

Sermon Reflections

Remembering Redemption • Exodus 12:43-13:16

Scripture reminds us to remember. Why is that? God wants us to remember spiritually significant points in our lives. What does God want us to remember about our redemption?

When you consider God's call to Israel that they were to remember the day that God set them free, did Israel remember? How did they remember? How did they forget? How does this warning apply to believers today?

Three Fruits of Redemption

1. Ephesians 2:11-13

- Rick encouraged us to consider this passage from the New Testament. God gives one command in the first 3 chapters of Ephesians, and it's found right here. Do you find similarities in how God "brought in" the nation of Israel and how He brings us in today? What are some of those similarities?
- How do our own good works figure into all of this, if at all? (See Ephesians 2:10)
- When we realize that through Christ's sacrifice we can have peace with God, what fruit should that tend to produce in our lives from a practical standpoint?

2. Exodus 13:1-10

- God's redeeming work sets us free from slavery. What slavery have you been set free from? Do you value that enough to walk in this knowledge or do you tend to forget that sin is bondage?
- Just as the Lord called upon His people to clean out all of the leaven from their homes, we are called to walk in holiness. Do you ever think about the aspect of sweeping out or cleaning out, as it applies to you? Isn't this a call to repentance?
- As Rick referenced, Israel is not only being driven out of Egypt, Egypt was to be driven out of Israel. Good food for thought, isn't it? How can you drive the remaining sin out of your life?

2. Exodus 13:11-16

- God purchased (redeemed) Israel from bondage/slavery with a marvelous picture of what He would do through Jesus Christ some 1500 years later. Describe in your own words the point that the Lord was making in verse 15. How would you explain that to a lost person? How would you explain that to one of your children?
- Read Romans 3:23-26. God certainly knew that our sin problem was so deep and the stain of sin so great that only He, personally, could remove the offense. This puts a whole different perspective on the phrase, "The Lord is our salvation". What are the implications of this for you?