INTRODUCTION: In Exodus 12:2-3 Moses told Israel, while still in Egypt, that each family was to take a lamb for each home. The day the home obeyed the Lord with their lamb is a picture of the day when a person enters into peace with God, becomes reconciled on God’s terms, and finds salvation. He is redeemed.

It was a day to be remembered.

In Exodus 12:5-7 tells them that the blood is to be placed on the two door posts.

Exodus 12:13
“Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.”

In 1 Corinthians 5:7 “Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.” He is the “Lamb God that takes away the sin of the world.”

BEAUTIFUL PICTURE

Recognizing our guilty condition before a holy God and humbly recognizing Jesus Christ, the One in whom your sin was executed once and for all, you
mix with faith this word of reconciliation and cast yourself upon Him, and you are redeemed. His blood is applied to our heart and the wrath of God passes over you.

THE PASSOVER WAS CELEBRATED

Exodus 12:11
“And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover.”

The Lord has saved them and equipped them for a journey. This is simply the beginning, not an experience, one to be enjoyed and then forgotten, or something ecstatic which would have a fond memory of the past. It was the means, not the end. From this day forward, they could never be the same again; they (us) were to embark upon a journey.

Romans 8:1
“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”

The claim that you are in Christ Jesus is under no condemnation because you have been redeemed is valid only if it is vindicated by a walk that indicates your new relationship to God.

“MUCH MORE”
Romans 5:9-10
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This day to be remembered was in a land to be possessed.
There is a wonderful spiritual principle here.

Only in the land of Canaan could the people celebrate the day intelligently. They came out of Egypt by way of the wilderness into Canaan, the Bible picture of the Spirit-filled, victorious Christian. There is only one place where you can intelligently celebrate your redemption through the death of Jesus Christ, and that is in the fullness of His resurrection life.

• In Exodus 13:3 “His strength brought you out of this place.”

• In Exodus 13:5 “He swore to your father to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey.”

• Exodus 13:8
  “And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, 'This is done because of what the Lord did for me when I came up from Egypt.'”

• Exodus 13:10 “keep this ordinance”

Think of how unimpressed a teenage boy would be in the middle of the wilderness if his Father told him that the Passover Feast was a celebration.
He’s been eating manna for 13 years. It is dry, dusty, and so unimpressive this “deliverance.” By now, he has heard of more things to be celebrated in Egypt!

**QUESTION:**

Is this why so many children grow up uncommitted in Christian homes? Is it because so many Christian parents are living in the wilderness?

What if they observed us walking in the fullness of Christ? Might our children desire to know, love and follow the Christ of our life?

Only one account of the Passover in the wilderness (**Numbers 9:1**). Three feasts were to be celebrated yearly by Israel.

1. **The Passover (feast of unleavened bread).**
   How you remember the day God redeemed you.

2. **Feast of Harvest**
   The first fruits of your labors which you planted in the field.

3. **Feast of Ingathering**
   When you gathered in your labors out of the field, you brought to the Lord in His house.
Only way Israel could celebrate in the wilderness was with what they brought out of Egypt. That is significant, because unless you go on into Canaan (fullness of what Christ is in you), you will only be able to celebrate your conversion with such meager, poverty-stricken resources as you brought with you out of your unsaved condition; the energy of the flesh.

The Lord said that the Passover would be a “sign” to you.

Exodus 13:9
“...as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the Lord’s law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out of Egypt.”

Remember, represents your redemption “out of Egypt” has changed the things you do, the things you think, and the things you say (Hand, Eyes, Mouth).

I. WHAT THEY DID

Deuteronomy 12:1
"These are the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to observe in the land which the Lord God of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth.”
Deuteronomy 12:7
“And there you shall eat before the Lord your God, and you shall rejoice in all to which you have put your hand, you and your households, in which the Lord your God has blessed you.”

Deuteronomy 12:8
"You shall not at all do as we are doing here today — every man doing whatever is right in his own eyes — “

The Sovereignty of God was now the rule. His conduct was controlled by his own sincere convictions, maybe, but he knew nothing of the supreme direction of God in his soul.

Deuteronomy 12:9
“for as yet you have not come to the rest and the inheritance which the Lord your God is giving you.”

We relinquish our right to do what is right in our eyes and submit ourselves to Jesus Christ.

II. WHAT THEY THOUGHT

Numbers 11:4 says they “yielding to intense lusting…” (cravings were carnal).

Again their thoughts were in Egypt, why? Because they had never known Canaan (the fullness of Christ).
In the wilderness the children of Israel ate manna with oil. Manna in the Bible is a picture of the presence of God and oil is a picture of the Holy Spirit. They had manna for a long time; God never intended them to eat manna for 40 years. God had prepared Canaan for them, but they stayed in the wilderness and dreamed of Egypt.

There is a good reason our Christian walk can become boring and dull. We have never tested the thrill and adventure of being totally abandoned to God.

Manna was good for the purpose for which it was given, but it was never intended to be their diet for 40 years.

What is it that preoccupies your mind and imagination as a redeemed sinner? With what does your mind busy itself? Ambitions, appetites, where do you go, what company do you keep, and what do you do? Have you been weaned from the things of Egypt?

Sin is conceived in the mind (imagination). First comes the suggestion (satanic suggestion) and then the desire; it’s allowed to conceive and mature and brought to birth; the desire becomes an intent.

“MUCH MORE”
Romans 5:9-10
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James 1:14-16
“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.
Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.”

What memories had they of Canaan in the wilderness? None! They had only heard sermons about Canaan (maybe took notes). It was all secondhand talk about Canaan. They had no personal, vital, individual experience. It was language, but not life.

III. WHAT THEY SAID

Numbers 16:3
“They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "’You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?’"

They had acclimated to their circumstances in the wilderness and resisted any suggestions. They felt they were where they needed to be and they could not do better in Canaan. They professed themselves “holy.”
Content to call themselves converted. Content to live a self-controlled, self-centered life that renounces and repudiates the Lordship of Christ.

Resented being told they were missing God’s purpose for their lives.

Redemption is a day to be Remembered in a land to be Possessed.