

THE BLOODY EXODUS OF THE UNDOMESTICATED GOD

Exodus 4:18-26 // November 17, 2024 AM

I. Israel's *Lord foretells* their exodus through the firstborn's blood (vv. 18-23).

II. Israel's *leader foreshadows* their exodus through the firstborn's blood (vv. 24-26).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What does it mean to domesticate God, and why do we try to do it in our sin?
2. Along with stripping Moses, what else do we learn in v. 19 that God was doing during his 40 years in the wilderness? What does this teach us about God's work in our lives (and particularly His delays)?
3. God tells Moses that Pharaoh's heart will be hardened so that he doesn't let Israel go? Will Pharaoh harden his own heart or will God harden it? How do we understand this?
4. When God refers to Israel as His "firstborn son" how does this point back to Adam and forward to Christ? What does it teach us about God's relationship with Israel?
5. Why does God seek to put Moses to death?
6. How does Zipporah save him from death, and what does this teach us about Moses?
7. Is Moses saved by his son's blood? Will Israel be saved by the blood of the Passover lamb? Since we all deserve death for our sin, where can we find blood that is able to truly save us?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I desire a tame God and find myself blushing before accounts like this one? How does this story challenge me to let God be God?
2. How is the illustration of C. S. Lewis and the White Witch helpful in understanding how God can will sin without Himself committing sin? How does it fall short?
3. Have I applied the blood of Christ to my sinful heart through Spirit-worked faith, and am I enjoying the freedom of the children of God in Him?