What Does This Ceremony Mean To You? (Exodus 12:26)

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INTRODUCTION

- I want to talk to you this morning about what assemblies mean. What are we doing here today? What do our children think about what we are doing here today?
- What does this ceremony mean to you? You shall say, It is a Passover sacrifice to the Lord who passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt when he smote the Egyptians but spared our own homes.
- We ought to be here today without complaint, with interest and enthusiasm, with a view toward participation and supplying whatever part God wants me to supply in this.

1 A God Who Has Given Us Life

Acts 17:28; 2 Corinthians 5:9–11

- A God who has given us life. We owe our very lives to him. He is our creator. And furthermore, he sustains our lives.
- In him we live and move and have our very being.
- Therefore we have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to him.
- We're all going to appear before the judgment seat of Christ. That each one will be recompensed for his deeds in the body according to what he has done, whether those things be good or bad.
- If this was the only thing that we had, it's legitimate. It's enough for us to invest in every way that God has prescribed for us to do this today to honor Him.

2 Needed Communion With God and Others

1 Corinthians 11

- God's wisdom is so high. Who am I to question it?
- I just know this is what we need. This memorial is obviously what we need.
- There's something about our participation together that contributes beyond me to the needs of others. You are assisting me. You are helping me.
- This is about you. About me participating with you and you participating with me.
- We need this mutual interaction. We are contributing.

3 Focus of My Mind on the Highest Things

- There's not anything more important than what we're thinking about and doing today.

- Our minds have been elevated away from the rancor of politics, the sports disappointments that some of us experience.
- These are the highest things that are.

4 A Reminder of the Lord's Suffering for Us

- A reminder of the Lord's suffering for us. This is what this ceremony means to us.
- Great reminders that keep us anchored, heading in the right direction and focusing on the right things as we live our lives.
- Every time we come together, we are one step closer to the reward.

5 Preparing Future Generations of the Lord's People

- Generations are going to follow us.
- I'm talking about showing our people how to worship according to the biblical pattern. And not innovating in relation to our own whims.
- This is about doing the Lord's things, the Lord's ways, and teaching them about submission to God.
- Encouraging them to invest with their whole heart in these things that bring honor to God.

THE CHALLENGE

And as awesome as the Passover was in relation to the tenth plague upon Egypt, Jesus as our Passover is exceedingly greater. Will you respond by faith to him?

MY NOTES