

The deliverance from Egypt was of course the thing the people were most conscious of, but God introduced the element of the deliverance of the first born, and of the blood on the door to show them that after all Egypt was only symbol for sin; the oppression of Egypt was bad but the oppression of sin is worse. The suffering under Egy. was temporary, the results of sin are eternal. The various sacrifices in Lev. ~~xxx~~ and the various details of the Tab. are to impress upon the people's minds what is God's will to deliver them from sin.

These are a shadow of things to come but the body is of Christ. We look forward through a glass darkly. It is therefore necessary to have~~x~~ all the details of ceremonies, and the specific points in relation to them brought out in order that the == that it shall properly symbolize what God had planned for the future and shall get into the people's minds exactly what He desires them to realize so that they can put their faith upon His promise. Gal. is not saying that the people of the OT were under bondage which they should have cast aside. It is saying that a misunderstanding of these commands leads to a legalistic attitude. We must do exactly the way God has said, or there is terrible fate for us if we make a little mistake we are in frightful danger. This is not the NT spirit, it is not the spirit of the Bible as a whole. One man was killed for picking up sticks on the Sabbath. We do not know further details about this man. He may have been a hardened man who had shown an attitude of contempt toward what God introduced. He was leading people astray. His attitude spread among them would have resulted eventually in hundreds or thousands going to hell. God occasionally used severe methods in order to call the people's attention to the fact that they must carry out His precise commands about the ceremonies in o=== that the figure be preserved, and they look forward and understand as far as they can the provision that He is going to make and put their faith in it and be saved through it.

Now we are in a different situation from the people in the OT times because we have the reality. We now know exactly what Christ did. We have His teaching. His work as prophet. We have His x priestly work, His making the sacrifice for us, carrying out the reality of that which the High Priests efforts signified before. We have His resurrection as the proof that the ceremony has been accepted. Now details of ceremonies are not given precisely. We are not now in a situation where we must be sure to carry out the ceremonial law in precise details