30

Observation (What happened?):

What was the sign for the Lord to pass over a house and not kill the firstborn there?

How were the Israelites to eat the Passover meal?

Interpretation (What does it mean?):

Why did God require blood as the sign of being passed over?

Why do you think food was such an important part of the Passover preparation and celebration?

Insight:

In last week's Insight, we talked about the importance of the firstborn in Egyptian religion and why God struck them down. But the firstborn has more importance than a blow to Egypt's false religion. In Exodus 4:22, it says that God considered Israel his firstborn out of all the nations. When establishing Israel's worship, God reserved the Levites out of the twelve tribes of Israel for service in the tabernacle and temple. In this position they represented the firstborn of Israel dedicated to the Lord. Why this emphasis? The New Testament provides the answer. Jesus is the one and only Son of God – his "firstborn." Read Colossians 1:15-20 to see this. Jesus is the firstborn of God, fully dedicated to his Father, and our Rescuer. God gave his first and best; he demanded the same of Israel; and he expects nothing less from us.

Application (What does it mean to me?):

What is your assurance that God will "pass over" you in judgment? How do you know for sure?

Think of a special way to celebrate God rescuing you and put it into practice.