



Lesson 83 It is My Way Only

04/04/12 Meeting: Present – I AM, Bob, & Cindy

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Amen.

Obedience is for Your Protection

In the words we received this week much of the Lord's focus seemed to be on obedience. He tied walking in His way and removing self together with obedience but He also mentioned leaven. The mention of leaven is interesting because Passover begins this Friday at sundown. Let's begin this lesson by re-reading the section on Passover and the Feast of Unleavened bread from Lesson 19.

Passover

Leviticus 23:5 *On the fourteenth day of the first month at twilight is the Lord's Passover. The Lord instituted Passover in the book of **Exodus 12:1-14** of which verse 14 reads:*

So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance. Thus the Lord is declaring Passover to be a memorial.

The Lord also proclaimed Passover as a Feast to the Lord. He gave instructions to kill an unblemished lamb, place its blood over the door,

roast it in fire, to then eat it with bitter herbs and unleavened bread. He said it should be eaten in haste. And whatever is not eaten should be burned with fire leaving none for the next day.

Passover traditionally commemorates the Israelites being passed over (receiving protections) when the firstborn were being slain. It also commemorates their being freed from slavery. An unblemished lamb was sacrificed and its blood was placed over the doorway for the Israelites protection.

Jesus, of course, became the Passover sacrifice for us all. He became the unblemished lamb. Thus Passover is observed as a remembrance of the things the Israelites went through but it is also a remembrance of what Our Lord went through as well.

And, the Lord said this to us on 04/26/08 **Passover is not only symbolic of Jesus but it is also symbolic of end time protections for those who are obedient to the Lord. The last plague was prevented by placing blood over door. End time “plague” protections; will be received like (similar to) when blood was put over the door. (The Israelites were obedient to the Lord and put the blood over the door for protections; likewise we will receive protections due to our obedience). This is the reason for remembering and celebrating Passover. God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.**

Feast of Unleavened Bread

The Lord also speaks of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. It is a remembrance of Israel's hasty departure from Egypt. It is spoken of in the book of **Exodus 12** and **Leviticus 23**. Like **Passover** it is to be observed throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance.

Exodus 12:15 states: *Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.* **Exodus 12:20** states: *“You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.”* He also calls for a holy convocation (**a meeting between God and man**) on the first and seventh day with no work being done.

Jesus referred to the false doctrine or sin of the Pharisees and Sadducees as leaven in **Matthew 16:6** *Then Jesus said to them, “Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.”* Sin is also referred to as leaven in **1 Corinthians 5:6** and **Galatians 5:9** thus the Feast of Unleavened Bread should be a **reminder for us to remove sin from our lives** just as the leavening was removed from the Israelite dwellings.

In the words above the Lord taught us that Passover is symbolic of the protections the Israelites received from their obedience. Secondly, it is symbolic of the protections we receive from our belief in Christ. For it was through His obedience and His blood spilled for us that we receive our eternal salvation. Lastly, the Lord taught us that it is also symbolic of the protections we shall receive in the end times. We will receive these protections as a result of our obedience as well.

Consequently, I think the first point the Lord wants to get across to us today is that our obedience is for our protection. This is not an unfamiliar concept, after all, when you were a small child your mom and dad had rules for you to follow that were made for your protection as well, like don't play in the street, don't play with fire, don't stick anything in the wall outlet, etc. Therefore, you can see that obedience to the rules can protect you. Now, we just have to transfer this knowledge over to the Lord's rules and His ways, understanding that they are for our protection as well.

Remove Self, Remove Sin, Remove Leaven

I think the first step we must take in order to become obedient unto the Lord is to remove self. But what exactly is "self"? Well, "self" is seeking after your will, your wants, your desires. It is putting you first before the Lord or others. I believe this ties in well to one of the notes I have written to myself in my bible that states: "Sin is loving self more than others. This is because loving self is the motivation behind sinful acts." Remember when "self" is the motivating factor you will be seeking after what you believe will make you happy. Ultimately you will be putting your wants, your desires, your will before all others. This philosophy of life may seem like a good idea initially but over time you will find that it does not produce positive results.

There are several verses from the book of Proverbs that I think can shed some light on the correlation between sin and self. And these verses are:

Proverbs 6:16-19 *There are six things Adonai hates, seven which he detests: a haughty look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that plots wicked schemes, feet swift in running to do evil, a false witness who lies with every breath, and him who sows strife among brothers.*

These seven things that the Lord hates are sins that are motivated by self. We are haughty because we think we are better. We lie because we want the truth to be different. We shed innocent blood, we plot wicked schemes, we do evil, make false statements, and sow strife all because **we want "it"** (the object of our desire) **to be different**. We are not happy or satisfied with "it" as it is. We have determined that our wants, our desires, our will must come first. Consequently, self gets in the way of obedience.

Do you remember that over the past few weeks, we have talked about the commandment that Jesus declared to be the greatest commandment of all? It is from **Deuteronomy 6:4-5** *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your GOD with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.* And we talked about how this commandment ties into **Exodus 20:3** *"You shall have no other gods before Me."* But I have to ask, "How can we be fulfilling these commandments if we are full of self"? It is at this point we realize that we can't!

Hence when we come to understand that when we are motivated by "self", when we allow "self" to be in control, then we understand that we are putting our will before the will of the Father. We are in effect breaking these two commandments because we actually do not love Him with all our Heart, soul and

strength. No, we are loving ourselves first. Thus, you can see the importance of removing self, removing sin, and removing the leaven.

The bible states that:

Psalm 19:7 *The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul.*”

Romans 7:12 *Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.*”

This week the Lord said, **I AM the way. It is my way only. To walk in my way is to remove self. There is no your way in my way. And He said, Prepare now, remove self, and walk in my ways. Walk in My ways. Remove the leaven.** The Lord’s way are perfect and holy because He is holy. We are to walk in His ways!

Grace and Forgiveness

Thus far we have reminded ourselves that Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread will begin at the end of this week. We were taught that we should observe these feast days not only as a memorial to the past but also as an acknowledgement that they symbolize protection through obedience not only of the past, but of the present and future as well.

We also learned that the removal of leavening from the home symbolizes removing sin from our lives. We discovered that sin can pretty much be boiled down to “self”. The Lord, however, did not stop there. He continued teaching us through these words:

Grace and forgiveness: When I am given everything but don’t deserve anything. When I am given forgiveness but don’t deserve it. Remember my words to the woman who they wanted to stone. I said, “Go and sin no more.” You should be working towards this as your goal – sinning no more.

With these words I believe the Lord is guiding us towards the ultimate destination He would like for us to come to. But before we get there He is reminding us of some of the steps we experienced on this path. For example, He has taught us that grace has been freely given to us even though we do not deserve it. And He has taught us of forgiveness not only through the sacrifice made by His Son but through the words He spoke to the adulterous woman as well.

The full context of what He said to adulterous woman went like this:

John 8: 10-12 *When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you: go and sin no more.” Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”*

Jesus, you see, gave us an example to follow. He did not condemn this woman. There was no sin or haughtiness in His words to her. No, He forgave her of her sins even though she did not deserve it. He allowed her to feel His grace. This week the Lord said, **Yes, my grace forgives you but you should have the desire to sin no more.** The Lord wants us to rid ourselves of the desire to sin. **Remove self in this**

season. Remove the leaven. Getting into self produces sin, it rises up just as leavening does. But we are to remove it from our lives.

Jesus closed the encounter with the woman by stating *"I am the light of the world.* In other words, He was teaching that whoever follows him, will have light not darkness. He continued, *He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*

You can see that He is teaching us that if we will follow His example then we will not walk in sin, we will not walk in haughtiness. In fact we will not walk in any of the seven things the Lord hates. No, we will instead remove self and we will subsequently have the light of life. We will be filled with His grace, His light!

Get to Know Me Better

Just saying those words may make it sound simple. Remove self and have the light of life. But what exactly is the procedure we should follow to accomplish this. Well the Lord gave us some pretty clear instructions this week when He said, *You must have knowledge of what pleases me to keep sin out. This is why study and reading is important, so that you get to know me better, so that you get to know what I want from you.* The Lord wants us to learn His ways. He wants us to become His Spotless Bride. From THH <http://www.takehisheart.com/instructionsunchartedwaters.htm>

I am calling you to be pioneers, yet I have sent pioneers ahead of you to mark the way. You will feel lost (for a moment of time) - for your ways must die in order for My ways to live. Know that I am still there. You must have understanding to walk hand in hand as My Bride. Seek it, be open to it and know, change is here.

It is true, the Lord wants us as His Bride! He wants us to walk hand in hand with Him. This is why He is teaching us. This is why He gives us these words each week so that we will learn His ways. But He is looking for more than just blind obedience. After all what kind of a marriage or relationship would that be? Would we really be like Him if we were just following the rules? I think the Lord answered this question this week when He said,

Obedience, yes, but obedience from a place of sincere love for your King, not just following the rules to stay out of trouble.

He is wooing us with these words:

Oh that you would hear My voice, from the waters of the fountain of a pen. Oh that you could hear the sound of that fountain. Can you hear? Am I not God? I say, 'Come.' I call you to My ways and My calendar of events. The church in the world has its calendar and I have Mine. Some have made their calendar from My Word, yet they err. Even those whom I have gifted have their own calendar but I am the Lord and I have Mine. I reveal My calendar step by step. Those who learn My ways, and find My calendar, shall ride the wings of a bird in flight into victory with Me. I have designed the Way. It is Me, it is Truth, it is Love, it is My pattern, it has My purpose. Know, My calendar stands. Time is short. 'Come forth, Bride!' Those who truly love and fear Me shall come; those who fear Me not, shall remain. Lean not to your own understanding and rest in this knowledge that I will legally protect My Bride, according to My eternal plan. Is not marriage a legal matter? Why do you trip and stumble at this fact? Who is it that will hear? Who will truly seek understanding by My Spirit? Will you marry Me and become a vessel I can truly use in the earth? I am calling you out, now. There is much to befall the earth and its inhabitants.

The Lord laid it out pretty simply in these words He gave us this week, Yes, obedience can keep you out of trouble but you will be missing out on so much more if that's your only motivator. Seek my love, relationship and intimacy. This is where your true happiness, fulfillment and joy will come from. They come from a life with Me. They come from Him living within us.

Summation

The Lord wants us to learn His ways and His calendar. He wants to nurture and protect us. Learning His calendar, of course, includes the Holy Days He instituted. His Days are important because they have symbolism. He uses them to teach us. This week for example, He reminded us of Passover by the mere mention of leaven. We learned that leaven is symbolic of sin. And we learned that self is at the origin of most examples of sin if not all. Consequently this week, the Lord used Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread, to teach us about the protections we can receive through obedience; although, we will not receive those protections if sin (leaven) is present in our lives.

The Lord, however, wants more for us than just protections or safety. He also wants us to have happiness, fulfillment, joy, love and intimacy. He said, **Living by the rules may keep you out of trouble but it doesn't keep you in love. Go the next step. Embrace Me and the love I have for you. This is my desire for you.**

The Lord used the picture of the woman from **John 8:10** to teach us about the opposites of the seven things He hates. Because He did not condemn her we see His grace, His love, and His forgiveness. He was honest but He did not humiliate her. He preserved her life through His words and kept the peace by diffusing the situation. And He encouraged her to be pure and to be good by telling her to sin no more.

The Lord cautions us in:

Galatians 5:13-14 *For, brothers, you were called to be free. Only do not let that freedom become an excuse for allowing your old nature to have its way. Instead, serve one another in love. For the whole Torah is summed up in this one sentence; "Love your neighbor as yourself".*

Did you notice in our words this week that the Lord merely referred to her as the woman. He did not define her as the "adulterous" woman. I believe it is this grace, this love, this pattern that the Lord wants us to adopt. This week He said,

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Additional Words

Here are some additional words the Lord gave this week on this topic:

03/28/12

BN - Your obedience is pleasing, many will be saved through your obedience,

CN - Love me.

SN - Come be one with me. To keep my commands is the most important. All that matters is that you are one with me.

03/29/12

SN - Do all you can now to be with me.

DP - My love for you knows no bounds/limits.

03/30/12

MVA - Passover observe. Pleasing in My sight. Obedient. Rituals of man no. My ways yes. I will instruct. Glorious days ahead celebrate them. Relationship that is what is pleasing. Relationship with your God Jesus. Love for your God Jesus. You are Loved.

SN - Train yourself correctly in my ways.

DP - See Me in each other,

03/31/12

BN - Obedience, You must practice obedience,

CN - Trust me, Love me.

SN - Change yourself from the inside out, be focused on me.

DP - Pressure purging out the old leaven, refinement on going,

04/01/12

BN - Go out and spread my word so that others may be saved, The 48% does not have to stay that high, How it saddens me to see those I love that I created condemned to hell because they would not listen, Because they are prideful and haughty and listen to their own spirits and not mine, They must come out of the world as you are trying to do, It is not difficult, Why would I make it so for those I love, It is more difficult to become part of my bride but you are well on your way to this, Remain strong in your faith and your discipline, Let others see it in you at will, Cause them to ask questions, I will bring them to you, The time is short but many will still be saved, I love you son, Go in peace

SN - Do all this I say, It is for your benefit, If it were not so I would have told you, Learn from your mistakes, Trust me, I will not lead you astray,

DP - Glow, radiate My Bride will for all to see, Follow Brideship protocol let nothing hinder you, Be made whole/clean in refinement,

04/02/12

MVA - Study learn of Me Jesus and My ways. Show My Love to those around you. Do not be discouraged be an encourager. Lift and you will be lifted.

DP - Walk in the light.

04/02/12

DP - Take My plan to heart I lead and guide you into safety,

04/03/12

SN - Believe in me, That I may be with you always,

You can see from these words that the Lord has a plan for us. He wants us to seek brideship. He wants us to be loving people who radiate His character of love through obedience and trust. Remove the leaven. Remove self. Be the person God created you to be.

May the God Bless and Keep You,

Amen.

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