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### *Bible passage and text*

- Reading: Exodus 12:1-13; 23-24, 28

- Text:

*And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. 'For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. 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. Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. (Exodus 12:7, 12-13, 28)*

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### 2. Background and context

- Exodus 12 - the climax of a programme of Divine judgment that God executed on Pharaoh and the land of Egypt
- Nine plagues had already been inflicted on the land and people Egypt
- In order to avoid this judgment, God told the Israelites through Moses to cover their doors with the blood of a sacrificed lamb

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### 3. There is power in obedience

#### 3.1.1 Follow the directive

(Exodus 12:3, 5-11, 28)

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#### **3.1.2 There is protection and preservation in the blood**

(Exodus 12:12-13, 21-23)

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#### **3.1.3 Get in and stay in**

(Exodus 12:21-23, 28)

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#### **3.1.4 Faith and wisdom go hand-in-hand**

(Exodus 12:3, 5-11, 22-23, 28)

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### *4. The centrality of the family in God's economy*

#### **4.1 The family matters – to God**

(Exodus 12:3)

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### **4. The centrality of the family in God's economy**

#### **4.2 Take care of your neighbours – others matter too – to God**

(Exodus 12:4)

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### **4.3 Keep faith and hope alive**

#### **4.3 There is a better and greater future when the 'storm' is over**

(Exodus 12:51)

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### 5. Summary, conclusion and application

- What is God saying?:
  1. There is protection and preservation in the blood of Jesus
  2. Get in and stay in
  3. Faith and wisdom go hand-in-hand
  4. Family matters – to God
  5. Your neighbours (others) also matter – to God. Take care of them
  6. There is a better and greater future when this storm is over
  7. **The bottom-line is: let us follow the directive**