

## Series: Would the REAL GOD please stand up!

Part Five: The Passover

Sunday March 12, 2017

TEXT: Ex. 11, 12

1. "plague" = "naga" = "a blow or strike."

2. The story of Exodus then is about judgment *and* mercy.

3. How could Pharaoh have witnessed all of those incredible signs and wonders and yet still not listen to Moses?

4. *God says, "I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked"* (Ez. 33:11).

5. The sacrificial Passover lamb would be a sign pointing to the sinless/innocent Jesus Christ: the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world (Jn. 1:29).

6. Is there anything in our lives that would require us to express some kind of unusual faith in God?

7. Did God judge the children? (see Ex. 12:12)

8. Can we let God be God where Pharaoh couldn't?

9. Are there any promises of God that we have clung to that we have yet to see come true in our lives?

### TAKEAWAYS

1. The Passover points to the gospel.

- Egypt = our bondage to sin and to the patterns of this world
- Pharaoh = whoever or whatever we allow to rule over us
- Israel = God's people – incl. you and me
- The Destroyer (12:23) = God's Judgment
- The Passover Lamb = Jesus

2. Get rid of that yeast! (see Mt. 16:6, 12; 1 Cor. 5:6-8)

What leaven might we need to clear out of our houses?

### TIME FOR REFLECTION

1. What are you most grateful for when you consider the gospel?

2. What is the significance of removing leaven from your home?

## Study Notes

### DISCUSSION

1. What stood out for you from Sunday's teaching?

2. Do you ever feel like you have to defend God? Does that even make sense to do? Has it been helpful for you (as you've learned more about God to defend Him)? Has it helped others?

### BIBLE

3. Read Ex. 12:12-13. How would you respond to someone who said, "The God you worship killed innocent babies to punish guilty parents, and that's one more reason why I won't believe in him!"

4. Read Eph. 2:8-10, and Jas. 2:14-26. Are we saved by faith or works? What's the relationship between the two?

5. God gave the job of passing along the meaning of the Passover to parents, not institutions. Read Ex. 12:26; 13:8, 14. What are you doing (What could you do) in your homes or wherever you are with children to pass along the teachings of your faith?

### APPLICATION

6. Last week – you were asked to identify one person in your life who doesn't know Jesus Christ and to pray for them. With that same person in mind – how would you explain the gospel to them? Practice with your group.