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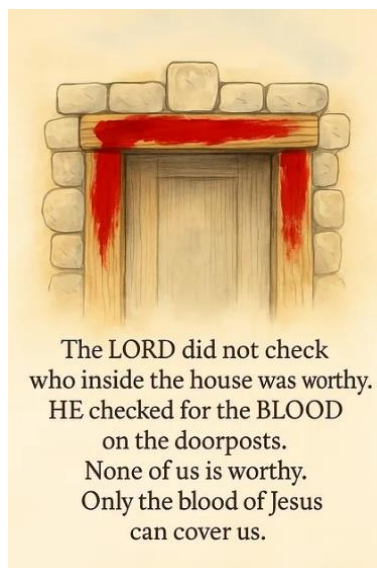
## *Remembering Things of the Past as “FOOD” for Today*

“.... Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother’s womb he has spoken my name.”  
(Isaiah 49:1)

“And now the Lord says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant ...”  
(Isaiah 49:5)

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:5)

<sup>13</sup>For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”  
(Psalm 139: 13-16)



What I love about this image is how simply it cuts through our modern confusion about “being a good person.” On the night of Passover (Exodus 12), the Lord didn’t go house to house in Egypt interviewing families:

- “How sincere are you?”
- “How often did you pray this week?”
- “How much better are you than your neighbour?”

He looked for one thing: the blood on the door.

If the blood was there, judgment passed over. If it wasn’t, it did not.

It wasn’t about the worthiness of the people inside the house. Some of them were probably fearful, some weak in faith, some still struggling to trust Moses. But every person behind those blood-marked doors was safe for one reason only: a lamb had died in their place.

That Old Testament picture points straight to Jesus, “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29). On the Cross, He took the judgment we deserved. When we repent and trust Him, His blood is applied—not to our doorposts, but to our very lives. God is not grading us on a sliding scale of morality. He is looking to see: Are you under the blood of My Son, or still standing on your own performance?

This is both humbling and freeing:

- Humbling, because it tells the truth: “None of us is worthy.” Church kids, prodigals, ex-addicts, “nice” people, hard cases—every one of us needs the same Blood.
- Freeing, because it means salvation does not rest on how strong you feel on any given day. Your security is not in your grip on God, but His grip on you through the finished work of Christ.

Of course, Israel didn’t stay in those houses forever. The same God who saved them by the blood led them out of Egypt. In the same way, Jesus doesn’t just rescue us from judgment; He calls us out of our old life and into a new walk of obedience. But the foundation never changes: We don’t obey to get saved; we obey because we are.

So when you look at this picture, let it preach to your heart:

God is not checking how impressive I am.

He’s looking for the Blood of the Lamb.

If you’ve never trusted Christ, today is the day to step behind that Door—Jesus Himself (John 10:9).

And if you already belong to Him, let this reminder drive out fear and fuel fresh gratitude: You are safe, not because you are worthy, but because He is.

