

**Text: Deuteronomy 15:19-23; Exodus 13:1-2, 11-15**

**THE LAW OF THE FIRSTBORN**

1. This was first taught (Exodus 13:1-2, 11-15)
  - a) Before Israel was delivered from Egypt
  - b) Before the slaying of all firstborn males in Egypt
  
2. Essential thoughts
  - a) First-born males to be consecrated to the Lord (Exodus 13:1)
  - b) The Lord declared "They are Mine" (Exodus 13:2)
  - c) To be practised when Israel entered Canaan (Exodus 13:11)
  - d) Firstborn animals to be included (Exodus 13:11-12)
    - i) To be set apart for the Lord (Exodus 13:12)
    - ii) A donkey may be redeemed with a lamb (Exodus 13:13)
    - iii) The donkey is to be slain otherwise (Exodus 13:13)
  - e) Redemption of the first-born male (Exodus 13:14)
  - f) Meaning of Redemption to be explained
    - i) To remember how Go saved the firstborn male (Exodus 13:14-15)
    - ii) Therefore, all first-born males must be consecrated (Exodus 13:15)
    - iii) This is a special sign to be remembered forever (Exodus 13:16)

## **EXPLANATION OF THE LAW OF THE FIRSTBORN**

### 1. Firstborn

a) Donkey: Not to be put to work for the owner (Deuteronomy 15:19)

b) Sheep: Not to be sheared

### 2. For it is consecrated to the Lord

3. Firstborn to be offered on the altar of sacrifice and its flesh consumed  
(Deuteronomy 15:20)

4. But it cannot be offered if it has any blemish (Deuteronomy 15:21)

5. The animal must be slain and be eaten (Deuteronomy 15:22)

6. The blood must be drained and consumed (Deuteronomy 15:23)