

performing any ceremony whatever is going to be vital in our lives. It is only as a memorial, as a remembrance, but this remembrance is very important. If you have in your life that which communion represents it is wonderful to have the opportunity to have the communion, but if you haven't it is a mere form and a sham.

3. In ch. 13:1-16, immediately after they leave Egy., the Lord says unto Moses, "Sanctify unto me all the first born." And here we have vs. 1-16 ^{telling us} how immediately on their departure it was made clear to them. God has wonderfully delivered them ^{but} now they have a duty to God. And how important it is when one comes to know the Lord that he ^{immediately} ~~immediately~~ realize how important it is for him to consecrate his best unto the Lord. The Lord has saved us for service. He has saved us that our lives might count for Him. And immediately when the Israelites leave the first thing is not how are they going to be protected on their journey how are they ~~are~~ going to be comfortable how are they going to have enough to eat; the immediate thing is "Sanctify unto me all the first born." Set apart for the Lord all that that is most valuable and important to you. And then we have a couple ^{very} interesting verses in chapter 13:17-18: "And it came to pass when Pharaoh had ^{let} ~~let~~ the people ~~to~~ go God led them not through ~~the~~ the way of the land of the Philistines although that was near; for God said lest peradventure the people repent when they see war and they return to Egypt. but God lead the people about through the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea." So they did not go the immediate way into the promised land. The Lord said, "Lest they see ~~way~~ war and become frightened and return to Egypt. let them go all this round about way through the wilderness." And in our lives we have to go round about ways through wildernesses, at times. We go through experiences we don't understand why they should come to us. We have situations we have to go through when we think how much better if we ^{could just have} had just gone this way and gotten immediately to our destination instead of having all these difficulties and troubles to go through here. But the Lord knew that that way there was something ~~there~~ ~~was~~ that we were not yet prepared