

Fleece.”

An old fashioned, country preacher enrolled in an OT history class. The liberal professor said Israel did not go through the Red Sea but the Sea of Reeds and it was only a swamp, with water about 3 inches deep. That old preacher shouted, “Glory to God! Thank you, Jesus!” The professor was shocked, and asked him why he was so excited and he said, “I can’t wait to get back and preach what you just taught. God worked a greater miracle than I ever realized. He drowned the whole Egyptian army IN THREE INCHES OF WATER!”

We who believe in God and the Bible know
He could part the Atlantic Ocean if He
wanted to. The song is right:

“I believe in miracles, for I believe in God.”

THE PASSOVER

The tenth plague on Egypt was when all the first-born children died. God told Israel the angel of death would pass over them if they put blood on their door and stayed in the house, eating the Passover meal He designed for them.

Jesus is our “Passover Lamb” and the blood on the door” pictures His sacrifice for our forgiveness. When we accept Jesus, God sees us “under the blood” of his sacrifice, and punishment in hell does not fall on us.

God did not say, “When I see good people, I will pass over you. . . . When I see sincere people who are really trying to be good, I will pass over you. . . . When I see baptized people, church members, I will pass over you.”

No, He said, “When I see the blood, I will pass over you.” The New Birth, symbolized here as eating the Lamb, partaking of Christ’s life and strength, will make us good people and

sincere people and church members and men and women of strong faith. But it is our faith in Christ’s sacrifice, however weak, our admission of sin and guilt, and our taking forgiveness from His pierced hands, that spares us from the punishment we deserve.

God did not say, “When I see your strong faith and assurance, I will pass over you. Satan gets some Christians to doubt they are right with God because they don’t *feel* saved. Sometimes we may not feel like we are married, but our wives have a piece of paper proving we are. It is not feelings that God looks for. It is the faith that God will do what He says He will do and that kept Israel’s families in the houses while the death angel passed over.

Picture a Hebrew boy, huddled in his home. He hears the screams from across the road. He feels the very presence of death all around. He says, “Daddy, I’m scared!” That Hebrew dad says, “Don’t worry, son, the blood is on the door.” Folks, sometimes my faith is strong and sometimes it is weak. Sometimes Jesus seems so close I feel I can reach out and touch him and sometimes I can’t find him. But the all-important thing is my faith, however weak, is in Jesus and no matter how I FEEL, by faith I know “My Lord is near me all the time.”

A.H. Strong says It is not our faith in the boat that gets us across a raging river. We can be scared while we are crossing but it is the strength of the boat that gets us across. Our faith is in the promise of almighty God – when I see the blood of my Son you are trusting in, I will pass over you.”

Vance Havner told preachers, “You can’t ‘Tell it like it is’: unless you ‘believe it like it was’.”