

# Exodus 13:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

## Analysis

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The immediate command following exodus to 'Sanctify unto me all the firstborn' establishes the principle that redemption creates ownership. The Hebrew 'qadesh' (קָדֵשׁ) means to set apart, consecrate as holy. Because God spared Israel's firstborn while judging Egypt's, they now belong to Him by right of redemption. This principle extends to all believers—'ye are bought with a price' (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

## Historical Context

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This command was given during the exodus journey, likely at Succoth (Exodus 12:37). It establishes a perpetual memorial to the tenth plague and God's saving act.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's redemptive death establish His ownership over your entire life, not just your 'spiritual' moments?

2. What does consecrating the firstborn teach about giving God the first and best rather than leftovers?

## Interlinear Text

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