

Feast of Unleavened Bread: Purpose of Calling

Leviticus 23:6~8 And on the fifteenth day of the same month (the first month) is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. In the first day ye shall have a holy convocation ye shall do no servile work therein. But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

As we begin the second Holy Day Feast, Yah reveals its meaning and why we are to memorialize this event each year as a constant reminder of whom we are and why we are called. Eating unleavened bread for seven days pictures the putting on of Christ into our inward parts, symbolizing imbibing His nature, His character and His laws.

Leviticus 23:4~8 These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the **feast of unleavened bread** unto the LORD: **seven days** ye must eat unleavened bread. In the **first day** ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein. But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the **seventh day** is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.

*Unleavened bread symbolically represents a body that is pure, sincere and truthful, not elevated or puffed up, not prideful, but humble, without sin. Yahshua exemplified pureness by using His body as an example of being the bread of life given to feed others, affording us to live eternally. As God brought Israel out of Egypt, we also are to come out of sin by the hand of Yahshua. We are called out of this world as **first fruits** to share His kingdom. We are to have this double reminder instilling how we are here and why we are here.*

Romans 8:28~30 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the **called** according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed** to the **image of his Son**, that he might be the **firstborn** among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also **called**: and whom he **called**, them he also **justified**: and whom he justified, them he also **glorified**.

*God (Yah) has called us, and we are destined as the firstlings of his flock, the Church of the Firstborn, called out "**for a purpose.**" In the Old Testament the Levites were called to the priesthood to serve at God's temple to minister to the people, instructing them in the matters of God's will. The Levites served at His temple and in the surrounding tribes, teaching and preaching of Yah's will, the law. Also there were prophets called from time to time for the purpose to serve as ministers of truth. Now both the physical temple and the Levitical priesthood are no longer here to minister to Yah's people. Yet there are still priests and prophets and many temples in which Our Lord's Spirit resides.*

1Corinthians 3:16 Know ye not that **ye are the temple of God**, and that **the Spirit of God dwelleth in you**?

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, **but Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Ephesians 2:1~3 And you hath he quickened, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the **prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the **lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

What is Paul telling us here? We were dead in life, "like dead man walking," because we had sin attached to us. We walked blindly following the teachings of Satan in lust, allowing the desire of our hearts to fulfill our wants, to selfishly satisfy our flesh and mind.

Ephesians 2:4~10 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were **dead in sins**, hath quickened us together with Christ, And hath raised us up **together**, and made us sit together in heavenly places **in Christ** Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us **through Christ** Jesus. **For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:** Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

*We are made alive through Christ, now partaking of the heavenly blessings through Christ, for all life is through Christ. And we may partake of those riches now and in the age to come through Christ. The grace in which we are saved is the gift afforded us by Yah, as we demonstrate **our faith** in Christ...**through our actions**.*

Ephesians 2:11~13 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past **Gentiles in the flesh**, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, **being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel**, and **strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God** in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were **far off** are **made nigh by the blood of Christ**.

*Notice the preceding verse tells us that we were outsiders without Christ, **being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel**, and **strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope without God**. We as gentiles, had no way to atone for our sins, and had no inheritance as did those of Israel. We were called strangers with no hope of eternal life without Yah.*

Ephesians 2:14~18 For he is our peace, **who hath made both one**, and hath broken down the middle **wall of partition between us**; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, **even the law of commandments contained in ordinances**; for to make in himself of **twain one new man**, so making peace; And that he might "**reconcile both unto God**" in one body by the cross, **having slain the enmity thereby**: And came and preached peace to you which were **afar off**, and to them that **were nigh**. For through him we **both** have "**access by one Spirit unto the Father**."

*Yahshua has now made us one, Jew and gentile, breaking down the wall that separated us from salvation. The temple curtain was torn from top to bottom, giving us access to Him. Yahshua also abolished the law **contained in ordinances** that was a **shadow** blocking atonement over sin which in effect did not afford either of them the Spirit of Yah. Now both, Jew and gentile can be **reconciled** unto Yah, and can receive His guiding Spirit, through Christ. Prior to His death only the Jews had the ability to have their sin covered by Yah through the sacrificial system. We the gentiles who were afar off and the Jews which were near, now collectively have the ability to be reconciled and have access to the Father, to come boldly to the throne by the same Spirit through Christ's, the final offering.*

Ephesians 2:19~22 Now therefore ye are no more **strangers and foreigners**, but **fellowcitizens with the saints**, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an **habitation of God through the Spirit**.

*Now we are fellow citizens according to the laws of that nation, following its constitution to live at peace. His Holy Spirit lives and shines in the habitation which is us! He made a **promise** and He intends to keep it, no matter how long it takes or what He must do to achieve it. That promise is found in the **covenants**. There*

is more than just one covenant that Yah made with man. There's the covenant with Noah, with Abraham, with Moses and the people, with David and with Phinehas etc. Yah makes promises... promises He keeps.

Of course, not all covenants are unconditional. The covenant with Noah is unconditional. The sign of that covenant is still with us today. When you see the rainbow, you can think of the unfailing promise of God. The covenant with Abraham is unconditional. God made that promise to Himself, it can never be broken, changed or annulled. The descendants of Abraham, the Israelites, will be His chosen people forever and He will bring about the blessing for the entire world through them and bless them with the Promised Land as their inheritance.

*Then there's the covenant with Moses at Mt. Sinai, where God establishes His covenant with the nation of Israel. This covenant is conditional...really more like the constitutional contract for His people. In other words, the promise is conditional based on the Israelites following Yah's way as The Way for one to be chosen and placed into this covenant. The covenant with Moses comes with the condition of... **If. If** ...the people obey the commandments and instructions in Yah's laws, He would then establish His nation through them. God would then bless them in all things as they fulfill the purpose of His calling. The covenant is one of **righteousness** on the part of the people...**If** they would follow.*

Deuteronomy 6:1~25 verse 25 "And it shall be **our righteousness...if** we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us."

*God wanted to turn the people into a blessing, a light to shine the way, so that the nations of the earth would see the great works of God **through the children of Jacob** and be drawn to Him. The purpose of the Mosaic Covenant is **Evangelism**, preaching The Way **through example**, with one's action being a light.*

*Yah's intention and method has not changed. The goal has always been to bring all nations into the covenant of promise **through obedience** so they might enjoy peace, hope and fulfillment with God. The Gentile once lived outside the promise given to Israel, but now they are no longer strangers. They have been grafted into the covenants of promise. God's intention is to bring the strangers into the same house. Not a new house, but one which was and is established as His house, first given access to by His chosen people the nation of Israel. Meaning, God fully expects those who come to live in the promise are fully established under the same constitution as the one given to His children as set down at Mt. Sinai.*

*The nation of Israel as a whole rejected His blessing and went on to establish a religious system apart from Yah's laws. Yet the requirements or conditions one must live by according to His will have and will not change. It's stated that in His future Kingdom to come, He will write His laws in our hearts and mind. This act shows the law was certainly required then, as well as now, and will be required in the future...**IF** we are to live with Him in His kingdom forever.*

2 Corinthians 5:17~21 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us **the ministry of reconciliation**; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; **and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation**. Now then we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be **made the righteousness of God** in him.

*The **ministry of reconciliation** is given to us. We stress this fact in His message to us that all can receive reconciliation through Christ. The word **reconciliation** means to restore, to find favor, to atone for past errors which are done through the life of Yahshua. Now we are to be **ambassadors for Christ**, to go forth with **His message of reconciliation** for the transgression of sin through Christ's offering, afforded us by Yah.*

"Hearers...it's time to be Doers," it's time to be a light, and to get out from behind the wall of insecurity. Fear is a tool of Satan's to hold us back from becoming who we're called out to be. Stated in the last word of the Book of Revelation is the fate of the fearful and unbelievers: the same fate awaiting the abominable and idolaters.

Revelation 21:6~8 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. **He that overcometh** shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the **fearful**, and **unbelieving**, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

*If we are to say that He lives in us, we must cleanse ourselves of our past sins and eat of that true bread showing forth His light in us. Yah is less concerned with what has passed than with what comes next. He is the God who **was**, who **is** and who **is to come**. It's time for us to see ourselves in the same way. I was a sinner, I am called to be His now, and I better get a move on if I'm planning to be with Yahshua when He returns.*

As we now see our purpose of our calling, let us move on to view the first time this Feast was enacted, celebrated by the Israelites, as they leave the bondage of Egypt as recorded in the Book of Exodus.

*Let him that desires to see eternity make haste the gift of grace given,
Every moment of delay takes away from the value of this gift.*

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