

God's Family Covenant

Scripture reading: Exodus 12:1-14

God moves in His people through the families. He ordained the family structure for His own purpose. It is the will of God that we do not go to heaven alone, but that we should take our families with us; and He makes it a responsibility of each born-again family member. In Exodus 12:3, we read:

“Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house.”

The word “*a lamb for an house*” tells us that God expected the head of each family to be responsible for the saving of the life of his own household, because the death angel would be passing through that night, and any household that did not have the blood on the door, their firstborn would be slain. It is important for us to understand that in a spiritual sense God holds every head of a household responsible for his family. Therefore, when we appear before the Lord we cannot say as the murderous Cain did, “Am I my brother's keeper?” because God is saying to us, “Yes! You are your brother's keeper!” and we had better know it and recognize it before it is too late.

In reading this chapter in Exodus, we see that the lamb is to be chosen on the tenth day and slain on the fifteenth. The type and shadow of the Word of God says that this lamb did not choose himself or volunteer for the position, but even as God chose Israel, He is now choosing a lamb for each household. We now stand in the breach for the family, then we will be called to stand in the breach for the Body of Christ (spiritual family), and then we will be called, chosen, and made worthy to stand in the breach for the world.

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Thought for today: If you have been washed by the Blood of Jesus Christ, you have become a lamb for your family. Stand in the breach so that they, too, may find their Savior. And as you are faithful in this matter, He will surely make you worthy to stand in the breach for the world.