

# THE WORLD IS NOT GOD'S FRIEND

## Family Devotion – Lesson 35

### MEMORY VERSE—EXODUS 12:13

***“And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you,”***

- The Hebrews were in bitter bondage for 400 years. When Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go, a series of plagues was unleashed, culminating with the 10<sup>th</sup> plague of the firstborns. The blood of a lamb was to be applied to the side posts and upper door posts of their houses as a token. A token is a sign, mark, or a piece of evidence. No matter what house they were in, if the blood wasn't applied, the first born would die. Moses brought the message; the Hebrews believed; and God brought deliverance through the blood of the lamb.
- The Egyptians were not a friend to God and His people. They did not have the blood applied to their door posts. *“And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead”* (Ex. 12:30).
- This last plague reminds us of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Lamb of God that shed His blood for our sins and for our deliverance from hell. He is our passover lamb (1 Cor. 5:7). We do not have to put blood on our door posts, but we must believe in our hearts that he shed His blood for us.
- The world does not believe that the blood of Christ is the only payment for sins. This truth actually seems ridiculous to most people. The world is trying to bypass the blood of Christ, and earn their way to Heaven. The sad truth is that the unsaved will die in their sins and go to hell. Every person needs the blood of Christ for redemption (Col. 1:14).



### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- What happened to a firstborns if the blood wasn't applied to their door posts? What would have happened if they just tried to be good and moral, but still didn't have the blood? What does this teach you?
- Why does God use blood as a payment for sin? (It demonstrates that sin is serious, deadly, and detesting. It also allows for a substitute payment as God extends His mercy and grace to the sinner.)



### PRAYER TIME

- Thank God for the blood of Jesus.
- Pray for God to soften the heart of someone you know who is not saved so they will trust Christ.



### CHALLENGE

- Count how many houses are on your street. How many of your neighbors do you think are unsaved? Put together a plan to reach them with the gospel.