

There is a Way Out!

Part #6 – **“Have you been Passed-over?”**

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Text: Exodus 11:4-8; 12:1-7, 12-13, 21-23, 29-30

1. **The Lord is serious when he speaks**

→ The God who laughs ...

“What soap is to the body, laughter is to the soul.” (Yiddish Proverb)

→ The God who makes us in his image ...
(Genesis 1:26)

Positive aspects of laughter ...

“Research has shown health benefits of laughter ranging from strengthening the immune system to reducing food cravings to increasing one's threshold for pain. There's even an emerging therapeutic field known as humor therapy to help people heal more quickly, among other things. Humor also has several important stress relieving benefits.”

(Steven Gans MD)

→ Our **preoccupation** with humour ...
→ **ignoring** God is no laughing matter ...

Principle to live by ...

A man's life is not determined by how hard he laughs, but by how **serious** he takes the Lord.

2. **The Lord is quick to cover**

→ Atonement – ‘to cover’
→ Passover – ‘to skip over’
→ Forgiveness – ‘to take away, to cover’
→ Exodus 33:21-23

Principle to live by ...

There is a covering available, but we must mark the doorframes of our **hearts** with his blood.

3. **The Lord is patient in his judgment**

→ 10 warnings and 10 signs
→ 2 messengers with 2 options
→ The God who respects our **freedom**

Principle to live by ...

Though God never rushes to judgment, we should move quickly to be obedient when he calls. To do otherwise is to inherit **consequence**.

4. **The Lord is deliberate in bringing a distinction**

→ People with God prescribed **boundaries**
→ People with God initiated **celebrations**
→ People with God inspired **humility**

Principle to live by ...

Following Jesus should bring about a distinction in our lives from the world around us; distinctions that lead to our protection, our celebration of life and an increased measure of character development.