

“Abraham’s Children at the Lord’s Table” (Exod 12:21–28)
GCC, Morning Worship, 11/3/19

Introduction: What shall we do with children at the Lord’s Table?

- I. The Prefiguring of the Messiah-Lamb in the Passover Ritual (Exod 12:21–25)
 - A. The Abstract of Christ in the Passover (vv. 21–23)
 1. Apply Blood to the House so that the Destroyer Passes Over (12:21)
 - a. The Significance of the placing of the blood (v. 22)
 - b. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed (1 Cor. 5:7)
 - B. The Perpetuity of this Covenant Meal (v. 24)
 1. In the New Covenant, Jesus continues this command (1 Cor. 11:25)
 2. The Lord’s Supper is *both* a fulfillment of the Passover *and* an eschatological intrusion and anticipation of that which is to come
 - a. Fulfillment (Hebrews 10:4–10)
 - b. Eschatological Intrusion of Kingdom of God (Luke 22:15–18; Cf. Matt 26:29 and Mark 14:25)
 - i. *The Lord’s Supper is the rehearsal dinner for the great marriage feast of Christ and his bride* (1 Cor 11:26)
 - C. The Meal based on the Abrahamic Promise (v. 25)
 1. This promise that God would bring them into the land is intricately connected to the Abrahamic Covenant (Exod 2:23–25; cf. Gen 15:13, 14 & Exod 3:13–17)
 - a. In the New Covenant, who are the *children* who have a right to come to the table?
- II. Abraham’s Children at the Lord’s Table (vv. 26–27a)
 - A. Do Not Presume that Mere Flesh and Blood Can Enter the Kingdom of Heaven (Matt 3:9)
 - B. The Children of Abraham are those who have Faith (Gal 3:5–8 and 22–29)
 1. In other words, the people of Israel were the divinely appointed womb through which the Messiah came (Gen 12:3; cf. Gal 3:16).
 2. The Offspring of Abraham are those who are united to Christ (THE OFFSPRING) through Faith (Gal 3:5–8, 22–29)
 - C. The New Testament Refines Participation in the Supper to those who may examine themselves (1 Cor 11:28–29)
- III. What Shall We do with Adam’s Children at the Lord’s Table?
 - A. All of humanity is either in Adam, or in Christ (Rom 5:12–21)
 1. What shall we do with Adam’s Children at the Lord’s Table? That is, our children who do not have a credible profession of faith in Jesus Christ?
 - B. Bring them in, let them watch, and teach them as you partake (Exod 12:26–27a)

Questions for Application and Discussion:

1. How is the Lord's Supper a *fulfillment* of the Passover (See Hebrews 10:4–10 and I Cor 5:7)?
2. How is the Lord's Supper an *eschatological intrusion and anticipation* of the future Kingdom of God (See Luke 22:15–18; Cf. Matt 26:29 and Mark 14:25)?
3. Read Matthew 22:1–14. Consider this statement: “The Lord's Supper is the rehearsal dinner for the great marriage feast of Christ and His Bride.” In Jesus' parable, there was a man who arrived at the marriage feast without the proper wedding garments and was, consequently, expelled (see Matt 22:11). How should our preparation for and consumption of the Lord's Supper reflect the eschatological marriage feast? What “garments,” so to speak, should we adorn as we approach the Table? (Hint: I am not necessarily speaking of what you wear).
4. In the initial recording of the Abrahamic covenant, God says that “in Abraham, all the families of the world will be blessed.” Specifically, the promise of blessing to the world will come through Abraham's “seed.” How does Paul interpret “seed” in Gal 3:16? (*Nota bene*: Some translations use “offspring,” while others use “seed”). Why, then, does it make sense to think of Israel as the “womb” through which the messiah came?
5. The Passover in the Old Covenant was for all the descendants of Abraham. In the New Covenant, who are the descendants of Abraham and how does that change who may, and may not, come to the Lord's Table (See Exod 12:26–27a; Matt 3:9; Gal 3:5–8 and 22–29)?
6. Read I Cor 11:28–29. What must a person be able to do in order to come to the Lord's Table? How does this apply to infants and children who cannot, or do not, understand what is happening at the Lord's Table?
7. What should we do with our children who are not in Christ at the Lord's Table (see Exod 12:26–27a)? Why?