Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare

Week 5 – Saturday

Exo. 10:8-10

Exo. 19:4-6 – Footnotes 4^1 . 5^1 , 6^1

Later God sent Moses and Aaron to tell Pharoah, "Let my people go" and they had rounds of conflict. Then Exodus 10, verses 8 to 10 say, "So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh, and he said to them, Go, serve Jehovah your God. But who exactly are going? And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old; we will go with our sons and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds, for we must hold Jehovah's feast. And he said to them, Let Jehovah indeed be with you if I ever let you go with your little ones as well." Pharoah was saying, "OK, you go worship Jehovah, but I will never let your children go!" This is showing us Satan's attitude toward our little ones. If we apply the Passover lamb as Jesus, if we apply the manna as Him as our supply, if we apply the Red Sea as baptism, we have to apply this too. Do you see the attitude? Why does Satan fear the little ones? Because they are like the arrows, especially at the end of the age these little ones could be the ones to bring the Lord back.

Exodus chapter 12 talks about the Passover. "And you shall observe this matter as a statute for you and for your sons in perpetuity. And when you come to the land which Jehovah will give you, as He has promised, you shall observe this service. And when your children say to you, What does this service mean to you? You shall say, It is the passover sacrifice to Jehovah, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He smote the Egyptians and delivered our houses. And the people bowed and worshipped" (vv. 24-27). I want to point out that on the evening of the passover, a lamb was slain in every home. Slaying the lamb and applying the blood was the function of whom in the Old Testament? That is what priests do. Do you realize that on the might of the passover there were priests in every home? Who were the priests? The parents.

Later God expresses His desire saying that He brought them on eagles' wings to be a kingdom of priests (19:4-6), but Israel lost this privilege by worshipping the golden calf in Exodus 32. Because of that, only one tribe, the Levites who came and answered Moses call, could be priests. I would say that the closest God ever got to having a kingdom of priests was on the night of the passover. But who were the priests? The parents. We cannot depend on the church for the raising of our children. The church can help and will help, but the first responsibility is with all of us as the parents. We should be those who bring our children to salvation, or at least have the desire to bring our children to salvation.

Exodus 12:26 says, "And when your children say to you, What does this service mean to you?" The children of Israel were to speak about the passover to their children in perpetuity, year after year. In years to come there would certainly be a generation that was not born yet when they crossed the Red Sea. So they would not know about coming out of Egypt; they were born in the good land. They might have heard of their grandparents coming out of Egypt but now they see their parents slaying another lamb. Don't you think that some of the children would ask, "Daddy, what are you doing? What does this mean?" When they ask, does it say, "You shall take your children to children's meeting and they will explain everything to them"? Of course, it does not say that. "You will invite sister Miriam to give a lesson to all the children." It doesn't say that. What does it say? "You shall say...." The charge to every parent is to be a priest, a prophet, and a teacher. That is our job, our function for our children.