

Dear reader's,

Passover starts the evening of April 12th and ends April 20th this year. It is a time to remember one thing: our Salvation.

Passover is named so, because death passed over the Israelites. Death passed over us. Why? Because of Messiah's (Christ, Anointed One) sacrifice. Jesus is the Lamb of God and His blood redeems sinners. I know you have heard all about salvation before, but I want to show you a little bit of how Passover points to it. Only when the blood of the Lamb is applied to the doorposts of our hearts will death pass us over.

I encourage you to read the story in Exodus again this week. If you can, read it as a family and talk about it. Seek beneath the surface of the story for deeper meaning. I believe that no matter how many times we read it, we will never fully comprehend what is there.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread goes with Passover. During the week of passover, no leavening is to be eaten. Why? Leavening is often used to represent sin. So, this is another picture, this time of how we are to avoid sin as much as we can. When we leave bondage, we are not to take sin with us.

Why don't you try it (going a week without leavening)? This is easier said than done. I believe I messed up a few times when our family did it last year. You have to be very careful. Leavening is in more things than you probably think. Breaded chicken, flour tortillas, crackers, and most breakfast cereals all contain leavening.

Sin is hard to avoid, just like leavening. Sometimes it will hide itself. Much of the time it will tempt you as much as it can. If you do decide to take up this challenge, remember the meaning of it. Otherwise, it will do you no good.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Day

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