

## A Night To Be Remembered



*A Passover Story for Children of all Ages.*

When God the Way of Life would teach, and gather all His own,  
He put them safe beyond the reach of death, by Blood Alone.  
It is His Word, His Precious Word which stands forever true.  
**When I the LORD shall see the blood, I will pass over you.**

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And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, *"In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house: and if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.*

*Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: and ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And **they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it . . . and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S Passover.** (Exodus 12).*

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This is a story of the first night of Passover when the Jewish People, whom He dearly Loves and chose for Himself, lived in Egypt where they greatly suffered from a hard ruler as slaves. This is a story of Redemption of a little family, whose oldest first born son was named Caleb.

The LORD God chose to deliver His People whom He Loves out of Egypt **through the blood of a lamb** and by His Power from the hand of Pharaoh who was ruler of Egypt and a worshipper of himself and idols. He was an enemy of the True and Living GOD. Pharaoh would not let God's People go. This deliverance of the children of Israel was for the LORD'S Glory and to show His Power, that He is The LORD. (Deuteronomy 7:6-8). The LORD saw their pains and sorrows, He heard their cry, and He knew their sufferings. (Exodus 3:1-6, 7-10).

Since Caleb and his parents and the other children were a little family, on the eve of Passover they followed the directions which the LORD gave in His Love to them through His servant Moses, *"If the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take a lamb"* Two households were told by Moses (a shepherd) to eat the lamb together.

The hour was near when the Angel of Death would pass through the land of Egypt in judgment to take the life of the oldest son of the Egyptians (who were idolaters), so that God's chosen People and their first born sons would be kept safe from death, freed from their slavery and delivered out of Egypt to go to the Land which the LORD their God promised to give them.

As we begin this story, Caleb and his loved ones, as a little family, were searching for a faithful neighbor where they could together obey the LORD'S command, and be protected from the

Angel of Death **through the blood of an acceptable lamb being applied to the door of the house.** The killing of the lamb as a substitute would take the place of Caleb, and its blood applied would protect each Jewish son whose family obeyed God's instructions.

They would then be safe and kept from the coming judgment. God's Power with the blood of a lamb sprinkled would save His People.

Caleb was becoming afraid. "My father!" he cried out, as the little family rested for a few minutes, "You and mother are tired, and it is getting late before night. We have not yet found a place."

He looked at the people hurrying in the street. "It is becoming dark, like a storm is coming."

"My father!" begged the boy, as he took hold of his father's coat, "it was our uncle Simeon who told us of Moses' proclamation. He showed me the Writing, and it will soon be the evening of the fourteenth day of Nisan when the lamb must be killed, and we must strike its blood on the two side posts and on the upper doorpost of the houses, in the homes where we are to eat it."

Caleb's mother with tender heart and tears, looked at her son and asked, "What if the blood is not there?"

Caleb answered with the words of God, *"For the LORD will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgement: I am the LORD."*

The LORD Himself has said and promised us, *"And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."*

*"and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through the land to smite the Egyptians; and when He seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, The LORD will pass over the door, and will not allow the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you."*

"My husband," said the mother, turning with worry, as their smaller children gathered about them, "would it not be wise to do as The LORD has said?" After a moment's silence, the mother said, "our son Caleb is our firstborn!"

"But where can we stay?" Caleb's father asked, as he looked helplessly, as the evening drew near, and the people hurried about them. "I do not know where any of our household live, except for Simeon our relative who will not take us into his home."

Ephraim sent Caleb to find a house where they all might stay and eat the LORD'S Passover.

From Simeon, Caleb learned the names of three Hebrew families and where they lived who might take them in. "You must go alone," said Simeon, "I am an old man. As I told your father,

we are overcrowded here. This has been a day of much fear. Fear has taken hold of everyone. The Angel of Death is about to strike. It is the fourteenth day. There is yet some time. Go!"

*The House of Benjamin, the son of Gideon.*

So Caleb started out to search for the first house. Only after Caleb knocked several times was the door opened, slowly and carefully. "Peace be unto you," said Caleb. "I am looking for Benjamín, the son of Gideon." "I am he," answered a voice. "Who are you?"

"I am Caleb, the son of Ephraim. There are six of us, my father and mother and four children. They are at the end of the street. We are looking for a house where we can eat the Passover."

"Why do you come here?" said the man who did not care about them.

"Your name was given to me by Simeon, the son of Issachar. I see on your doorpost the Word of the LORD which Moses gave to us."

A bearded face moved out of the shadow and looked down at Caleb. The boy spoke quickly, "This is the evening of the fourteenth day of Nisan. Will you **kill a lamb without blemish**, a male of the first year? and will you **take of the lamb's blood and strike it on the doorposts**, as Moses commanded us?"

There was a painful silence: \_\_\_\_ Caleb could hear his heart pounding.

Then the unfriendly voice said to Caleb, "We do not believe nor take seriously the command the way it is written. Our firstborn son has grown up and left us. We think it is enough to just show the command on our doorpost. We do not plan to kill any lamb, and we will not strike blood on our doorposts. I think you and your family would be safe here." The bearded man watched, as Caleb wisely and quickly ran away.

*The House of Levi, the son of Reuben.*

Beginning to feel hopeless, Caleb looked for the next house. It was hard for him to find it. He finally found Levi's home when he saw the command of Moses on the door.

A foolish woman answered his knock who acted silly. Caleb thought, "she does not fear God." He wasted no time. "Tell me quickly," pointing to the command on her door, "will you **sacrifice the lamb, and strike its blood upon the doorposts** of your home this night?"

She said without fear, "Come in my boy. The lamb has been sacrificed, and the blood is ready, sit down and I will call my husband."

When her husband Levi appeared, Caleb told his story and his family's need.

Levi was a tall and heavy man, and slow of movement. He said that he understood what Caleb believed about striking the doorposts with the blood of a lamb. But, he said, "Caleb, you need not worry about that. Some might feel it was necessary to put the blood on the doorposts, but as for me, there are other things to think about." "You see," he went on foolishly in his slow slothful way, "we have recently cleaned and painted the outside of our house, and we do not want to mess it up by sprinkling any blood on the doorposts. God knows and sees everything. I think He understands that we sacrificed a lamb, and He can see we have the blood in a bowl here on the table. Be at peace about this and bring your father and your family. You will be welcome here."

Caleb cried out, "But God has said we are to **strike the blood upon the doorposts!** Moses has told us what the LORD has said and has promised to us, *When I see the blood, I will pass over you.*"

Caleb learned they did not obey God, and the time was very short. He turned away grieved in his heart, and left that house.

*The House of Abner, the son of Adin (beautiful to the LORD).*

With only one house left, Caleb ran with all his might to the end of the street where he found the house of Abner. One look, and he saw his search was over! In the doorway stood a man with a bowl in one hand, and a bunch of hyssop like a brush in his other hand. Caleb saw him dipping the hyssop in the bowl and striking the two side doorposts and the upper doorpost with the blood of an acceptable lamb.

Caleb quickly told this man his story. He was filled with joy. Abner stopped, and with a glowing face told Caleb these words:

"Bring your father and your family here to my home right away my son. I am Abner (Father of light). I have heard about you from Simeon, the son of Issachar. I and my house are obeying the LORD's command. **The spotless lamb has been sacrificed as Moses commanded, and the blood of that lamb is being applied to the door; Come, you will be safe behind the blood.**"

Caleb, in the story you have just read, lived in the year 1491 BC when Pharaoh was ruler over Egypt. You live almost 4,000 years later.

Caleb and those of his People who believed God were the first to keep the LORD's Passover during that time of terror between the evenings of the fourteenth and fifteenth day of Nisan.

But today the Jewish People do not keep the passover in the way Caleb kept it. They have no passover lamb and no blood, as the LORD God commanded them. Instead there is only unleavened bread, four cups of wine, bitter herbs, and a shank bone of a lamb.

The Good News to tell you as a friend is that God Himself has provided and sacrificed the Perfect

Lamb in our place for us. *“For even The Messiah our Passover is sacrificed for us”*

Almost two thousand years ago the LORD Jesus the Messiah, Israel’s true Redeemer and Saviour, gave His Perfect Life in our place for our sins at the same hour when the Passover Lamb was to be sacrificed.

The Perfect Son of God became the true Passover Lamb Who gave **His Perfect Life** for us when He took our place, our punishment and died for our sins. This was done, so that God could pass over us and not punish us for our sins, but give freely to us Eternal Life through trusting in His Son’s Name - **when His Precious Blood is applied to the doorposts of our heart.**

Isaiah the Prophet spoke of Him many years ago when he wrote, *“He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: The punishment for our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes (His wounds) we are healed. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth; He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so He openeth not His mouth.”*

When God’s servant John saw Jesus coming toward him, he said, *“Behold (Look, See) The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. And I (John) saw, and bare record, that This is The Son of God.”*

God speaks throughout His Word the Bible of His Perfect Lamb Whom He has provided. The Son of God died in our place and arose from death to sprinkle His Blood on the hearts and lives of those who trust in Him. And as the Living and Exalted Lord, He lives to cleanse and indwell our hearts, and make Himself and all He has perfectly done as The Lamb of God very Precious and Real to all who trust in Him. *“The Son of God Who Loved me, and gave Himself for me!”*

The passover lamb which gave its life and took the place of Caleb is a Beautiful Picture of the LORD Jesus Who is Himself God’s Perfect Sacrifice Who takes away the sin of His People who receive Him and trust in His Precious Blood.

How this can be done? Call on The LORD Jesus Who gave His Precious Blood to save you, tell Him you have sinned, turn away from not honoring Him, and Ask Him to wash you with His Blood and to make and keep you clean before God.

God the Holy Spirit is The Person Who applies the Precious Blood of Jesus to the doorposts of your heart when you ask Him and He makes you clean. will apply to you the Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ, The Lamb of God, and make you clean. When this is done you are kept safe by The Saviour from the Angel of Death. He invites you to come to Him, to turn to Him, and to call calling upon His Name. *“And thou shalt call His Name JESUS [YESHUAH]: for He, and He Only, shall save His People from their sins.”* (Matthew Mati 1:21).

*“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow” “And when I see the Blood, I will pass over you”* (Psalm 51:7).

**This paper is shared, so that Jewish People and others might hear and come to personally know The Redeemer and Saviour, the LORD Jesus the Messiah, and His Precious Blood sprinkled on their hearts and lives.**

**Those who are His very own truly love and honor The Son of God Who gave up His Life for us. They will love Israel with His own Love.**

***The Shepherd of Israel***

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