

Keeping the Feast: THE ULTIMATE MEANING OF THE PASSOVER

Prerequisite reading:

1 Corinthians 5:1-13; Exodus 12 (whole chapter); John 10:1-18; Deuteronomy 16:1-18

Passover –Exodus 12:43-51

- After reading this passage, look at verses 46 & 47....what are the first 3 words of each of those verses and what do these words tell us about the foundation of Passover?

- Verse 49 of Exodus 12 says that during the Passover everyone should be under one law, what does this tell us about the atmosphere that God wants his people to have when they gather together?

- The mandate of circumcision is taken seriously when it came to Passover, why do you think circumcision was so important to this celebration? (keep in mind circumcision meant obedience, commitment & change with God)

Matching: Draw a line from the Scriptures to the appropriate themes (there may be more than one line drawn for each word)

Preparation	Exodus 12:10
Moderation	Deuteronomy 16:3
Sacrifice	Exodus 12:13
Protection	Exodus 12:11
Worship	Exodus 12:42
Posterity	Exodus 12:27
Deliverance	Exodus 12:51

Exodus 12:16-20 & 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

- Holiness is mostly emphasized in our society on an individual level, in the Word of God we see God concerned with individual holiness as well as community holiness. Why would God be concerned with community holiness?

1 Corinthians 5:6-11

- In Verse 7, It is stated that “Christ is our Passover”, this being the case, what are the consequences’ of not honoring and not being obedient to The Lord Jesus Christ?
- In Verse 8, we see Christ elevating the Feast so that “keeping” it means operating with integrity both individually and communally. What does operating in sincerity & truth look like in your everyday life? What does it look like in the Body of Christ as a community?

John 10:9

- Christ references Himself as the door of Passover; going in for protection and coming out to find Deliverance. Explain the importance of “finding pasture” in your life? Explain the importance for the body of Christ as a whole to “find pasture”?
- Explain how NOT “keeping the Feast” (not living in integrity) can affect your path & the communities’ path towards deliverance?

Summary:

Take a few moments to write down some of the important lessons that you have learned from this study

Creative Focus

Examine the picture below; think of a couple reasons (negative or positive) how it symbolizes “keeping the feast”.



Living in Obedience

Pull out your cell phone, and locate 2 people in your contact list. Give those two people a call or send them a text to encourage them to operate in sincerity & truth!

Prayer and Meditation

Read Psalm 23 and think about the goodness and mercy of The Lord... think about the areas in your life in which you can commit to “KEEPING THE FEAST”. Think about how we can “Keep the Feast” in the community of believers.

LORD JESUS, encourage and empower us to operate by sincerity, integrity, and truth. Challenge us O’ LORD that we may press toward the mark, and lead us away from temptation, deliver us from the plans of evil. Develop our gifts through the POWER of your Holy Word and your Holy Spirit. Teach us that we may teach others, help us to “Keep the Feast”, in the mighty name of JESUS CHRIST we pray!