

Where's Your Chair?

Exodus 12 40-51



The Lord loves those who hate evil; he preserves the lives of the faithful
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalm 97:10

Praising:

It were my soul's desire to see
the face of God;
it were my soul's desire to rest in
his abode.
It were my soul's desire a spirit
free from gloom.
It were my soul's desire new life
beyond the doom.

Reading:

Exodus 12:40-51
A new chapter begins

The back-story to the Israelites' overnight departure from Egypt is revealing. Without a clear sense of what the Israelites have been liberated from, we cannot grasp the historic immensity and spiritual significance of their release. What the Lord has brought to an end is not just some short-lived inconvenience for Israel but four long centuries

of exile and suppression. Foreigners and bound or hired servants are excluded from the commemorative ritual because of their association with other gods. The stress here is on God's intervention on behalf of his chosen people and so to be part of the act of remembering, full Jewish identity must first be adopted: circumcision! For Christians, the Passover not only constitutes the Father's landmark redemption of his children Israel, but a foreshadowing of the redemption Christ will bring for the whole human family.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord touch us with the freedom Christ alone can bring

- the feeling that our burdens are shared, that our life has real meaning and purpose
- the sense that circumstances do not define us, that responsibilities do not restrict us
- the knowledge that through the cross you have loved us back to fullness of life

Father: I tell myself sometimes I was never a slave, never in bondage, never at the bidding or under the control of another. And then I catch sight of myself in the mirror. Amen

Doing:

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