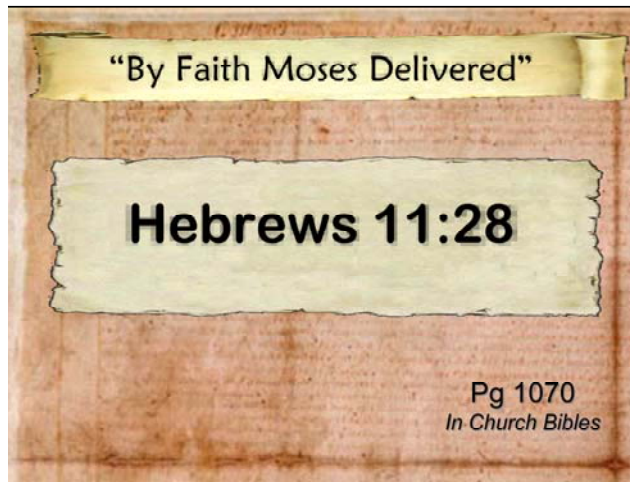




## Open to Hebrews 11:28

Continuing our study in Hebrews – verse by verse

May God be glorified in His Word!



## Big doors Swing on little hinges.

**There is a great a deal of truth in this saying**

- Large changes in life – happen often suddenly
- These changes are like little hinges, change everything

**True for lives....true for history as a whole**

- Today we want to look at such a “hinge”
- One that would shape things for an entire nation
- Yet...it foreshadows an event, a hinge far more key

**First...just a little bit of background....**

## Faith is

- Response to God, to His Word
- It is to Hear  
to Trust  
to Obey

### **Hebrews 11...is a chapter about Faith**

- It is a chapter about Faith, what faith is
- Lets begin with a simple definition of what faith is

### **Faith is a Response to God, His Word**

- Faith is not a creative force – doesn't cause things
- Faith is to Hear, Trust and Obey

### **I think that is a good definition – still difficult to grasp**

- That is one reason God has given us this chapter
- In this chapter we see faith in 3d – looks like in life

Today, God is calling us to see how faith worked in Moses

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By Faith Moses' Parents...(v.23)

By Faith Moses Chose (v.24-26)

- God and God's people over Egypt
- At End of the 1<sup>st</sup> 40 years of his life

By Faith Moses Endured (v.27)

- Holding fast to God, seeing Him
- Covering 2nd 40 years of his life

By Faith Moses Delivered (v.28)

- Rescues Israel from Egypt
- Covers the last 40 years of life

### **Moses Faith**

- Actually this is our 3<sup>rd</sup> and final study on Moses' faith

### **By Faith Moses' Parents**

- Story of faith in Moses, began with Parents saving him
- Quite a providential birth

### **By Faith Moses Chose**

- Saw this radical and wonderful choice – life change
- Chose God, eternal treasure over sins passing pleasures
- Brings to a close the 1<sup>st</sup> 40 years of his life

### **By Faith Moses Endured**

- Didn't immediately go "perfect" for Moses
- Ran to Midian, desert, lived for 40 years (last week)
- Key was he endured – seeing God in midst
- God forming deep things in Moses for future
- Covers the 2<sup>nd</sup> 40 years of Moses life

### **By Faith Moses Delivered**

- Where we are today – seeing Moses used by God to rescue Israel from Egypt...
- This is the last 40 years of his life

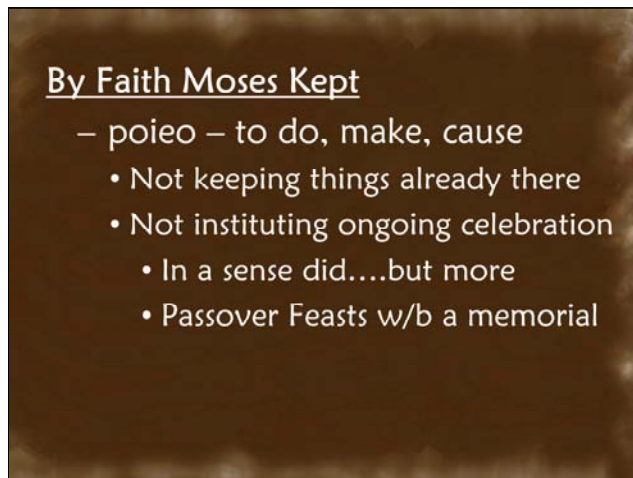
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#### When we left Moses last week – he was in desert

- At the end of that 40 years, at 80– burning bush
- Called to go to Egypt and rescue the people from Egypt
- Exactly what he does.
- By God's guidance – presented 10 plagues
- As rejoin the story here in Heb – 9 plagues taken place
  - If you want the full story – read Ex 3-10
- Now we come to the final...and the effective plague
  - Death of the firstborn...
  - But more... the Passover

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This brings us to our verse in Heb 11:28

#### Notice – what Moses did...he kept

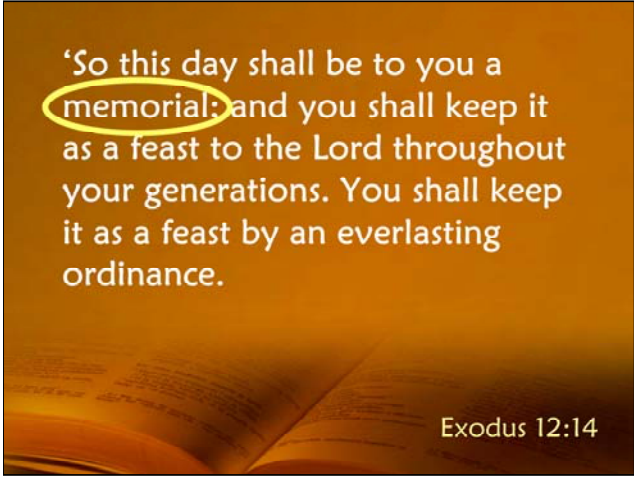
- This is the verb, this is the action...yet difficult to understand, difficult to translate

Greek Word is Poieo – most often translated do, make

The question is what does it mean here....why is it translated "kept"

- Doesn't refer to an ongoing situation, keeping
  - Like "keeping the faith", Keeping the feasts, used that way it would mean maintaining, holding to
- Doesn't mean he instituted this...or began
  - Honestly, that is how at least 1 translation puts it
  - True...talking about the Passover. True, that in a way, he is instituting a yearly celebration
  - But the key is...so much more
  - From this point – the Passover celebrations, held yearly – would look back to this time – which is the actually Passover.
  - The celebrations would be memorials
    - (Next slide says it specifically this way)

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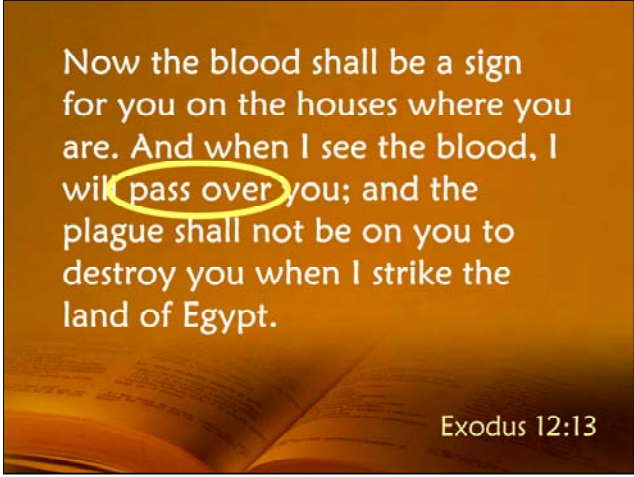


'So this day shall be to you a memorial: and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

Exodus 12:14

The Passover celebrations that would start one year from this point in Moses life....held ever year – would be memorials

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Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

Exodus 12:13

The Passover...is literally a pass over, death passed over them...

It is a literal event - real

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### By Faith Moses Kept

- poieo – to do, make, cause
- Not keeping things already there
- Not instituting ongoing celebration
  - In a sense did....but more
  - Passover Feasts w/b a memorial
- Moses DID the Passover....
  - Perfect Tense

So again, the Passover celebrations, every year held by the Jews – and wonderfully so – are memorials

- We know what memorials are – remembrances
- Not the actual thing – but remembering actual thing

What Hebrews 11:28 is talking about is not the memorial, but the actual real event...

Hang with me – thinking caps on, lights on....

•As God describes this here...uses a wonderful tense in the Greek language. Hard to put into English

•But with a Strong's concordance, (computer program) discover that the tense here is "perfect"

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- Moses DID the Passover....
  - Perfect Tense - completed in the past, once and for all, not needing to be repeated with an abiding effect

Perfect tense – is a verbal tense that speaks of a completed action – in the past, once and for all, not needing to be repeated...with abiding effects

- That is a mouthful...read again...think about
- It is a far lesser use – maybe say gotten HS diploma

By Faith Moses DID  
– the Passover

So...instead of “kept” – maybe we will say “did”

What did Moses do – the Passover

Once and for all – done, complete – with abiding effect

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By Faith Moses DID  
– the Passover – Exodus 12

- It’s about a lamb
- Taking a lamb (12:3)
- Taking a perfect lamb (12:5)
- Keeping a lamb (12:6a)
- Killing a lamb (12:6b)
- Its about THE LAMB

Lets go to Exodus 12....and see it “done”

It is about a Lamb

- Danger is we have been so “technical”, you might miss
- Imagine it...imagine being there – Moses talking to you

Taking a lamb

Taking a perfect lamb

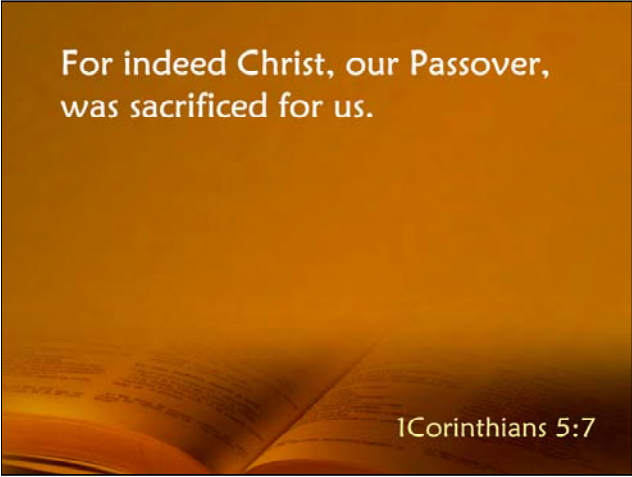
Keeping a lamb – 4 days in your home

Killing the lamb...in your place

- This lamb is dying....for you to live...

Simple point- clear – it is about the Lamb

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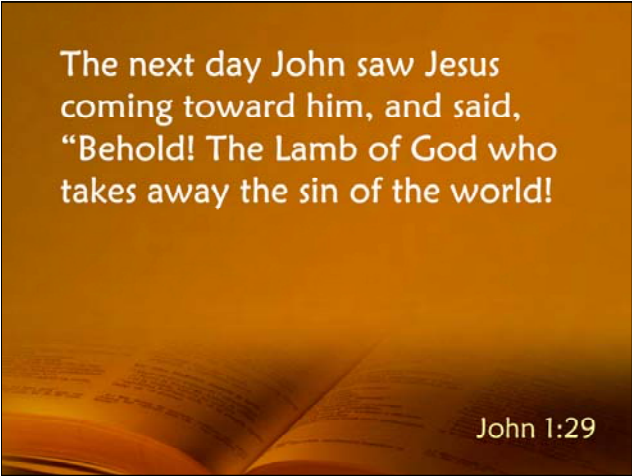


For indeed Christ, our Passover,  
was sacrificed for us.

1Corinthians 5:7

Notice....Jesus is our Passover...

What the Passover was....what the Passover pictured,  
Jesus is! He is our Passover



The next day John saw Jesus  
coming toward him, and said,  
“Behold! The Lamb of God who  
takes away the sin of the world!

John 1:29

Jesus is the Lamb of God – who takes away our sin

Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed...And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne...stood a Lamb as though it had been slain

Revelation 5:5-6

True...then, see it throughout the Book of Revelation

27 times in the Book of Revelation – talks about the Lamb  
He is, the Lamb who was slain...for us

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### By Faith Moses DID

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#### **It is about the Lamb**

- True statement – reality – that we need to see, for us
- Imagine what it would have been like celebrating Passover
  - Take the Lamb – approach the Temple – time for inspection, the inspection that determines worthiness
  - What is being inspected...not the person
  - What is being inspected...is the Lamb
  - if the Lamb is worthy...you are accepted.

#### **In a few moments we are going to take communion**

- In God's timing, actually our normal Sunday to do
- Communion is our memorial...danger is lose focus
- perhaps a misunderstanding of 1Cor 11's warnings of taking communion in a worthy manner
- perhaps far more – satan distracts
- the point...the point of communion, is to look at the Lamb
- Realize His perfection, sacrifice – making you acceptable

The clear message of Passover, Communion – it is about the Lamb...it is what Communion is supposed to be

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For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

1Corinthians 11:23-26

Instructions for communion giving to us

**In a few moments we are going to take communion**

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Notice – in remembrance

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### By Faith Moses DID

- the Passover – Exodus 12
  - Its about THE LAMB
- the Sprinkling of blood
  - the application of the blood
  - Blood on doorposts (12:7)

So – first thing we see again – it is about the Lamb

### **Second thing – the Sprinkling of blood**

- Note with me, Sprinkling is not a verb, is a noun

### **The blood had to be applied to the door posts**

- If the blood was shed...not applied – no help
- Were there Jews who died that night?
- Were there Egyptians who followed suit?
- Let to guess – but the issue...is the blood applied

The Blood my sprinkled in Christ as well

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To the pilgrims ...elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

1Peter 1:1-2

Do you see it here? The Sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

You must be sprinkled

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### By Faith Moses DID

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  - the application of the blood
  - Blood on doorposts (12:7)
  - with eating the Flesh (12:8)
  - with unleavened bread (12:8)
  - with bitter herbs (12:8)
  - with waste girded...(12:11)

### **Sprinkling of blood**

- Note – this is a one time thing – Perfect tense
- Not repeated in the celebration of Passover
- True in death of Christ
- True in salvation – blood applied once

### **Not only applied...but eaten**

Picture of parking of the life of Christ

**With unleavened bread** – sin, putting sin away

**With bitter herbs** – tears, sad, repentance

**With waste girded** – ready to go, ready to obey

Perfect picture of how you apply the blood

If you aren't, can't or don't come this way, problem

- good question to wonder about salvation

- but it is not this that saves, saving does this.

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For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10

Notice, not OF good works, but is FOR good works

This is what real Christianity looks like

It is a Passover lamb- about the lamb –gift of God

Yet, must take place with repentance, walking

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### By Faith Moses DID

- the Passover – Exodus 12
  - Its about THE LAMB
- the Sprinkling of blood
  - the application of the blood
- the Deliverance of First Born
  - Ex 12:12-13, 21-30
  - Destroyer won't touch

Why the Firstborn?

- it was worshipped ...treated almost as a god
- it was valuable, considered highest

Yet, the Spiritual picture here is by far, greater  
(next slide)

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### First Born

- Born once – die twice
- Born twice – die once

First Birth – Physical  
New Birth – Spiritual

All Die – Physically  
Second Death - Spiritual

Have you heard the phrase

- born once – die twice
- born twice – die once

Is true

Two kinds of birth – physical, spiritual

Two kinds of death – physical, spiritual

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New Beginning  
(Ex 12:1)

If you are born again – destroyer won't touch  
- second death won't happen

Notice Exodus 12:1

- Would become the beginning of a new year
- starting here – Israel has two calendars
  - yes, I know it is confusing, but it is true
- had a civil calendar and a spiritual calendar

Understand – what a great picture this of us

- If you are a Christian, you have two calendars
- Calendar that began at your physical birth
- Calendar that began at your spiritual birth

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But, if you are not born again, not a Christian

Then the second death, the destroyer, will touch you

Second death falls on all those who are “first born”, only

- those who aren't born again...all, will feel this, none will escape, from the least to the greatest.

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Take you back to where we began

How did Moses do this – the Passover

- the sprinkling of the blood
- the deliverance of the first born

It was not His doing, but Gods, his response

Today....I call you to respond to God



