

Exodus 12:29-33
Death in the Night

At midnight ...

- I. YHWH's Destroyer at the Door
 - A. The Firstborn Stricken

 - B. From Palace to Prison
- II. The Horrors Hit Home
 - A. The Heart of the Heartless

 - B. GO! And Bless Me
- III. Processing the Scenario
 - A. Sovereign Justice

 - B. The Biggest Picture

... covered by mercy.

Children, Listen ...

1. How were homes in which no one died different from those in which the firstborn died?

2. It is here do imagine how horrible this was for the Egyptians, but does God ever do anything wrong?

3. How does the blood of the Passover lamb remind us of Jesus?

Under the Sign

God instructed the people to apply the blood of Passover lambs over the doorposts of their houses. The people were forewarned that whoever did not comply would experience the heart wrenching loss of the firstborn of their households. The distinguishing sign of blood would make all the difference. But let's be clear, the sign was not for God, it was for the people as clearly stated in 12:13. God did not need that, the people did. They needed to understand that being spared the ravages of "the destroyer." The Lord would indeed "see" the blood and distinguish between households, but the people needed to literally see that the only way they would be passed over by death is by being covered by the blood. This "sign" was a vivid indicator that pointed to the Savior Jesus Who would shed His blood to save us. Only those "covered by the blood of Jesus" though faith, are spared death. People need to see that! But blood in song? What an odd thing to sing about blood, but considering the preciousness of Christ's, no wonder so many hymns and songs mention it. I'm sure you can think of many. How utterly humbling to be under the sovereign grace of God and covered by the blood of Christ. Our voices join so easily with Charles Wesley's perplexity "And can I be that I should gain and int'rest in the Saviors blood?"