## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON A Ministry of the

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Remembering the Passover Background Scriptures: Exodus 11-12 Focus on: Exodus 12:11-17, 24-27

After hundreds of years in slavery and bondage, freedom for the Hebrews was just in sight. A final plague, the death of the Egyptian firstborn, would break Pharoah's stubborn will, giving the Hebrews their chance at

probably its oldest religious

festival: the Passover. The Passover Festival became a frequent celebration commemorating Israel's historic deliverance.

The term passover refers to the "passing over," and consequently the sparing, of the Hebrew households by the destroying angel sent to Egypt. To escape this plague, the Hebrews were instructed to smear lamb's blood on their doorposts and lintel. Upon seeing this, the destroyer would "pass over" that particular household.

The death of Egypt's first-The delivery of the He- born prompted Pharoah to brews provides the context for send the Hebrews on their Israel's most prominent and way. They were commanded to leave in a hurry. Exodus

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12:33 states, "The Egyptians were urgent with the people, to send them out of the land in haste." It must be noted, however, the key to Israel's freedom was their obedience, obbedience to God's divine iniative. In 12:1-20 we see God giving instructions to Moses and Aaron regarding the preparation of the feasts of Passover and Unleaven Bread. The feasts are characterized by careful detail and precision. Moses communicates God's message to the people in 12:21-27a. Israel's response comes in 12:27b-28; "And the people bowed their heads and worshipped Then the people of Israel went and did so: as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did." With such cooperation and obedience, it is no wonder the Hebrews were successful in their departure from Egypt. If Israel had questioned God's instructions, refusing to follow them, their chance of freedom would have been doubtful. Nevertheless, their obedience led them to God's act of liberating them from

This theme of obedience God clearly revealed Himself in the liberation of the Hebrews. He ultimately reveals Himself in Jesus Christ who was, "obedient unto death, even on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). Jesus struggled in the Upper room, in Gethsemene, and on the cross. He demonstrated an obedience which involved personal suffering for others. Whereas, the personal risk of obedience on the part of the Hebrews allowed God to overthrow the Egyptians, the obedient act of

defeat of the forces of evil. In the New Testament, the Passover undergoes a unique transition. The New Testament Passover is realized in the Last Supper which commemorates the death and ressurection of our Lord (Mt. 26:17-29; Mk. 14:12f; Lk. 22:7-53; Jn. 13:1-38; I Cor. 11:23-32). Jesus established it as a memorial of his redemptive work. "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's

Jesus served as the effectual

1:26). The Old Testament assover was a celebration of God's vindication over Israel's enemies. The Lord's Supper emphasizes God's power to forgive those who

s a memorial of Christ's death and resurrection for many centuries. However, the nemory of his redemptive work must go beyond the Lord's table. The significance of the Lord's Supper is fulfilled when the Church is personally and actively involved in Christian service. This means a kind of obedience on the part of God's people and it shall be given to you; which reflects the compas- seek and you shall find; sion, love and concern toward knock and it shall be opened others that Jesus had for to you. others. The greatest way to memorialize Him is to carry receives; and he who seeks

re estranged from Him.
The Church has continued o observe the Lord's Supper



from the Bible

And I say to you, ask,

For everyone who asks on his work faithfully and in finds; and to him who willful obedience. knocks it shall be opened. Luke 11: 9,10

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Nominees must submit three letters; one each from their pastor, school principal or guidance counselor and one from a person knowledgable of their citizenship activities in thier communities.

Letters and nominations should be sent to the Reverend Samuel H. Brown, 1009 Scaleybark Rd., Rockingham, NC 28379 by November 15. For further information or clarification seniors are encouraged to contact their local pastor.

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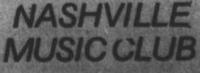


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