

# The Great Bailout

## Week 2

Bailouts are common place in our society today. We talked last week about the importance of understanding what the bailouts are designed to accomplish. It seems these days they are only designed to get businesses through a few weeks or months until the economy gets its' legs back under it.

The Bible lists a few bailouts that had a much more profound impact on mankind than an amount of money will ever have.

Last week we talked about the first bailout that happened between God and mankind with Abraham and Isaac.

This week let' s look at the second great bailout of the Bible in Exodus the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Exodus 12: <sup>1</sup> Now the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, <sup>2</sup> “This month *shall be* your beginning of months; it *shall be* the first month of the year to you. <sup>3</sup> Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: ‘ On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of *his* father, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup> And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take *it* according to the number of the persons; according to each man' s need you shall make your count for the lamb. <sup>5</sup> Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take *it* from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup> Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread *and* with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup> Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails. <sup>10</sup> You shall let none of it remain until morning, and what remains of it until morning you shall burn with fire. <sup>11</sup> And thus you shall eat it: *with* a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It *is* the LORD' s Passover.

<sup>12</sup> ‘ 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. <sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> ‘So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

God planned a bailout for His people.

Remember last week we said that in any bailout it is important for us to know what it is that is being bailed out. Is it a failed business, an irresponsible person, a bankrupted insurance agency...

We also need to understand what is being given as the solution to the problem. Money, goods, skill sets, new leadership...

Last week we saw that God was bailing out Abraham' s generational bankruptcy. He provided not only a son but also a way for Abraham' s pride to die instead.

In this week' s story the children of Israel were in bondage and needed to be bailed out. So the solution they needed was freedom. The way in which God chose to do this was not only to convince the captors to set them free but to show the children of Israel that He did love them and saw them as different than their captors. Through death they found life!

**Romans 6:**<sup>17</sup> **But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.** <sup>18</sup> **And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.**

Paul goes on to say:

**Romans 8:** <sup>1</sup> ***There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.** <sup>2</sup> **For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.** <sup>3</sup> **For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,** <sup>4</sup> **that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.** <sup>5</sup> **For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.**

Paul goes on to say:

**2 Corinthian 5:**<sup>17</sup> **Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**

The bailout of Exodus is applicable to us today:

1. We all need a bailout of our state of captivity.
2. We all need a solution of freedom.
3. God always does something else along the way.

Last week He gave Abraham a way to visualize his pride dying.

This week He showed the Israelites in a demonstrative way that He cared for them above everyone else.

God desires for you and I to see that He cares for us more than anything in the whole world. This is why Paul says in Romans 5:<sup>6</sup> **For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.** <sup>7</sup> **For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.** <sup>8</sup> **But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

His desire is that we find freedom, that we find life and that we know that He cares for us more than anything in the entire world – he died while we were still strangers full of sin and contempt and slaves unto death.