

## *Faith in Action*

### *Part 8*

**“28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.” (Hebrews 11:28)**

Moses observed the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, **“28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.” (Hebrews 11:28)** The Lord commanded Moses and Aaron to observe the following in regard to the Passover: **“1 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, 2 'This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. 3 Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. 4 If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. 5 The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. 6 Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. 7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. 8 That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. 9 Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire--head, legs and inner parts. 10 Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it. 11 This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover. 12 'On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.” (Exodus 12:1-13)** The Passover for us today is our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who shed His blood on the cross for the redemption of our sins, **“Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast--as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.” (1Corinthians 5:7)** Moses and the people of God in Egypt believed that as they will put the blood on the sides and tops of the doorframes of their houses where they eat the lambs will be saved from death. You are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus, **“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” (Ephesians 2:8)**

But you need to observe that Moses and the people with him they did not only observe putting the blood but they ate also the lamb. As for our lamb, the Lord Jesus Christ, then you needs not only to believe but to partake and live according to the word of God, for Jesus is the living word of God. For Moses and the Israelites there were regulations they need to observe before taking the Passover: **“43 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, 'These are the regulations for the Passover: 'No foreigner is to eat of it. 44 Any slave you have bought may eat of it after you have circumcised him, 45 but a temporary resident and a hired worker may not eat of it. 46 'It must be eaten inside one house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones. 47 The whole**

**community of Israel must celebrate it. 48 'An alien living among you who wants to celebrate the LORD's Passover must have all the males in his household circumcised; then he may take part like one born in the land. No uncircumcised male may eat of it. 49 The same law applies to the native-born and to the alien living among you.' 50 All the Israelites did just what the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron. 51 And on that very day the LORD brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.” (Exodus 12:43-51):**

- A- **No foreigner is to eat of it (Exodus 12:43b):** We should know the people's life well before we invite them to the Lord's Supper.
- B- **Any slave you have bought may eat of it after you have circumcised him (Exodus 12:44):** Circumcision is the circumcision of the heart. Only those observe and live in holiness should receive the Lord's Supper.
- C- **But a temporary resident and a hired worker may not eat of it (Exodus 12:45):** Those who are not part of the ministry should take it with their own churches and ministries. Paid workers and ministers are not the ideal for our service to God. Ministry is not a job to be fulfilled. It is a calling and commitment and cannot be considered job and employment.
- D- **It must be eaten inside one house; take none of the meat outside the house (Exodus 12:46):** The head of the house is the responsible person to know every person in his household before he let him/her involved in the Lord's Supper. Today the committed and faithful workers are the members of God's household who are invited for the Lord's Supper.
- E- **Do not break any of the bones:** No command of God to be broken. You should observe all the commands of God and abide with His instructions.
- F- **“The whole community of Israel must celebrate it” (Exodus 12:47):** Every believer is responsible to make himself available and live in holiness so he can take part in the Lord's Supper. Those who are not willing to commit their lives fully to God, the church should not include them to take the Lord's Supper.
- G- **“48 An alien living among you who wants to celebrate the LORD's Passover must have all the males in his household circumcised; then he may take part like one born in the land. No uncircumcised male may eat of it. 49 The same law applies to the native-born and to the alien living among you.” (Exodus 12:48-49):** Holiness and commitment to live according to the word of God and bringing the gospel to our families and households is the rule for all those who want to take part of the Lord's Supper. For the church today the Lord Supper is our Passover celebration and all the disciples should observe holiness and living according to the word of God and committing themselves for Christ Mission before partaking the Lord supper.

**My Dear and Beloved:** As you receive Christ as Saviour and Lord over your life, then you need to put your faith into action and translate it to transformation, holiness and good deeds to do the good work that God had prepared in advance for you to do in Christ Jesus as you agree to pray.

**My Prayer:** *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the Cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I commit my life into your hand. Lord thank you for your word that is instructing me in the way of righteousness. Lord I am willing to commit my life and ways unto you to live in holiness and willing to commit myself to the ministry and service of God. Lord gives me the strength and the perseverance to continue to do that and to be fruitful followers of yours, this all I ask and pray in Jesus name, Amen.*