

April 20, 2022

Removal of Sin

Shalom,

During this season of Passover, the first of the Appointed Times of the LORD, which is designed to bring to our remembrance the foundation of all we believe, God encourages us to rehearse these truths in our hearts. Every part of the celebration looks forward to redemption through the sacrifice of the Messiah.

If you will take time to read the twelfth chapter of Exodus, you will be reminded of the first Passover when the Children of Israel were delivered from the bondage of Egypt, as they obeyed YHWH and applied the blood of a spotless lamb to the door-posts of their houses to keep the angel of death from entering.

Every Biblical part of the Passover Seder finds its **fulfillment in the redeeming work of the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world**, Jesus Christ, the perfect, sinless, spotless, and without blemish sacrificial Lamb Who, through the shedding of His own blood, took all our sin and redeemed us unto Himself, cleansed from all that defiles. The instruction to clean their houses of all leaven, a type of sin, and to eat unleavened bread for seven days, is a clear representation of our being willing to remove the things that separate us, shown by our removing them; but the complete removal can only be accomplished by the application of the blood, which is God's grace to totally send all sin away from us as far as the east is from the west. Once remitted by the blood of Jesus, sin will never be remembered against us, and the duration of seven days reminds us of completion. His one-time, once-for-all shedding of blood is remembered each year as we eat the matzah.

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. (Exodus 12:15 ESV)

Who His own self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed. (1 Peter 2:24 KJV)

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53:6 KJV)

For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more. (Hebrews 8:12 ESV)

As we celebrate this feast, we are making a faith declaration that Yeshua has redeemed us from the curse of the law, and that all of the blessings of trusting God are released into our lives; for even as Passover commemorates the death and burial of God's Holy Lamb, so the Feast of Firstfruits, three days later, speaks of His resurrection from the dead. **He is risen, and because He lives, we live also!**

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 ESV)

Cleansed and forgiven,
Terry

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