

Welcome to the church of Christ at Alisal

Sermon for the Lord's Day
**"Lessons From Habakkuk,
Zephaniah, & Haggai"**



Welcome Brothers and Sisters!

Charles Barry will lead our **Bible Class** and **Kerry Johnson** will lead us in **Song**, **Paul** is with us to present the **Lesson**. may

God bless their efforts!

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~ **Happy Lord's Day** ~

*Our Lord's Day
Plan...*

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:5

We are praying for you!

George and Cindy Brown- for George- he is now home and recuperating.

Rosemarie Johnson- for increased doctors care for pain management.

All people outside the Body of Christ - for them to hear of the saving power of Christ.

The church worldwide - for all of us adding to our faith, virtue.

Mark your Calendar - Second Saturday Breakfast at Santa Cruz February 12

"AND WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD, I WILL PASS OVER YOU"

Raymond Elliott

Before God brought the 10th plague upon Egypt, that is, the death of the firstborn in every family among the Egyptians, including the animals. He informed Moses that no harm would come to the children of Israel (Exodus, chapters 11&12). On the 10th day of the first month of Abib every man was to take a male lamb of the sheep or goats and keep it until the 14th day when it was to be slain. The men were instructed to take the blood of the animal and put some on the doorposts and the lintel of the house. Instructions were also given as to how they were to prepare the lamb for a meal in each household. Only unleavened bread was to be eaten with the meal. This was the "Lord's Passover". The Passover was to be a memorial for Israel throughout their generations.

The Lord spoke to Moses, "For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. 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" (Exodus 12:12, 13, Emphasis, mine, re). The lamb that was killed was without blemish. The blood that was placed on the doorposts and lintel of the houses assured the people of Israel that the firstborn of each family would be spared from death.

The Passover lamb of the Old Testament was a foreshadowing of Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf. In 1 Corinthians we read, "Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed." When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him, he said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). The lamb that was offered by the children of Israel was to be without blemish, so was the Lamb of God who was sacrificed on Calvary. The apostle Peter wrote in 1 Peter 1:18, 19, "knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot." As the lamb's blood was placed on the doorposts and lintel, the blood of the Lamb of God

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was shed when He was on Calvary's cross.

When Jesus was eating with His disciple during Passover, He took a cup and said, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28). John wrote in Revelation 1:6, "To Him who loves us and has released us from our sins by His blood, who has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and power forever and ever! Amen." The apostle Paul wrote in Ephesians 1:7 concerning Jesus Christ, "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...." And we know that "without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins." (Hebrews 9:22). Thank God for His infinite grace and the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

In Romans 6:3,4, we learn when we come in contact with the blood of Christ: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." It is not the water that saves us when we are immersed, rather it is the blood of Christ when we are "baptized into his death" when His precious blood was shed. It is in this sense that God 'passes over us' in the forgiveness of our sins. There was an old hymn that we used to sing in worship when I was a boy entitled, 'WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD' that contains this thought. Here are two of the stanzas and the chorus,

*"Christ, our Redeemer, died on the cross, Died for the sinner, paid all his due;
All who receive Him need never fear, Yes, He will pass, will pass over you.
O what compassion, O boundless love, Jesus hath power, Jesus is true;
All who believe are safe from the storm, O He will pass, will pass over you.
When I see the blood, When I see the blood, When I see the blood,
I will pass over you."*

- J.G.F

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Meeting Days and Times

Sunday 9:00 am

Wednesday (via Zoom) Bible Class, singing & prayer - 6:00 pm

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