

Are you covered?

(In what capacity?)

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EXODUS 12:5-7 NIV – (5) The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. **(6)** Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the members of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. **(7)** Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs.

EXODUS 12:12-13 NIV – (12) “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. **I am the LORD.** **(13)** The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

The other day, God showed me the different types of car insurance coverage's that exist. There are those who simply want the cheapest insurance policy so that they are covered under the law of the state. Then there are those who want that first type of coverage but they also want coverage for themselves in case someone else is at fault. And last, there is the one who wants coverage of the first two types, plus coverage for themselves in case they are at fault and as well the benefits that come with the policy.

Now, let me bring that analogy to today. Some want to say God's name and that's good enough. Why? Because they just want to say that their covered. Then there are those who want the first, but are self righteous. They are never at fault. They say, “I know the rules (Law)” and I am protected under His grace and I go to church (But relationship with God is missing and/or lacking). The third says, I am in need of a Savior because they recognize they are sinners, they need protection and they want all God has to offer! Therefore, though the policy is paid (God), they are willing to devote themselves to Power, Provision and **Protection** of the true and mighty God.

The above passage addresses the Lord's Passover (**12:11**). The name of the festival arises from the fact that the Lord would pass through the land...and strike every firstborn male (**12:12**), but He would pass over homes bearing the distinguishing mark of blood (**12:13**).

Passover foretold the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and his atoning death on the cross. To make sure his followers didn't miss the connection, Paul told the church in Corinth, “Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed” (**1 Corinthians 5:7**). It was through the events of the first Passover that Israel was set free from slavery. Through placing faith in Christ's substitutionary death, we likewise are set free from slavery to sin (**Romans 6:17-18**). And as people covered by “the blood of the lamb,” we will conquer Satan (**Revelation 12:11**). “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace” (**Ephesians 1:7**).

Don't miss that **we** are redeemed from sin “with the precious blood of Christ” (**1 Peter 1:19**). God had our salvation in mind too, on that fateful night in Egypt. Are you covered? If not, right now, bow your head and give your full attention to the Heavens which our King sits. Tell God that you recognize that you are a sinner and that you are in need of a Savior. Tell Christ It is Him that you need. Ask Him to teach you the life that He has planned for you. I guarantee you that you shall be received. Be obedient and now allow Him to teach His ways. **AMEN**. Welcome to the family.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 34:7-9

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: He (God), who began a work in you, is faithful to complete it.

“A JOURNEY OF THE HEART”