/Let us begin with the sixth lecture on Exodus. / Chapter 11 is about the tenth, last plague, which is the plague of the firstborn.

/God told Moses that the Israelites would be able to leave Egypt with great favor from the Egyptians.

/Verses 1-2. / Now the LORD had said to Moses, "I will bring one more plague on Pharaoh and on Egypt. After that, he will let you go from here, and when he does, he will drive you out completely. Tell the people that men and women alike are to ask their neighbors for articles of silver and gold."

/God told Moses that there was one last plague left. / Then after that plague, Pharaoh would let the Israelites go. / Pharaoh would drive them away.

/God told Moses to tell the Israelites to ask of the Egyptians. / They were to ask the Egyptians for silver, gold, and jewelry. / They would not leave empty-handed. /This was God's command.

/Verses 3-4. / (The LORD made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and Moses himself was highly regarded in Egypt by Pharaoh's officials and by the people.) So Moses said, "This is what the LORD says: 'About midnight I will go throughout Egypt.

/God gave the Israelites great favor in the sight of the Egyptians. / Moses was regarded highly by Pharaoh and his servants. / Moses and Aaron was feared by many. / In 7:1, God told Moses that he will be like God to them.

/Why did God lift Moses high, before Pharaoh? / It was because Moses obeyed God's commands until the end. / This was because God's power and works were revealed completely.

/God will reveal the faith of anyone who believes and obeys God's word.

/Verse 4. / So Moses said, "This is what the LORD says: 'About midnight I will go throughout Egypt.

/Moses said that God will go throughout Egypt at midnight. / God's last plague will take place at night.

/Verses 5-6. / Every firstborn son in Egypt will die, from the firstborn son of Pharaoh, who sits on the throne, to the firstborn son of the slave girl, who is at her hand mill, and all the firstborn of the cattle as well. There will be loud wailing throughout Egypt-- worse than there has ever been or ever will be again.

/God said that there will be a great cry in Egypt, worse than there has ever been or ever will be again. / God gave warning that the firstborn of Pharaoh / to the firstborn of the slave girl who is at her hand mill, / will die, including the firstborn of the livestock.

/The firstborn are the strength of families. / The killing of the firstborn showed how God planned to eliminate the core power, the center of the family.

/If we compare it to a tree, it was the cutting of the root of the tree, not its branches. / God said that there will be a great cry throughout Egypt.

/Verse 7. / But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any man or animal.' Then you will know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.

/On the other hand, not a dog would bark at any of the Israelites, the people of God. / Not a single dog will bark. / God said that the Israelites would not be harmed in any way.

/Israel was God's distinguished people, the chosen people. / God said that Satan will not be able to touch God's people.

/Verses 8-10. / All these officials of yours will come to me, bowing down before me and saying, 'Go, you and all the people who follow you!' After that I will leave." Then Moses, hot with anger, left Pharaoh. The LORD had said to Moses, "Pharaoh will refuse to listen to you-- so that my wonders may be multiplied in Egypt." Moses and Aaron performed all these wonders before Pharaoh, but the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let the Israelites go out of his country.

/Moses said, "All these officials of yours will come to me, bowing down before me. After that I will leave." / Moses was angry because of the people who tried to oppose and interfere with God's work.

/There are people in this world who oppose and interfere with God's plan of salvation, the church, and the believers to the end. / First, do not be afraid of them. / Second, wait for God's compassion.

/Third, pray. / God grants us the strength to endure all troubles when we pray. / Lastly, we need wisdom /in order to endure all hardships.

/God does not want believers to become like fools. / We must overcome sufferings by gaining wisdom from God's word.

/Chapter 12, the Passover.

/Please read verses 1-2. / The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year.

/God told Moses, "This month is to be for you the first month." / We call it "January." / In the Bible, it is called the month of Aviv / or the month of Nisan.

/It refers to the beginning of everything and the renewing of God's works. / It means that a new road of life, a road of salvation will open. / Believers will have new beginnings.

/Verses 3-4. / Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat.

/Moses was told to take a lamb. / "Take" meant to eat the lamb. / If the household was too small for it, it was to be shared with their neighbors.

/All the Israelites were to take the lamb and count the number of lambs according to the number of people. / The lamb was to be without blemish and it was to be a year old and a male.

/They were also allowed to take sheep or goats. / They were to keep it until the fourteenth day of the month, and were to eat it at sunset. / The Passover began from the fourteenth day.

/In 1 Corinthians 5:7, the Lamb of Passover / symbolizes Jesus Christ.

/The Lamb of Passover symbolizes Christ's death for us.

/Then after they took the blood of either a goat or a sheep, / the Israelites were to put it on the sides and tops of the door frames of the houses where they are the lambs.

/Verses 7-8. / Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast.

/What was the meaning of this? / It was about atonement of sins through the blood of Jesus Christ. / This is called redemption. / Redemption is about / receiving forgiveness through the blood of Jesus Christ.

/Hebrews 9:22 / tells us that there is no forgiveness of sins without the shedding of blood. / We should die because of our sins, but Jesus died in our place. / We call this "grace."

/The Israelites were to eat it with bitter herbs. / They were to eat it so that they would remember the sufferings they endured in Egypt. / It also means that we must take up the cross and follow Jesus. / Each of us believers have our own cross.

/There is no one without his own cross. / We must take it and follow Jesus every day. / A believer does not follow Jesus if he does not carry his cross every day.

/Galatians 3:1-4 / tells us that there will be sufferings when we live by faith. / In Luke 9:23, / Jesus called people to take up the cross every day.

/We must not take up other people's crosses, but take up our own / In 1 Peter 4:12-13, / Paul said that there are fiery ordeals. / There are fiery ordeals that tempt the church and the believers.

/In Job 23:10, it is called the fire that tests. / It is as if iron is put in the furnace and continuously hit. / This would make the iron harder. / It would come forth as gold.

/It would be pure gold that has no impurities in it. / All our greed must leave us. / We must completely deny ourselves. /Then we can completely carry the cross.

/The Israelites were to remember Jesus as they thought about the lamb. / They were to remember Christ as they ate the lamb.

/Verses 9-10. / Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire-- head, legs and inner parts. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.

/They were not to eat any of the meat raw or cooked in water when they ate it. / They were to roast and eat its head, legs, and inner parts. / This signifies how Jesus Christ will receive sufferings like fire.

/We believers must be completely devoted to God, both in heart and body. / God rebuked the people in Isaiah 29:13, "These people...honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

/When they are the goat or lamb, it was not to be left till morning. /All the leftovers were to be burned.

/The leftovers could rot and become infested with worms. / This means that God's churches / and believers must maintain their holiness.

/Verse 11. / This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the LORD's Passover.

/They were to prepare some things while they ate it. / They were to tuck their cloaks into their belts and put on their sandals. / They were to have their staffs in their hands, and they were to eat it in haste. / They were to be prepared to leave as soon as God commanded.

/In Matthew chapter 25, / the ten virgins were told to prepare lamps. / They waited for the bridegroom. / However, five of them were foolish. / The night grew deep.

/In Israel, wedding ceremonies were held at night. / The bridegroom came to his bride late at night. / Everyone waited for the bridegroom. / The night grew deep.

/The Second Coming of Jesus is near, / and the night is getting deeper. / Both the foolish / and wise believers will fall asleep. / This is because the sufferings will be too great.

/Then suddenly the bridegroom arrived and the call to receive the bridegroom was heard. / Everyone went up, surprised, and went to receive the bridegroom. / Then what happened?

/There was no oil left for the five foolish virgins to light their lamps. / The wise believers prepared the oil. / To prepare oil for the lamp / means to be ready with faith for sufferings.

/We must be believers with abilities. / We must have faith. / We must have faith to obey God's words even in the midst of sufferings.

/Verses 12-13. / "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn-both men and animals-- and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

/God gave warning that he would punish all the Egyptians and their gods. / No one will be able to escape it. / However, the plague will not be upon God's people, the Israelites.

/God said that his plague would pass over the houses with blood on the door frames. / God's judgment does not fall on the believers who have the blood of Christ.

/Revelation 7:3 says there are seals on the foreheads of God's servants. / This seal is not seen with the physical eye. / Those with seals on their foreheads are those who believe in Jesus.

/Verse 14. / "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD-- a lasting ordinance.

/God said that the fourteenth day of the first month will be the Passover. / The Israelites will keep it as a festival forever, throughout generations.

/The Passover is similar to Christmas of today's time. / It is a great feast. / Believing in Jesus is the same as participating in the Passover.

/Verses 15-16. / For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel. On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat-that is all you may do.

/The fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover. / After that, the Feast of Unleavened Bread lasted for seven days. / This is a feast where the Israelites eat unfermented and unleavened bread. / There must not be any yeast in the bread.

/God said that he would cut off anybody who ate bread with yeast. / The yeast symbolizes sin. / In 1 Corinthians 5:11, it tells us to rebuke sins when it enters.

/Also in 1 Corinthians 5:13, it says to remove anyone who does not repent of his sins until the end. / The entire feast, from the Passover to the Feast of Unleavened Bread, lasted for eight days. / The fourteenth day of the first month was the Passover, / and for seven days, the people celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

/It says that the first day of the Passover and the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread was like the holy Sabbath Day. /Thus, the people were not to do any work. /They were to rest as if it was the Sabbath.

/Verses 17-20. / "Celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, because it was on this very day that I brought your divisions out of Egypt. Celebrate this day as a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. In the first month you are to eat bread made without yeast, from the evening of the fourteenth day until the evening of the twenty-first day. For seven days no yeast is to be found in your houses. And whoever eats anything with yeast in it must be cut off from the community of Israel, whether he is an alien or native-born. Eat nothing made with yeast. Wherever you live, you must eat unleavened bread."

/God spoke once again about the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

/Verses 21-22. / Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning.

/Moses called all the elders of Israel and commanded the following. / "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans." / They were to eat it, / but a bunch of hyssop was to be dipped into the blood in the basin.

/Then they were to put it on the top and sides of the door frames. / Moses warned that no one was to go out of his house until the morning. / Those who obeyed would live, those who did not would die. / Light falls upon those who obey God's commands, / and darkness falls upon the disobedient.

/Verses 23-25. / When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down. "Obey these instructions as a lasting ordinance for you and your descendants. When you enter the land that the LORD will give you as he promised, observe this ceremony.

/When God passed through the Egyptians to strike them, / he was going to pass over the houses whose door frames were painted with blood. / God would not strike them.

/There is no harm on those who believe in the blood of redemption of Jesus Christ. /They were to observe this ceremony forever.

/Verses 26-28. / And when your children ask you, 'What does this ceremony mean to you?' then tell them, 'It is the Passover sacrifice to the LORD, who passed over the houses of the Israelites in Egypt and spared our homes when he struck down the Egyptians.'" Then the people bowed down and worshiped. The Israelites did just what the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.

/The Israelites were told to teach their children everything about the Passover. /Moses told the elders all these things, and then they bowed down and worshiped God.

/Then they obeyed everything God commanded Moses, Aaron, and the Israelites.

/Verses 29-30. / At midnight the LORD struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh, who sat on the throne, to the firstborn of the prisoner, who was in the dungeon, and the firstborn of all the livestock as well. Pharaoh and all his officials and all the Egyptians got up during the night, and there was loud wailing in Egypt, for there was not a house without someone dead.

/God's plague came that night. / From the firstborn of Pharaoh to the firstborn of the prisoner, as well as to the firstborn of the livestock, the plague fell on them. / God's judgment is terrifying.

/Nothing can stop God's judgment once it begins. / Not a single household in Egypt was able to escape the plague of God.

/It says in Hebrews 10:31, / "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." /To fall into God's hands means to receive God's plague.

/Why then do such plagues come upon believers? / Believers will not receive the judgment of hell. / However, God rebukes believers when they do not obey. /Believers will be disciplined.

/A father does not kill his son just because the boy does something wrong. / A father whips or disciplines the child instead.

/In Job chapter 5, it says that those who are disciplined by God are blessed. / We receive blessings when we repent right after we are disciplined. / Should a son run away from home just because he was whipped by his father?

/If he does, he is a fool. / It is a blessing to repent and stand upright /after being disciplined by God. /There is no need to be disheartened.

/Verses 31-32. / During the night Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron and said, "Up! Leave my people, you and the Israelites! Go, worship the LORD as you have requested. Take your flocks and herds, as you have said, and go. And also bless me."

/Pharaoh called Moses by night. / He told Moses to leave immediately. / Pharaoh told Moses to take his flocks and herds and go. / The Egyptians also asked Moses to leave quickly.

/It was frightening to them that the Israelites were in Egypt. / The Israelites then hurried and left Egypt.

/Verses 34-36. / So the people took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. The Israelites did as Moses instructed and asked the Egyptians for articles of silver and gold and for clothing. The LORD had made the Egyptians favorably disposed toward the people, and they gave them what they asked for; so they plundered the Egyptians.

/The Israelites took their dough before the yeast was added, and carried it on their shoulders in kneading troughs wrapped in clothing. / They asked the Egyptians for silver and gold just as Moses instructed them.

/The Egyptians gave the Israelites expensive things. /They did not think twice in giving it to them. / They just wanted the Israelites to leave.

/Verses 37-39. / The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth. There were about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides women and children. Many other people went up with them, as well as large droves of livestock, both flocks and herds. With the dough they had brought from Egypt, they baked cakes of unleavened bread. The dough was without yeast because they had been driven out of Egypt and did not have time to prepare food for themselves.

/The Israelites began their journey from the land of Goshen, from Rameses. / The men numbered six hundred thousand, besides women and children. / A great number of herds and flocks went with them.

/Since they left Egypt in a hurry, they were not able to prepare food to eat. / They baked the unleavened bread.

/Verses 40-42. / Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years. At the end of the 430 years, to the very day, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt. Because the LORD kept vigil that night to bring them out of Egypt, on this night all the Israelites are to keep vigil to honor the LORD for the generations to come.

/It says that the time that the Israelites lived in Egypt was 430 years. / In Acts 7:6, it is 400

years. / In Galatians 3:17, it is 430 years.

/400 years is an approximation, while 430 years is a specific time. / At the end of the 430th year, all the LORD's divisions left Egypt. /We all are divisions of the LORD.

/We all are God's elite troops. / We are not constrained by our lifestyles. / We obey as we are commanded. / We move forward even in fear. / 2 Timothy 2:15.

/This night was the fourteenth day of the first month. / The verse says it was the night of the LORD. / It was the night God's great work was manifested. / All the firstborn of the Egyptians died, / God's people found liberation.

/Verses 43-44. / The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "These are the regulations for the Passover: "No foreigner is to eat of it. Any slave you have bought may eat of it after you have circumcised him,

/In the ceremony of the Passover, / only the circumcised were allowed to participate. / Circumcision in today's sense refers to belief in Jesus. / In verse 45, it says that no temporary resident or hired worker may eat of it.

/Verses 46-47. / "It must be eaten inside one house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones. The whole community of Israel must celebrate it.

/They were not to eat the lambs and goats outside the house. / God's salvation is given only to those who believe in Jesus. / The Lord did not shed His blood for all mankind.

/God's grace of salvation is limited. / Also, man cannot deny God's grace. / God saves his chosen people no matter what. / The Israelites were told not to break any of the bones of the animals.

/This meant that when Jesus was crucified on the cross, His bones would not be broken. / When Jesus was crucified on the cross, His bones were not broken. Instead, He was pierced at His side with a spear.

/Verses 48-49. / "An alien living among you who wants to celebrate the LORD's Passover must have all the males in his household circumcised; then he may take part like one born in the land.

No uncircumcised male may eat of it. The same law applies to the native-born and to the alien living among you."

/An alien / was allowed to celebrate the Passover if he was circumcised. /Circumcision in today's sense is faith in Jesus. / It also refers to getting rid of fleshly desires.

/It also means to belong to God. / It also means to be God's people. /It also means to participate in the covenant of Abraham.

/Verses 50-51. / All the Israelites did just what the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron. And on that very day the LORD brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.

/All the Israelites obeyed as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron. / God brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.

/The Israelites who left Egypt are like the church today. /We call church, "Ecclesia."

/"Ecclesia" is an assembly of chosen people. / The church is the assembly of God's chosen people in the world. / Although we live in this world, we are distinguished from the world.

/With this we will conclude the sixth lecture on Exodus. /Thank you.