

Exodus 12.43 – 13.2

Exodus 12.⁴³ And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, “This is the statute of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat of it,⁴⁴ but every slave that is bought for money may eat of it after you have circumcised him.⁴⁵ No foreigner or hired worker may eat of it.⁴⁶ It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones.⁴⁷ All the congregation of Israel shall keep it.⁴⁸ If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it.⁴⁹ There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you.”⁵⁰ All the people of Israel did just as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron.⁵¹ And on that very day the LORD brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts. 13.¹ The LORD said to Moses,² “Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

Passover was a FREEDOM FESTIVAL –

Yearly Reminder of God’s Liberation and DELIVERANCE

Celebration & SOLEMN REMINDER – BITTER Herbs = 400 yr CAPTIVITY

As they Celebrated > INCOMPLETENESS, Not FULLY FREE

History of Israel....

Passover was TYPE > SIGNPOST Pointing FORWARD > Lord Jesus Christ

Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 Corinthians 5.7,8

REPITITION of Passover Instructions seems TEDIOUS

Criticized by Scholars – Authors talking in CIRCLES?

Shows IMPORTANCE – Singing SAME SONGS – Reading the BIBLE AGAIN!?

How's it Going – End of Jan...I am STUCK in Leviticus!

DETAILS are IMPORTANT to God > Leviticus 9, Priests Ordained,

Lev 10 Priests KILLED! > Sons of AARON – Nadab and Abihu...Strange FIRE?!

1. Communion in Mercy

On the first day you shall hold a holy assembly, and on the seventh day a holy assembly. No work shall be done on those days. But what everyone needs to eat, that alone may be prepared by you. Exodus 12.16

Hold a SACRED ASSEMBLY – ENTIRE Community

v. 15 Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven out of your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

REFUSAL to Participate = Being CUT OFF from the Community

v. 42 It was a night of watching by the LORD, to bring them out of the land of Egypt; so this same night is a night of watching kept to the LORD by all the people of Israel throughout their generations.

REASON they CELEBRATE Together because they were SAVED Together

v. 50,51 All the people of Israel did just as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron. And on that very day the LORD brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

Christians emphasize PERSONAL Salvation – TRUE Point – Must be Born Again

Salvation is for Individuals but it is NOT INDIVIDUALISTIC

Reminded in USA of Personal Choice – Coffee, Cuisines, School Curriculum

Bible also teaches COMMUNION of the Saints – FAMILY in Christ

CORPORATE Language of Salvation...

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3.4-7

REGENERATION, JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION, GLORIFICATION

We SHARE EVERY Aspect of our Salvation Together

CORPORATE WORSHIP is Essential Part of God's Salvation

...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near Hebrews 10.25

PASSOVER was Meal to SHARE to UNITE God's People

ALL Israel kept FEAST at SAME TIME >> COMMUNION Sunday

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. 1 Corinthians 10.16,17

To have UNION with Christ is to have COMMUNION with His CHURCH

Like Passover, Communion is Tangible DEMONSTRATION of Family in Christ

Some people were EXCLUDED > Hawaiian TABLE all Come, Sit, and EAT
Popped in some American Homes and been asked to Watch them Eat!

Vs. 43, 45 And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the statute of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat of it...No foreigner or hired worker may eat of it.

Is God being RUDE?

God clearly DISCRIMINATED here...why?

v. 38 A mixed multitude also went up with them, and very much livestock, both flocks and herds.

OTHERS CAME Along - Marriages? Friends? Fellow Slaves? Try Escape?

These could FOLLOW with Them – Join the MARCH, BUT NOT THE MEAL!

Because NOT MEMBERS Covenant Community, NOT BELIEVERS in True God

If NO FAITH, NO ATONEMENT, NO PASSOVER REDEMPTION,
NO LAMB, NO BLOOD

Church Maintains SAME POLICY about COMMUNION TABLE

All Welcome to Service, BELIEVERS ONLY welcome to TABLE

HARD to Maintain – Fencing? One pastor pulled PLATE from Adulterer in church

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

1 Corinthians 11.27-29

Will you get SICK? DIE? Maybe Not Immediately > FACING HELL!

Scottish Presbyterians talk about FENCING THE TABLE

URGE People to BE SURE of their own Spiritual CONDITION

ARE YOU really SAVED? Only 2 People Know – YOU and GOD

v. 44 but every slave that is bought for money may eat of it after you have circumcised him.

This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised...it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you...Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money... Genesis 17.10-13

Circumcision: OUTWARD Sign of what Hope becomes INWARD FAITH

SACRAMENT of the Promise of GRACE > Now AND in the FUTURE

Evangelicals that Baptize INFANTS – Same hope in COVENANT PROMISE

I respect them

BELIEVE NT Reverses ORDER > SIGN of Covenant FOLLOWS FAITH in God

New Covenant moves BEYOND Shadows to SUBSTANCE > REALITY of Faith

Should be BAPTIZED when you RENOUNCE Sin, RECEIVE the Savior

EITHER WAY – Baptism is Symbol of Exclusion, People of FAITH in God

ALIENS & SOJOURNERS had BENEFITS & PROTECTIONS > RESPECTED

And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.
Leviticus 19.10

These six cities shall be for refuge for the people of Israel, and for the stranger and for the sojourner among them, that anyone who kills any person without intent may flee there.
Numbers 35.15

BUT they were NOT ALLOWED to Eat Passover without Circumcision = FAITH vs. 48, 49 If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you.”

GOD OFFERED Salvation to EVERYONE – Anyone could Enter Community

Circumcision was HARD, STRANGE, Counter-Cultural, So is Cross Bearing!

Communion TODAY in is INTERNATIONAL Feast in Church of Jesus

I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven Matthew 8.11

REQUIREMENT is FAITH expressed in BAPTISM

Jews and Gentiles who have DONE SO are MOST WELCOME to SHARE

13.2 “Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.”

FIRSTBORN would have UNDERSTOOD that MERCY of Communion!

2. Consumption of a Meal

WHOLE Lamb was to be EATEN

Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. Exodus 12.9,10

Emphasis on WHOLENESS of Sacrifice

No DA BAO – Sack Lunches – Lamb Sandwiches

v. 46 It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones.

One Lamb eaten by ONE FAMILY under One Blood Smear Roof

Cannot BREAK off Bone and share with your Neighbor

CONFIRMS that Jesus really is our PASSOVER Lamb

Unlike typical Roman Custom of Breaking Legs of people on Crosses

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs...For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." John 19.32,33,36

Israelites also ate UNLEAVENED Bread for Next SEVEN Days

Then Moses said to the people, "...Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the LORD. Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen with you, and no leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory. Exodus 13.6,7

Once ISRAELITES Settled down > Eating Bread with YEAST was COMMON
But for 7 Days > REMEMBER their HASTE as they Fearfully Rushed out of Egypt
YEAST was Reminder of SIN > Which must be FULLY REMOVED

EATING and DRINKING is Common in Bible

Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. Genesis 14.18

"Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."
Revelation 19.9

Many CHURCHES Services End with LUNCH Together

Any TIME you want to take ME OUT for Meal after Church I am READY!

...the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.
Exodus 24.11

Moses and Elders had MEAL with GOD

Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." Nehemiah 8.10

ANIMALS Sacrificed in OT were to be EATEN by Priests and/or Worshippers
 Jesus > NIGHT before CROSS > WINE and BREAD for Remembrance MEAL
 EATING brings people TOGETHER – Time of JOY and RELAXING Together

Jesus INVITES us to Eat with Him...

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. Revelation 3.20

EATING Passover Lamb with Fellow BELIEVERS was SIGN > God's People
 Eating > SIGN of IDENTIFICATION & Commitment – Gotta EAT!

People watch if you LIKE their FOOD!

We FEED Upon Christ in our HEARTS BY FAITH

Eating Communion is STATEMENT of Faith

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11.26

3. Conversation of its Meaning

Whenever they ate Passover > Must EXPLAIN its Meaning

You shall tell your son on that day, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.' And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand the LORD has brought you out of Egypt. You shall therefore keep this statute at its appointed time from year to year. Exodus 13.8-10

JEWS took this LITERALLY and LEGALISTICALLY wear Phylacterys

Need REMINDER that leads to PENITANCE

Not RITUAL that leads to PRIDE

Recurrence of Passover kept REMINDER in Front of People // Communion

Without LIVING FAITH it became LEGALISTIC RITUAL

As Lamb is SLAIN – Father tells Firstborn Son, “Son, this could have been you!”

Need God-Centered, God-Honoring Testimony of PRAISE & FREEDOM in Christ

SADLY some Israelites FORGOT God’s Mighty Salvation from Egypt BONDAGE

But others REMEMBERED and REJOICED

While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. Joshua 5.10,11

Jesus REMEMBERED Too – Gospel of John 3 Passovers, 3 yrs of MINISTRY

God KEPT it Simple – No Flight to MECCA, No EXPENSIVE HAJJ,

No TOMB Sweeping – NOBODY has to be CIRCUMCISED!

Have GREAT MEAL with Family – REMEMBER, REJOICE

RECEIVE His Mercy and Grace

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.... that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments Psalm 78.4,6,7

OT Believers look back at PASSOVER as we look to the CROSS

You have shown signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, and to this day in Israel and among all mankind, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day. You brought your people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs and wonders, with a strong hand and outstretched arm, and with great terror. Jeremiah 32.20,21

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. Micah 6.4

“Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine.” Exodus 13.2

Firstborn > CENTER and FUTURE of the Family

PRIVILEGE and RESPONSIBILITY of the INHERITANCE

CAPTAIN Represents his Team at Football Match

CEO represents the Corporation

PRESIDENT Represents the Nation

EXPLAINS the ANGER of God at Egypt’s Drowning Sons

Task NOW GIVEN to Christian Parents...

Children need to learn the doctrine of the cross that they may find immediate salvation...we believe in the salvation of children as children...believe that God will save your children. Be not content to sow principles in their minds which may possibly develop in after years, but be working for immediate conversion...What a mercy it will be if our children are thoroughly grounded in the doctrine of redemption by Christ!...Some children talk about being good boys and girls, and so on; that is to say, they preach the law to children, though they would preach the gospel to grown-up people! Is this honest? Is this wise? Children need the gospel, the whole gospel, the unadulterated gospel; they ought to have it, and if they are taught of the Spirit of God they are as capable of receiving it as persons of ripe years. Teach the little ones that Jesus died, the just for the unjust, to bring us to God.

Charles Spurgeon

MESSAGE of Cross and Resurrection must be REMEMBERED Long after we DIE

It Will IF we Faithfully PASS IT ON to Others,

Especially OUR CHILDREN > SPIRITUAL and NATURAL

For the GLORY of His NAME