

¹⁰ For *everyone who asks receives*, and *the one who seeks finds*, and to *the one who knocks it will be opened*. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, *how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!*"

Key Idea:

As we march into the battle to take every thought captive for Christ, let us **remember** that Jesus died for us and lives in us.

In the Wilderness: The Book of Numbers

[#9 in the Series] *Setting out for the Promised Land: Part 1, Looking Back to Look Forward* – Numbers 9:1–10:36

Sermon Outline – May 24, 2015

Children's Sermon/Introduction

❖ Obey God because you Trust Him

Hebrews 11:28

By faith [Moses] kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

1. Why were the Israelite firstborn saved?
2. What did Moses & Israel have to do? Why did they obey?

❖ Two Mistakes we Make...

1. Trust Ourselves... Disobey God
2. Trust Ourselves... Try to Obey God

James 2:18

¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and *I will show you my faith by my works*.

Today's Key Idea:

We must trust and obey Jesus *because* we are trusting God to save us.

Getting Israel Ready to Fight for the Promised Land... Looking Back to Look Forward

BIG PICTURE: REMEMBER THE PASSOVER

ISRAEL NUMBERED AND ORDERED (1–2)
 LEVITES NUMBERED AND ORDERED (3–4)
 CONSECRATION OF ISRAEL'S CAMP (5:1–7:27)
 THE BLESSINGS OF GOD (6:22–8:4)
 CONSECRATION OF THE LEVITES (8:5–26)

SETTING OUT FOR THE LAND, LED BY THE LORD'S PRESENCE (9:1–10:36)

1. THE PASSOVER CELEBRATED (9:1-14) – Took place before Numbering
2. LED BY GOD'S GLORY CLOUD OVER THE TABERNACLE (9:15-23)
3. THE SILVER TRUMPETS (10:1-10)
4. THE ORDERED MARCH BEGINS (10:11-28)
5. MOSES ASKS HOBAB SON OF REUEL TO JOIN THEM (10:29-32)
6. THE ARK/CLOUD GOES BEFORE THEM (10:33-36)

Israel's Second Passover (9:1–14)

Why is the Passover Included Here?

❖ It happened...

(1) God Teaches Israel to Remember... Move Forward

- ✓ They were **not** rescued because they were **better** than the Egyptians
- ✓ They were rescued because God gave them a substitute

(2) **Why is Exact Obedience so Important to God?** (You will be “**cut off**” for failure to eat the Passover Lamb)

What does it mean to be “cut off”?

- ✓ If obedience is not exact it is not obedience at all
 - **Careful** to obey (e.g. Ephesians 5:15–17)
 - Obey **all** of it (e.g. James 2:10, 18)
- ✓ Eating the **true Passover Lamb** is the **only** way for us to be saved from the destroyer! (Jn. 1:29; 1 Cor. 5:7; **Jn. 19:36**- none of his bones were broken “*that the scripture might be fulfilled*”).

1 Corinthians 5:6–7

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷ 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**. ...

(3) God Provides a Way for those Who Seek Him

1. Saved by God not by the Rules
2. God has made a way for all who want to enjoy the blessings of the Passover Lamb

Key Picture:

Israel must obediently eat the Passover because they were trusting God to save them.

Further Meditation on this Gospel Picture

What does it Mean for Us to Eat the Passover?

[Is this about the Lord's Supper?] **No...& Yes**

1 Corinthians 10:16–18 (Cf. 1 Cor. 11:27–31)

¹⁶ The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a **participation** in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a **participation** in the body of Christ? ¹⁷ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. ¹⁸ Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar?

1. To Participate in the Death & Life of Jesus is to Trust & Follow Our Passover Lamb (Cf. Acts 17:30)

1 Corinthians 5:7–8

⁷ 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**. ⁸ 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.

2. **Obey** God carefully because you trust Him (Remember the two common mistakes)

- Disobey God because we trust ourselves
- Obey God because we trust ourselves

(Remember the **True Nature** of Fighting in God's Army)

2 Corinthians 6:4–10

⁴ but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵ beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶ by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷ by truthful speech, and the power of God; with **the weapons of righteousness** for the right hand and for the left; ⁸ through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹ as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

3. Earnestly Seek God through Jesus (Our Passover Lamb)

Luke 11:9–13

⁹ And I tell you, **ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you.