

EXODUS: GOD'S WAY FORWARD

Confronting Darkness

¹Afterward Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: **'Let my people go**, so that they may hold a festival to me in the wilderness.'" ²Pharaoh said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go."
(Exodus 5:1,2)

Don't live in denial about darkness

- Ephesians 2:1,2
- Ephesians 6:12
- Colossians 1:13,14

Have faith in the power of God

- ▶ Blood, frogs and gnats (Exodus 7:14-8:19)
"By this you will know that I am the Lord." (7:17)
- ▶ Flies, livestock and boils (Exodus 8:20-9:12)
"So that you may know that I, the Lord, am in this land." (8:22)
- ▶ Hail, locusts and darkness (Exodus 9:13-10:29)
"So that you will know that there is no one like me in all the earth." (9:14)
- ▶ Firstborn (Exodus 11:1-12:30)
"And I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord." (12:12)

Determine to take a stand

²⁰Then the Lord said to Moses, "Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh as he goes to the river and say to him, 'This is what the Lord says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me.'" (Exodus 8:20)

¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. (Ephesians 6:11)

- Know who you are in Christ
- Memorize, pray and speak the Word of God
- Take up the authority of Jesus' name

Plead the provisions of Christ's blood

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. ¹³The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you.** (Exodus 12:12,13)*

²*“As you know, the **Passover** is two days away—and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.” (Matthew 26:2)*

¹⁸*For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the **precious blood of Christ**, a lamb without blemish or defect. (I Peter 1:18,19)*

(Source unknown) “There are at least 43 references to the blood of Christ in the New Testament, all testifying to its great importance in the salvation and daily life of the believer. Judas the betrayer spoke of it as “innocent blood” (Matthew 27:4) and Peter called it “the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot (I Peter 1:19). It is the cleansing blood in I John 1:7 and the washing blood in Revelation 1:5, stressing that it removes the guilt of our sins.

Paul called it the purchasing blood in Acts 20:28 and the redeeming blood twice (Ephesians 1:7 and Colossians 1:14), thus declaring the shedding of His blood to be the very price of our salvation. Therefore, it is also the justifying blood (Romans 5:9) and the peacemaking blood (Colossians 1:20). Its efficacy does not end with our salvation, however, for it is also the sanctifying blood (Hebrews 13:12). There is infinite and eternal power in the blood of Christ, for it is “the blood of the everlasting covenant: (Hebrews 13:20).”

¹¹***They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”**
(Revelation 12:11)*