



EXODUS

SALVATION FROM THE LORD

This week's sermon examined the plagues of Egypt as both judgments and revelations of God's sovereign power, intended to affirm His identity to both the Israelites and Egyptians. Through these plagues, God demonstrated His supremacy over false deities and freed His people from physical and spiritual bondage. The transformation of the Israelites, evidenced by their plundering of Egyptian treasures and the significance of the Passover lamb, symbolized God's justice, mercy, and provision. This Old Testament narrative foreshadowed the ultimate redemption through Jesus Christ, the true Passover Lamb, whose sacrifice delivered believers from sin and death. The call to remember God's deliverance invited believers to live in gratitude, worship, and renewed commitment to God, embracing His mercy and proclaiming the Gospel with boldness.

Dover Daily Devotionals:

Monday: God's Sovereign Power Revealed

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 6:7 (ESV)

"I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am the Lord your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians."

Devotional:

The story of the plagues in Egypt is more than a historical account; it is a profound revelation of God's sovereign power and His desire to be known by His people. In Exodus 6:7, God promises the Israelites that He will take them as His own, establishing a deep, personal relationship with them. This relationship is not just about their deliverance from physical bondage but about recognizing and responding to Him as the one true God.

Living under Egyptian rule, the Israelites had been exposed to a pantheon of deities. God's plagues served a dual purpose: to judge the Egyptians and to reveal His supremacy over all false gods. Each plague targeted specific aspects of Egyptian life and religion, systematically dismantling their belief system and proving that the God of Israel was the only true God.

Today, we face our own "Egypt"—situations, ideologies, and beliefs that challenge our faith and attempt to enslave us. Just as God demonstrated His power to the Israelites, He reveals His sovereignty in our lives, calling us into a relationship where we recognize and worship Him alone. Our deliverance from these modern-day "Egypt" is a testament to God's enduring promise and His desire for us to know Him intimately.

Reflection Questions:

1. What are some "Egypt" in your life that challenge your faith?
2. How has God revealed His sovereignty and power in your personal experiences?
3. In what ways can you deepen your relationship with God and recognize Him as the one true God?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for revealing Your sovereign power and love in our lives. Help us to recognize and respond to You as the one true God. Deliver us from the "Egypt" that seek to enslave us, and draw us closer to You. Strengthen our faith and deepen our relationship with You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Tuesday: Proving God's Supremacy

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 7:5 (ESV)

"The Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring out the people of Israel from among them."

Devotional:

The plagues of Egypt were not only meant to liberate the Israelites but also to prove God's supremacy to the Egyptians. In Exodus 7:5, God declares that through these miraculous acts, even the Egyptians would recognize Him as the Lord. Each plague was a direct challenge to the false gods of Egypt, demonstrating that the God of Israel held true power over creation.

God's actions served as a public declaration of His sovereignty. He used the plagues to dismantle the Egyptians' belief system and show that their gods were powerless. This revelation was essential for both

the Israelites and the Egyptians, as it set the stage for God's people to be freed from spiritual and ideological bondage as well as physical slavery.

In our lives, God continues to reveal His supremacy over all things that seek to take His place. He challenges the false idols and beliefs that we might hold, proving time and again that He alone is God. As we witness His power and faithfulness, we are called to let go of our own "false gods" and trust fully in His sovereignty.

Reflection Questions:

1. What false idols or beliefs have you encountered in your life?
2. How has God demonstrated His power over these idols and beliefs?
3. How can you proclaim God's supremacy in your daily life?

Prayer:

Lord God, we acknowledge Your supremacy over all things. Help us to recognize and reject the false idols and beliefs that seek to take Your place in our lives. Show us Your power and faithfulness, and help us to trust fully in You. May our lives proclaim Your sovereignty to those around us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Wednesday: God's Favor and Protection

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 11:2-3 (ESV)

“Speak now in the hearing of the people, that they ask, every man of his neighbor and every woman of her neighbor, for silver and gold jewelry.” And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people.

Devotional:

In Exodus 11, God instructed the Israelites to ask their Egyptian neighbors for silver and gold jewelry. This act of plundering Egypt was a sign of God's favor and justice. The treasures received were not just material wealth but a symbol of transformation—from slavery and degradation to dignity and provision. God was not only delivering His people from physical bondage but also restoring their identity and worth.

The favor the Israelites found in the eyes of the Egyptians was extraordinary. Despite years of oppression, God turned their hearts to give generously to the departing slaves. This event highlights God's ability to

change hearts and situations in ways we might never expect. It also foreshadows the greater riches and spiritual inheritance we receive in Christ.

God's protection is seen in His promise that not a dog would growl against the Israelites as they left Egypt. This assurance of complete protection and peace illustrates God's comprehensive care for His people. Just as He protected the Israelites, He promises to guard and guide us as we follow Him.

Reflection Questions:

1. How have you experienced God's favor and provision in your life?
2. In what ways has God transformed difficult situations for your good?
3. How can you trust in God's protection and guidance more fully?

Prayer:

Gracious God, thank You for Your favor and provision. We praise You for transforming our lives and restoring our identity in You. Help us to trust in Your protection and guidance as we journey through life. Strengthen our faith and lead us in Your ways. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Thursday: The Passover Lamb

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 12:7 (ESV)

"Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it."

Devotional:

The Passover lamb, as described in Exodus 12, was central to the Israelites' deliverance from Egypt. Its blood, applied to the doorposts, was a sign of faith and obedience, protecting them from the final plague. This act of marking their homes with the lamb's blood was a powerful testament to God's mercy intertwined with His justice.

This Old Testament event foreshadows the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our true Passover Lamb. His blood, shed on the cross, delivers us from the bondage of sin and death. Just as the Israelites were saved by the lamb's blood, we are redeemed through the sacrifice of Jesus. This connection is affirmed in 1 Corinthians 5:7, where Paul declares, "For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed."

When we partake in the Lord's Supper, we remember Christ's sacrifice and celebrate our deliverance. This living tradition mirrors the Passover, reminding us of God's unwavering commitment to our redemption.

As we reflect on the significance of the Passover lamb, both in Exodus and in Christ, we are called to live in the freedom and hope that His sacrifice provides.

Reflection Questions:

1. How does the story of the Passover lamb deepen your understanding of Jesus' sacrifice?
2. In what ways do you experience God's mercy and justice in your life?
3. How can you live out the freedom and hope that Christ's sacrifice offers?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for the sacrifice of Jesus, our Passover Lamb. Help us to remember and celebrate His redeeming work in our lives. May we live in the freedom and hope that His sacrifice provides, and share this message of salvation with others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Friday: Remembering Our Deliverance

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 12:14 (ESV)

"This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast."

Devotional:

In Exodus 12:14, God commands the Israelites to commemorate their deliverance from Egypt with a feast. This memorial day, known as Passover, was to be observed throughout generations, reminding them of God's miraculous rescue. The feast of unleavened bread, which followed, symbolized purity and the haste with which they left Egypt. Together, these elements taught the Israelites about the urgency and preparedness required in their faith journey.

Just as the Israelites were called to remember their physical deliverance, we are called to remember our spiritual deliverance through Jesus Christ. The sacrifice of Christ, our Passover Lamb, provides us with ultimate freedom from sin and death. As we partake in traditions like the Lord's Supper, we remember His sacrifice and reaffirm our commitment to live in His grace and truth.

Setting aside times for reflection, worship, and gratitude is essential for our faith. As we remember our deliverance, we are reminded of the costliness of our redemption and the depth of God's love for us.

Reflection Questions:

1. How do you regularly remember and celebrate God's deliverance in your life?
2. What traditions or practices help you reflect on Christ's sacrifice and your spiritual freedom?
3. How can you cultivate a heart of gratitude and worship in your daily life?

Prayer:

Lord God, thank You for the gift of remembrance. Help us to set aside times to reflect on Your deliverance and celebrate Your grace. May we never forget the sacrifice of Jesus, our Passover Lamb, and live each day in gratitude and worship. Strengthen our commitment to You and guide us in Your truth. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Saturday: Living in the Light of Salvation

Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 5:7-8 (ESV)

"Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

Devotional:

Paul's exhortation in 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 calls believers to live in the light of Christ's sacrifice. As Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed, we are to cleanse out the old leaven of malice and evil and live as new creations. This cleansing process is a continuous journey of becoming more like Christ, embracing sincerity and truth in our daily lives.

The imagery of leaven, or yeast, represents sin and corruption. Just as the Israelites removed leaven from their homes during Passover, we are called to remove sin from our lives. This act of cleansing is not just a one-time event but a daily commitment to holiness and purity. Through Christ's sacrifice, we are empowered to live transformed lives, free from the bondage of sin.

As we celebrate our salvation, let us do so with hearts full of sincerity and truth. Our response to Christ's sacrifice should be a life marked by love, integrity, and devotion to God. By living in this way, we honor the great price paid for our redemption and become a testimony of God's grace to the world.

Reflection Questions:

1. What "old leaven" do you need to cleanse from your life?

2. How can you embrace sincerity and truth in your daily walk with Christ?

3. In what ways can your life reflect the transformative power of Christ's sacrifice?

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank You for being our Passover Lamb and sacrificing Yourself for our salvation. Help us to cleanse out the old leaven of sin and live as new creations in You. Fill our hearts with sincerity and truth, and empower us to reflect Your grace in all we do. May our lives honor Your sacrifice and testify to Your transformative power. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.