

**“DEDICATING THINGS TO GOD”  
EXODUS: 13:11-16**

**I THE SANCTIFICATION OF THE FIRSTBORN (13:11-16)**

**A. THE FIRSTBORN OF MAN AND BEAST ARE TO BE GIVEN TO GOD (11-12)**

1. This is a command for the future (11)
  - a. Sanctified = set apart
  - b. A distinction is made between clean and unclean animals (13)
2. Redeem = set free by payment of a price
3. Our redemption was through the blood of Christ

**II TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WELL (14-16)**

**A. THE PASSOVER CELEBRATION & RITE OF THE FIRSTBORN WERE CATECHISM LESSONS**

1. Parents have the responsibility of instructing their children
    - a. Who God is
    - b. What God has done
  2. The goal = living a life pleasing to God
  3. There is value to religious ritual
- B. SPIRITUAL TRUTH MUST BE RECEIVED AND KEPT IN THE HEART (16)**
1. Attention to spiritual truths can turn into dead formalism and hypocrisy (Matthew 23:1-7)