

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH: GOSPEL OF JOHN
BELIEVING JESUS THE CHRIST: 18. LAYING DOWN HIS LIFE
MORNING, MARCH 28, 2021

KEY TEXT: JOHN 10:11-39; 12:23-24

INTRODUCTION:

-reading the Gospel of John through like the book it is helps us feel the t_____ that builds: this is a battle to the d_____. John 10 speaks of the cross, and prepares us to see what we are to learn about...

I/ THE PURPOSE OF JESUS AND THE FATHER

1. To Give Eternal Life

- a) abundant: the very essence of life itself found in Jesus alone: see 10:7-10, "I am the D_____"
-in the context of Jesus' s_____, we remember that we have life to the f_____: Romans 8:18-39
- b) assured: 10:27-30: the purpose of Father and Son cannot and will not f_____: "eternal life" is a p_____ possession; compare "h_____ with Christ in God", Colossians 3:3; see John 1:14, 29; 3:14-17: "grace"

2. To Glorify Father and Son

- a) the sovereign choice of the Son: 10:17-18
-several attempts to arrest and even kill Jesus – again in 10:39 – failed because the h_____ was not yet come: the plan is controlled from h_____; Jesus lays down and takes up His life at His p_____
- b) the saving command of the Father: 10:18
-the fact that Jesus is God does not mean He operates i_____ from the Father, Who determines to h_____ the Son (John 5:23), and the Son sets out to g_____ the Father (see John 17:1-5)

II/ THE PERSON OF JESUS: ONE WITH THE FATHER

1. The Son Obeys the Father: 10:14-21, 29-39 (*the extent of that obedience: Philippians 2:6-8*)

-as Son of God, He p_____ obeys the Father, and proves that they are "o_____" in terms of mission and purpose, rooted in His very n_____ as Son of God (10:33-39)

2. The Shepherd Offers Himself as Sacrifice: 10:11-18 (*and hence the cross is the very centre of His mission*)

-that for this purpose, the Shepherd-Son offers Himself shows the n_____ of the cross: He lays down His life "f_____ the s_____", the language of substitution and sacrifice, like John 3:16: the Father g_____ His Son; this reveals for us the Shepherd's l_____: He is no "hireling"! (See also John 13:1)
-learn also that the breadth of the Shepherd's f_____ is far greater than they imagined: as 4:42 noted, He is the Saviour of the w_____ (Compare John 1:10-12)

III/ THE POWER OF JESUS TO SAVE FOR THE GLORY OF THE FATHER

1. The Sheep Follow Him: 10:22-30

-the sheep are d_____: they h_____ Jesus' voice, now in the Bible, the Word of God, and in the preaching of Christ through the Gospel
-but the sheep are also d_____: they *follow*: see John 6:68-69: no one else has w_____ of eternal life!
-remember how Christ-centred this Gospel has been: it is personal, Jesus Himself who is our life

2. The Seed Bears Fruit: 12:23-24

-not only is the cross necessary to the purpose of saving the sheep and glorifying the Father, this phrase also underlines its s_____: the seed bears much fruit to the glory of God!

BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH: EXODUS
MOSES WROTE ABOUT JESUS
EVENING, MARCH 28, 2021

KEY TEXTS: (various)

INTRODUCTION:

-Philip Ryken: “The story of Exodus is the story of Jesus”: compare John 5:39-47; it is important that Christians be familiar with Exodus in order to have the framework and the terms to understand the work of Christ

I/ DEFINING THE NATION: EXODUS IN OLD TESTAMENT LIFE

1. Constructing a Nation: Deuteronomy

- they exist by grace, never by merit: Deut.7:7-10; notice the grateful response in Deut.26:1-11 bringing firstfruits
 - there should, however, be confidence: note how the Exodus stands behind the exhortation of Deut.20:1-4
 - the Exodus was a new beginning: the warning to a future king, Deut.17:16: never go back to Egypt! Compare Deut.16:1-4
 - as children of the Lord their God, they must be a holy people, chosen to be His treasured possession: Deut.14:1-2
 - failure to remember the Lord will result in the loss of the land: Deut.28:65-68; a sin against grace: 32:5-6
- note how this is remembered in 2 Kings 17:7 to explain captivity; compare Nehemiah 9:9-16; 1 Samuel 6:6

2. Confessing the Lord our God: Psalms (for more examples, note the “historical” Psalms, 104-107; Asaph’s Psalms, 73-83)

- the exodus not only defines the nation, it is the foundational revelation of God: remember Exodus 34:6-7; Psalm 103:7-14
- remember your purchased people: 74:2, 12-13, 20; compare Psalm 80
 - let *me* remember God and His redemption, and learn to trust Him: answer 77:7-9 with the exodus: 77:12-20
 - Psalm 78 connects the failure to remember what God has done with sin and its disaster – and ultimately finds the answer in David the Shepherd (the Psalm uses several events from the Exodus and wilderness as evidence)
 - Psalm 81 traces the forfeiture of blessing to refusing to listen to the Lord: 81:10 quotes Exodus 20:1-2

3. Conviction of Sin: God’s Lawsuit in the Prophets

- Exodus shows that God redeemed a people for a reason; He made a *covenant* with them – to have a people for His name; it was not just an act of deliverance, but of marriage (Hosea 1-3; also Jeremiah 31:31-32; Ezekiel 23)
- to break that covenant meant to go back to captivity – back to Egypt: compare Jeremiah 40-45

4. Calling On The Lord: Promising a New Exodus

- it is the fulfilment of Deuteronomy’s own expectation: Jeremiah 29:12-13 quotes Deuteronomy 4:29
- it will be so spectacular, that it will supercede the first exodus: Jeremiah 16:14-15; 23:5-8
- startlingly, Isaiah 19:18-25 presents this as a universal covenant including Egyptians and Assyrians!

II/ DELIVERING A PEOPLE: EXODUS IN NEW TESTAMENT REALITY

1. Patterns Fulfilled: The Redeemer Comes: “Out of Egypt have I called my Son”: the Lord Jesus in terms of Exodus:

- at His birth, the promises with Abraham are remembered (Hosea 11:1; see Luke 1:68-75; Matthew 2:15)
- the death of Jesus is as the Lamb (1 Peter 1:18-19); it is Jesus’ “exodus” (Luke 9:30-31); it is an act of redemption
- His resurrection in Hebrews 13:20 echoes the “shepherd” leading the flock, as Isaiah 63:11-13 describes the exodus
- His exaltation and ascension completes the picture that moves from exodus to David in Psalm 78, as Paul outlines it in Acts 13:17-30; similarly, the Ark continues its journey as Ephesians 4:7-10 quotes Psalm 68:18

2. Promise Fulfilled: Delivered from Darkness: Colossians 1:9-20

- the language of redemption and deliverance means that we are forever a people who know that they live by grace alone; we were in bondage, only set free through the blood of the Lamb, and brought into His Son’s Kingdom
- we look back to the cross, our “Exodus”, in order to learn the truth about God:
- justified through faith in His blood, who was set forth as our propitiation: Romans 3:21-26
 - demonstration of the love of God: Romans 5:8
 - that God did not spare His own Son teaches that He is for us: will with Him freely give us all things: Romans 8:31-34
- properly used, knowledge of the Exodus drives us to Christ and the ultimate act of redemption in His blood; He “gave Himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works”! (Titus 2:14)