

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

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

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

Related Passages

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

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

וַאֲמַרְתָּ ׀	זֶבַח	פֶּסַח	הָוָא	לִיהוָה	אֲשֶׁר
That ye shall say	It is the sacrifice	passover	H1931	of the LORD'S	H834
H559	H2077	H6453		H3068	
פֶּסַח	עַל	בֵּית יִינוּ	בְּנֵי	יִשְׂרָאֵל	מִצְרַיִם
who passed	H5921	our houses	of the children	of Israel	in Egypt
H6452		H1004	H1121	H3478	H4714
בְּנִגְפוֹ ׀	אֶת	מִצְרַיִם	וְאֶת	בֵּית יִינוּ	הֵצִיל
when he smote	H853	in Egypt	H853	our houses	and delivered
H5062		H4714		H1004	H5337
וְהָעָם	וַיִּשְׁתַּחֲוּ:				
And the people	and worshipped				
H5971	H7812				

Additional Cross-References

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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