**Moses a man who heard from God – Ex. 13**

**Focal Truth: God leads His people to remember His works, dedicate their firstborn to Him & follow His leadership**

**Observations**

1. **Dedication of the firstborn of man & beast to the Lord – 13:1-2**
2. Dedicate firstborn of man & beast to the Lord
3. Dedicate firstborn of man & beast recognizing that all births are from God
4. Dedicate firstborn of man & beast recognizing that all births belong to God
5. **Remember the salvation of the Lord from Egypt by continued observance of the feast of unleavened in the land of Canaan - 13:3 -10**
6. Remember – keep in your mind the day you went out of Egypt – 3
7. Remember – keep in your mind the day you were delivered from slavery – 3
8. Remember – keep in your mind the power of God that saved you from Egypt – 3
9. Remember – keep in your mind the provision of God as He saved you – 3
10. **The lessons of the feast of unleavened bread for the next generation – 13:3-10**
11. When God leads you to the land of promise – based on oath you continue to observe the feast of unleavened bread – 4 – 7
12. The lesson of the feast for the generations to come is the salvation of God from Egypt – 13:8 **“it is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt”**
13. **The teaching sign of the hand & head – 13:9-10**
14. The father teaches the son that the feast of unleavened bread is reminding them of what God has done for His people in saving them from Egypt
15. A sign on hand & head is a reminder that God’s law may be in your mouth – for God delivered Israel with a powerful hand from Egypt - 9
16. When you tie something to your hand or wrap something to your head it is an act of remembrance – this is what a father says to a son – it is not a literal act as the Jews later developed
17. **Devoting the first born of males of man & beast to the Lord in the promised land – 13:11 -12**
18. All first born of all males are to be devoted to the Lord
19. All first born males belong to the Lord
20. **The sacrifice for first born donkey or death of the donkey – 13:13**
21. There must be sacrifice for all firstborn unclean animals – Num. 18:15
22. The donkey is of great value for work yet it must be redeemed
23. Every firstborn male must be redeemed – Num. 3:46 – for the ransom of the 273 of the firstborn of the sons of Israel who are beyond the Levites, you shall take five shekels apiece, per head you shall take them in terms of the shekel of the sanctuary and give the money for the ransom of those who are in excess among them…

Num. 18:16 – as to their redemption price, from a month old you shall redeem them…

1. **The lesson of the sacrifice for the firstborn donkey or death of the donkey 13:14 -15**
2. The Lord killed the firstborn of Egypt when Pharoah refused to let Israel go from Egypt
3. I sacrifice to the Lord the males the first offspring to the Lord
4. I redeem every firstborn son
5. ``Thirty days being expired after the birth of the child, they call a priest to them; that is to say, one that is descended of the stock of Aaron, whom the father of the child chooses; and so, many people being gathered together at the time appointed, the father of the child bringeth before the priest, in a bowl or basin, a good quantity of gold and silver, and then they give him the child into his arms; the priest then calling the mother of it before him, says to her, mistress, is this your son? she answers, yes; then, he replies, have you never had any child before, either male or female, or have miscarried anyone? she says to him, no; then the priest says, this child is mine, as being the firstborn; then turning himself toward the father, he asks him, whether he will redeem it or not? who answers him, saying, see, here is gold and silver, take your own price; then says the priest unto him, you will redeem it then? the father answers, I will redeem it; it shall be so then, says the priest, this child is mine as being the firstborn, as it is written, ( [Numbers 18:16](http://www.biblestudytools.com/numbers/18-16.html) ) . I therefore take this in exchange and so he takes the sum of two French crowns, or thereabout, as he thinks good, and then delivers the child to his father and mother, and this day they make a feasting day.'' Leo Moderna – the History of the Jews
6. **The teaching of the redemption of the firstborn males – 13:16**
7. To remind future generations like things tied to hand & head God delivered Israel with a strong hand from Egypt
8. **God’s path out of Egypt – 13:17 -20**
9. God did not take them the short way to the land of promise because God knew that Israel would be afraid of war with the Philistines & it would hinder them from going to the promised land
10. God knew that that Israel was unarmed and not a warlike people
11. God knew that this fear would cause Israel to want to return to Egypt
12. God had secret plans of revealing His glory in salvation at the Red Sea
13. God knows what lies in the path which He leads us to follow
14. Moses brings the bones of Joseph – Gen. 50:24 – 25 – Joseph said to his brothers, I am about to die, but God will surely take care of you and bring you up from this land to the land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob, then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear, God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here.
15. **The continued presence of God in leading Israel out of Egypt – 13:21 – 22**
16. God was going before them as they entered the wilderness to lead them on their way to the promise land
17. God lead them by cloud and fire that they might travel night and day
18. God never took away the pillar of cloud and fire – He was always ahead of them, among them & behind them!

Ex. 15:13 – in Your lovingkindness you have led the people whom you redeemed, in Your strength you have guided them to Your holy habitation

Ps. 106:9 – He led them through the deeps, as through the wilderness

Ps. 107:7 – He led them also by a straight way

Gal. 5:18 – if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law

Rom. 8:14 – for all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God