

Exodus 12:1-14

The passover

12:1The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt,

12:2"This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you.

12:3Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household.

12:4If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

12:5Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

12:6You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight.

12:7They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

12:8They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

12:9Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs.

12:10You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire.

12:11This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD.

12:12I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

12:13The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

12:14"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalms 149

Sing praise in the congregation

149:1Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

149:2Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

149:3Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

149:4For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

149:5Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches.

149:6Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

149:7to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples,

149:8to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,

149:9to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!

Romans 13:8-14

Live honorably as in the day

13:8Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

13:9The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

13:10Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

13:11Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

13:12the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

13:13let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

13:14Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20

Reconciliation in the community of faith

18:15"If your brother and sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one.

18:16But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

18:17If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.

18:18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

18:19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

18:20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."