

Sermon Reflections

Never Forget • Exodus 12:14–28

Summary: Move forward in the Christian life, by always looking backwards. Never forget why and how God saves.

Never Forget Your Salvation...

1. You Were Saved to Be Different (vv. 14–20)

- After Moses presents rather quick summaries of the first nine plagues, what do we learn from the tenth plague having become like a slow-motion scene? Think of other Bible passages with similar alternation between paucity and elaboration of details; what does this pattern tell us? How should this affect the way we interpret Scripture? How can we ensure our rapid, modern lifestyle does not impact Bible study?
- List the items, concepts, actions, etc., in vv. 14–28 (e.g., people of God, leaven, Egypt, removal of leaven, being cut off from Israel, blood, lamb, land, etc.) that have New Covenant meanings (e.g., lamb represents Christ), including what those meanings are. How do you protect yourself from unwarranted speculation/ allegorization? How are you working to improve your Bible interpretation (hermeneutical) abilities?
- One of the greatest factors of progress in your Christian life is how well you remember what Christ has done. What did the people of Israel do to remember God's salvation? What are ways under the New Covenant that you can recall what Christ has done for you? How do you prevent them from becoming merely tradition without actually helping (or instead, even harming!) your progress? What bad examples have you seen of people trying to remember Christ's work? What is the role of Christian liberty in this?
- God saves you out of the world to sanctify you. What is sanctification? How does Exodus picture God's sanctification of people? Why must New Covenant believers pursue sanctification? What were right and wrong ways Israel pursued sanctification (think about verses in the Old & New Testaments.) List right and wrong ways you try to pursue sanctification. How can you guard against wrongly pursuing sanctification?
- Passover was designed to make Israel slow down, stop, and think, which would cause them to recall God's work. How does studying and meditating on God's works benefit you spiritually? What are ways you can slow down, stop, and think about God's works specifically? What is one way you can try this week?

2. You Were Saved by Blood (vv. 21–28)

- The only thing that protects you from God's judgment is His seeing Christ's blood. The people of Israel needed to stay indoors (under the blood) lest they die—what does this teach us for the New Covenant? Why must Christ's blood have been shed? How does His blood cover you? How have you seen unbelievers ignore/reject, or even pervert, biblical teachings about Christ's blood (think of liberal churches, false religions, cults, superstition, and hypocritical believers)? Why do you think they ignore/reject it? How can Grace Bible Church ensure that our people continue in the true teaching of Christ's blood sacrifice?
- The lamb died so that the people of Israel didn't have to. What is the New Covenant equivalent of this aspect of the Passover? Why is it important for true churches to hold this teaching? How can you ensure that believers in your life do not stray from this vital teaching that is central to the only true salvation?
- Some other themes in this passage include: passing on the remembrance from generation to generation; heads of households explaining to their children the meaning of, and need for, the remembrance ceremony; and obedience of God's commands (v. 28 "went and did so"). As a point of application, what can you do as a husband, parent, fellowship group leader, or even just a member of Grace Bible Church watching out for fellow members, to pass on the remembrance of Christ's work to ensure those in your care not forget (also review Heb. 3:12–14)? What may happen to those in your care if you aren't faithful?