

# Exodus 12:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, 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 the head and worshipped.

## Analysis

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The prescribed answer, 'It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover,' identifies the core meaning. The rehearsal of history—'passed over...when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses'—makes past events present reality. The people's response, 'bowed the head and worshipped,' demonstrates that understanding God's redemption leads to humble adoration. Faith recognizes God's distinguishing grace that spared them while judging Egypt.

## Historical Context

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This explanation became the liturgical foundation for the Passover seder. The worshipful response models how proper instruction should lead to heartfelt devotion.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does rehearsing God's redemption in Christ move you from intellectual knowledge to worshipful adoration?
2. What does 'delivered our houses' teach about God's salvation extending to families, not merely individuals?

## Interlinear Text

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| That ye shall say | It is the sacrifice |            | passover |                 |          | of the LORD'S |        |
| H559              | H2077               |            | H6453    |                 |          | H3068         | H834   |
| who passed        | H5921               | our houses | H1004    | of the children | H1121    | of Israel     | H3478  |
| H6452             |                     |            |          |                 |          | in Egypt      | H4714  |
| when he smote     | H853                | in Egypt   | H4714    | את              | מִצְבֵּה | בְּתַת יְהוָה |        |
| H5062             |                     |            |          | את              | מִצְבֵּה | בְּתַת יְהוָה |        |
| And the people    | H5971               |            |          | בְּתַת יְהוָה   | הָצַא    | וְלֹא         | Ti. 12 |
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|                   |                     |            |          |                 |          | מִצְבֵּה      |        |
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 4:31** (Worship): And the people believed: and when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

**Exodus 12:11** (References Lord): And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S passover.

**Exodus 12:23** (References Lord): For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

**1 Corinthians 5:7** (Sacrifice): Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:

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