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Sermon Series: Delivered; Rescued from Bondage  
Sermon #17 Title: This Do in Remembrance  
Sermon #17 Text: (Exodus 13:3-10)

Israel has been set free; but they have not been set loose!  
Of course, freedom and independence are not the same thing. God set Israel free from Egypt, but He did not turn them loose in independence to roam aimlessly in search of their own satisfaction.

- It may be a romantic and exhilarating thought to just be turned loose on the world, with the wind at your back, and blue skies out front, to seek out your own pleasure and adventure; but it is not a Biblical thought; nor a holy thought; nor a righteous thought.
- Israel may have been set free from the house of bondage, but they had not been set loose from the house of God.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, (whether you liked his politics or not) once stated – ***“There never has been, there isn’t now and there never will be, any race of people on the earth fit to serve as masters over their fellow men.”***

- I hope you agree with that. – But lets carry that thought forward. ***“There never has been, there isn’t now, and there never will be any race of people on earth fit to serve as masters over their own selves.”*** – JMH

- No man is fit to master other men
- No man is fit to master himself.
- Yet no man is fit to live like he has no master.

When the Lord delivered Israel from Egypt, the Lord was delivering them from the dictatorship of Pharaoh, to the Kingship of God Himself.

This morning we learn three things the Lord required of Israel AFTER He delivered them.

- He didn’t deliver them to run free – He delivered them to run faithful to Him and His Word.

Note the three things that the Lord inscribed into the future of Israel.

### I. The Memory Seared to their Hearts – vs 3a

\*Note – If there is any clear line of demarcation between the Christian work of today, and the Lost World we live in, it is whether or not the Bible is in fact historical, truthful, and accurate!

- Yesterday, is the litmus test and battle line for today!
  - As we fight Spiritual Warfare today, much of that battle is fought with us insisting that:
    - 1.) The Bible is True
    - 2.) The Bible is Real
    - 3.) All the things in it, are absolute!
  - In short, we stand on the fact that “these things happened.” – those hostile to us and this book stand and shout – “they did not!”

\*Note – This is the issue that the Lord wanted seared to the hearts of the Israelites, not for the generation that lived it; but for the generations that would follow it!

**A. The Moment of Release** – “Remember this day, in which ye came out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage...”

1.) First of all let's note the “commanded Word” that Moses uses – “Remember!”

a.) the word – “to keep in recall information or events!”

b.) Qal – (stem) - the way it is used in the Hebrew – “to recall information or events, with a focus on responding in an appropriate manner.”

\*Note – In other words, this not merely historical information – it is historical information that demands response!

*(This “remembrance” is imperative! – This is “truth” that cannot be forgotten, abandoned, or discarded.)*

2.) Remember what? – Two things

a.) Delivered When “this day” – this moment of release

\*Note -Now this will not be inscribed as just a fond memory – but this is being inscribed as a “repeated observation.”

(1.) 12:42 – “It is a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bring them out from the land of Egypt; this is that night of the Lord to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.”

\*Note – This was to serve as their “national testimony!” – On this day, the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, the LORD brought us out of Egypt. This was to be established as one of their national holidays.

b.) Delivered from What – “the house of bondage.” – literally the house of slavery.

\*Note – Now the idea is not to wallow in the past, but rather to recognize what the Lord had rescued Israel from! – “slavery to Egypt.”

*(It will not be too long from this passage that Israel will forget the bitter bondage they endured in Egypt; and will cry out to return there. – it is this reminder that the Lord wants instilled in Israel pertaining to what they were delivered from.)*

(Now let's parallel that Old Testament history with New Testament Doctrine.

- What God did in delivering Israel from Slavery to Egypt – Christ Jesus does in delivering us from “slavery to sin.”

Romans 6:16-22 – “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, **that ye were the servants of sin**, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. **Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness**. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: **for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity**; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now

ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death. **But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."**

Whether you recognize it or not -Sin treats you like a Hebrew slave! Satan plays you like the radio! The world, the flesh, and the devil, work in your life, the same way that Egyptian taskmasters drove the Hebrew children.

- Preacher, that's not true... - I haven't suffered cruelty and abuse, or forced to work against my will...
- neither did the Israelites who played along with them! Try going against the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, and see how they all respond!

(It is often very comfortable to go along with your spiritual oppressors... - Try going against them, and see how they act.)

As long as you are one of hell's hostages content to be with them, it's fairly easy. But once you want out from under it, the fight begins.

- Moses said "Remember the Moment of Release" – Remember the "manner of Rescue"

**B. The Manner of Rescue** – "for by the strength of hand the Lord brought you out from this place."

\*Note – One of the most important things to remember about the deliverance the Lord gave Israel, was not merely the fact of it – but the manner of it!

1.) "By strength of the hand of the Lord" – not by some fortuitous chain of events that happened to open the gate and let you out.

- a.) Not Coincidental.
- b.) Not Accidental.
- c.) Not Fortuitous happenings.

d.) Not by Moses clever use of events.

- But by the intentional divine strength, will, and purpose of Yahweh the God of Israel.

\*Note- Now that being said – following their deliverance from Egypt to our deliverance from sin...

- We are not saved, or delivered by some:
  - Psychological trick of the mind
  - Therapeutic act of the will
  - Religious epiphany of some greater good

Our deliverance from the house of bondage is by the sheer power of Jesus Christ, giving us a new birth, not connected to the old one! – He gives us a clean break; sets our feet on a rock and establishes our goings!

*(Preacher, I know people who have come to Jesus, and are still stuck in their prison.... Yes you do.... But that doesn't mean the cell door hasn't been opened... Just because the prison doors have been opened doesn't mean, the prisoners walk out immediately.)*

Here's the point – Had God not brought Israel out of bondage – they would have come out of bondage. Had Christ not opened prison doors to set the captives free, the prison doors would not have been opened.

- if God had not delivered – there would have been no deliverance.
- if Jesus does not save – there is no salvation!

He wants That Memory Seared to Our Hearts!

## II. The Meal Set for their Lives – vs 3b-7

\*Note – The Lord did not just tell them to Commemorate these events from now on – He told them HOW He wanted it commemorated.

**A. A Feast Established** – vs 5-6 – “And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Hivites, and the Jubusites, which he swear unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day *shall be* a feast to the LORD.”

1.) It appears that the Lord’s intention for them to begin this once they were established in the land He was taking them to.

*(which tells you that had Israel obeyed God the first time, they would have been in the land in time to observe this feast the first year. – rather than wondering around the wilderness for 40 years.)*

2.) Now here’s how all of that looked on their calendar.

- the Passover – Nissan the 14<sup>th</sup>
- the feast of Unleavened bread – began on the 15<sup>th</sup>, lasted 7 days.
- the totality of the celebration was 8 days.

\*Note – Now, we don’t get “mystic” about this; but we don’t ignore it either.

(All through the Bible the Lord associates the number 8 with “new beginnings.”

\*The 8<sup>th</sup> day, is the first day of the Next Week

\*8 Souls were on the ark with Noah

\*Jesse had 7 sons pass before Samuel and they found no king for Israel – till they came to the 8<sup>th</sup> – King David.

\*8 days of this feast – commemorated the New Beginning Israel was to enjoy having left Egypt.

\*Note – Now all of that being said, the Lord just schedule Israel’s doings Nissan the 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Every year from then on!

\*Note – Just note in verse 4 - “**This day came ye out in the month Abib.**” – Abib – or “Aviv” is the Hebrew term for “Spring” – the Month of the beginning Spring! – Which on the calendar is Nisan.

(Every year, for as long as you live, you will spend this week, this way.)

- This was one of 3 major feasts that the Lord would establish for Israel.

**B. The Figure Explained** – vs 7 – “Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.”

1.) “unleavened bread” –

- leaven is merely a source of “influence.”

- In the New Testament it is always symbolizes corruption.

2.) For the Israelites

- it was bread that didn’t get it’s rise from Egypt!

\*Note – Any fermented bread that Israel would have carried out with them, would have been bread that got its rising start in Egypt!

- a.) they were delivered in haste –
- b.) they were delivered without, and separated from, “Egyptian leaven.” –

\*Note - No bread that had it’s “rising” or “influence” in Egypt, would be carried with the children of Israel into their new life.

- In short, the bread they were feeding on, was to have NO Egyptian influence.
- they would get their strength from the Lamb supplied by God, not the bread that rose from Egypt.
- they wouldn’t get sustenance from Egypt.
- they wouldn’t get “life” from Egypt.

*(But how does that harmonize with the fact that Israel got great amounts of valuables and jewels from Egypt on their way out?)*

*- The Lord had Israel get their “wealth” from Egypt; but not their “health” from Egypt.*

- Wealth is something that passes from person to person, as granted by God.*
- Health and life, never come from sin, satan, or society.)*

This meal that God set for their lives, was a reminder that they had new life coming out of bondage that did not come from Egypt, but that it came from God. – The Lord established that for Israel to never forget!

The Memory Seared to their Heart  
The Meal Set For their Lives

### III. The Message Sent through the Years – vs 8-10

\*Note – The Lord gives the reasoning behind it all. That this message of God delivering Israel is to be a Permanent message. Living and Breathing in every generation.

- Now listen – we cannot overstate this! – It is not merely that Israel was delivered it was HOW they were delivered. – It is not just that You are Saved – but HOW you were saved!

- The Glory is always in the Rescuer, not the Rescue
- The Glory always goes to the Savior, not to those who are Saved!

Two things for sure that stand out here; The message is sent through the family!

**A. In the Family** – “And thou shalt shew thy son in that day...”

- 1.) it is to be Shown to your children. – And your Children are to accept it from their parents.

(We lose generations for two reasons:

- Parent who will not “indoctrinate” their children.
- Children who will not be “indoctrinated” by their parents.

The idea that parents are to “let their children find their own way” is in the first verse of hell’s fight song. This way of God is not “my way,” but you find yours – it is THE way, and there are no others!

2.) True History was to be handed down from generation to generation to generation to generation.

- Parents – You are to teach your children History
  - God made the earth in six days by speaking it into existence. – (any school district in the nation that says other-wise is dead flat wrong.)
  - The Bible is fixed Word of God, unaccommodating of cultures, generations, or man's opinions.
  - Jesus Christ was born, lived, died for our sins, and rose again the third day.

Moses said, - "Shew thy son." This Message is to run through the Family!

**B. For the Faith** – *"This is done because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. And it shall be a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD's law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt."*

- 1.) He lists three areas that this truth, this history, this reality is to be ingrained in you.
  - a.) A sign upon thine hand
  - b.) Memorial between thine eyes
  - c.) Law within thy mouth

\*Note – It is here where orthodox Jews wear phylacteries and tefillin.

- Phylacteries are the little boxes that are worn on their heads.
- Tefillin – are the leather straps with small boxes worn around their arms and wrists.

- The idea is that this feast is a reminder of both the Law of God and the Life of God. While the Jews take this literal, most scholars believe that the idea is this...

- the law of God, the Life of God is to be without distraction in the work of your hands, the thoughts of your mind, and the words of your mouth!
- All that God did for Israel was to be ingrained in their "Work, their Will, and their Words!"

- They were not free to be set loose – they were set free to bring glory to the God of Life and the God of Love and the God of Law!

- This was to be In the Family – For the Faith – and Throughout the Future -

**C. Throughout the Future** – *"Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in his season from year to year."*

This deliverance from Egypt was to be seared to the heart and mind of the Jews, individually, and nationally, until all the saved are in heaven and all the lost are in hell.

- This memory was not just intended for the generation that lived it. – This memory was intended to be cherished for the rest of time, like it happened yesterday.

Conclusion:

- Some of you may have forgotten why you were saved! You were set free – but you were not set loose! You were set free from the one who would abuse you for his evil pleasure – to serve the One who would Use you for your good and God's glory!