

UNLEAVENED BREAD – Day 7 – 2006
“Trust God”

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And greetings brethren. Welcome to the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread – 2006. And the feast days, as we know, picture the plan of God and lays out for us step-by-step what He is doing. Now as I mentioned before on the first day, Passover, first day of Unleavened Bread, Wave Sheaf Offering Day, and last day of Unleavened Bread, and counting to Pentecost is all one connected sequence. And this is why it is for the church. When it comes time for Trumpets, as we will see, that is heralding a new age – the kingdom age with Christ and the saints on the earth. That’s why, as we will see, Pentecost must be the day of the first resurrection.

Now let’s come to Leviticus 23 and we’ll just review here just a little bit. It talks about as we saw in verse 7; the first day is a holy convocation, make an offering made by fire; the seventh day is a holy convocation, you shall do no servile work therein, and an offering is also to be made.

Now we’ve gone through many of the scriptures about giving and tithing and all of this sort of this thing, so what I’m going to say is this: The whole purpose of the Feast of Unleavened Bread is so that we grow to have the mind and character of Jesus Christ. And so whatever we do, we do because we love God from the heart, and we love Jesus Christ, and we have been bought and paid for by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and we belong to Him. And also if we love our neighbor as our self then we’re willing to put forth whatever we can in the way of our own personal efforts and the way of combining things together to put out the books and literature that we do to help other people. And if we love the brethren the way Christ loved us then another thing is very, very important in it, which is this, as we saw during Passover: that there must be forgiveness, there must be longsuffering, there must be forbearance with one another.

And now when we come to the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread and taking up the offering, I want you to keep that in mind. And what we need to realize is this: God knows our hearts, and whatever we do we need to do from our heart with love, and we need to do generously and abundantly according to the way that God has given to us. And from this point of view is very, very important, because today so many people are selfish. They want salvation but they don’t want to do anything for God. Like one man said, twenty dollars in the grocery store doesn’t go very far but it looks real big in the collection plate. So I just leave that with you to assess what you are going to do in the way of giving because we have many, many things that we are doing as you have seen in the letters that have come out, and we are going to proceed and continue doing those. So we’ll just take a break now and take up the offering, and thank you brethren, very, very much.

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Now let's continue on brethren. This last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread has a tremendous meaning for us. And as we started out, the sanctifying and setting aside of the firstborn (and we are the firstborn church and we will not be born again until the resurrection, which we will talk about when we come to Pentecost), and how that we are delivered by God from Satan the devil from Egypt and from this world. Now on the Passover night when Jesus was praying to the Father, He said, "Father, protect them (or rescue them) from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (John 17:15-16, paraphrased). So after we have been rescued by God, saved from Satan, saved from this world, now then we are confronted with many, many different trials and problems that come along, as we all know, because we are not living in the world. So we are actually going cross-grain against many of the things that are in the world and Satan is still after us. And that's the whole lesson of the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

Now, we know what God did when they left Egypt and started out, they started out the beginning of the night of the 15th and God had the pillar of fire by night and the cloud cover by day, and He took them deliberately. Now we need to understand this also: God will deliberately put us through difficulties and trials to prove us, to test us – do we really love God, do we really believe God, are we willing to endure the difficulties and problems that we experience? What is it that our character is going to be? Are we good-time Christians as long as everything is hunky-dory, lovey-dovey, goody-goody, no problems, everything you touch turns to gold? Hey, if that's the case then we would end up being presumptuous and arrogant and be so selfish and self-centered that we would be worthless spiritually. So you see to create Godly character in us is a process where then God is going to bring trials upon us, God is going to let us go through different things. And that's the whole lesson of this last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

So the children of Israel left with a high hand. They were happy, they were rejoicing, God was leading them, Moses and Aaron were guiding them according to God's leading and God deliberately said, "I'm not going to take them by the way of the Philistines, which is an easy shoot into the Promised Land." No, He deliberately took them down by the edge of the Red Sea into a wilderness area which hemmed them in. They had the sea on one side and they had the mountains on the other side, and they were spread out along the length of the Red Sea. And then all of a sudden here comes Pharaoh and his armies and his chariots and all of his soldiers and coming to get them to re-enslave them. Now you see, this is a great lesson for us. Satan wants to re-enslave us to his way and to his system.

So what happened? The children of Israel when they saw it... Let's come here to Exodus 14:10. And this is what happens: many times when we go through a trial we say, "Oh God, why?" Well I found this out, it's a good lesson: you learn after the trial is over, after you have endured in faith. And that's what we need to keep in mind. Now here the children of Israel just left Egypt. There's been absolutely no endurance in anything that they were in doing. So they, verse 10: "And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. And they said unto

Moses, Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? *Is* not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For *it had been* better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.”

Now some people take that attitude concerning God’s calling, concerning the church of God, concerning things like that. The first time there’s difficulty or problems they say, “Oh my, why is God doing this? I never had it this way before God called me.” True. Why? Because you were not being called to eternal life. Just like the children of Israel, another time they said, “Oh, we really enjoyed sitting by the flesh-pots with the fish and the leeks and the onions and the garlic and all of this sort of thing. And all we have to eat is this rotten manna.” They didn’t think about how much God had done for them. They didn’t think about how God was providing manna for them every single day. A miracle, a daily miracle, and a weekly miracle every Sabbath. No, they complained and grumbled and griped and were not pleased with God. Well what we need to do is take that attitude and turn it around the other way and say, “Is God pleased with that?” And we can also take another approach to it and say, “Well, who are we to judge God?” That’s why whatever comes we are to ask God to help us in faith. So the whole lesson is: not only are we delivered (and as we will see a little later, salvation is a process), salvation and developing the mind of Christ takes work, it takes effort, it takes the faith in God to trust in God and the fighting and resisting against Satan the devil and this world continually.

Now notice what Moses told the people. And this is what we need to understand, and this is the reason for this day: “And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.” In other words, don’t be complaining to God by accusing Him. Now you might go to God and say, “Oh God, this is more than I can handle. Oh God, I don’t know the answer to this problem. I know that You are there to help and to intervene and to fight our battles for us, but I’m just at my wits end, I’m at the bottom of the pit and I don’t know what to do.” Now, that’s different than saying, “God, why did You do this? Why did You bring us out here to die?” No, He brought them out there to save them, you see.

“And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto Me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward...” (Ex. 14:10-15, *KJV*). Now we’re going to just concentrate on three lessons here. 1) Don’t complain. 2) God will fight for you. 3) Go forward. That’s the whole lesson of this, because you are never going to solve any problem that has already happened by complaining. And you’re never going to understand it unless you make a true righteous judgment.

And I just need to interject right here, there are some brethren who have accused other brethren, falsely so, and not even taking the time to get all the facts. And when the facts were presented to them they refused to see it and went off in anger and hatred and

bitterness simply because they didn't get their own way. Or, they listened to someone else who sounded convincing, like the proverb says, "He who comes first in his cause seems just..." (Prov. 18:17, *KJV*, paraphrased). And that's all part of the world. That's what you see in the world today, isn't it?

Now part of the things during the Days of Unleavened Bread that God wants us to do is to not bring in the ways of the world. And the Feast of Unleavened Bread is so that we overcome carnal thinking, carnal nature, and the hostility to God. So God deliberately brought them through this so that He could show them His salvation. Now you could not have a greater problem, more inextricable; you had no weapons – the Egyptians did; you had no where to go because the sea was in front of you and they blocked you off in back of you. So the only thing they had to do was look to God. So God said, "Moses, raise up your rod, hold it over the sea." And He began blowing back the sea to the extent of probably twelve miles wide. And it blew all night. And the children of Israel, just before sunrise, went across the Red Sea on dry land. And then Pharaoh, thinking he could do the same thing, went in there and God had hardened his heart, had them all go into the sea and then close it down upon them.

Now you see, this tells us this: that if we let God fight for us, He can fight better than we can, right? And He can do a better job than we could do, correct? But you see part of the problem is that once God has fought for them, just like the children of Israel when they got to the other side of the Red Sea and went in for three days beyond that – they didn't have any fresh water – they started complaining and saying, "Oh who's going to give us water to drink." And they found water and it was bitter. "We're going to die in the wilderness." I mean, you read the whole book of Exodus and the book of Numbers and what do you see? You see that the carnal mind cannot handle the way of God. And the carnal mind is only interested in self and does not see the value of yielding to God and let God fight the battles for you.

Now let's come to I Corinthians 10 because this becomes very important for us to understand, because here Paul talks about the very thing that the Israelites did after they were saved from Egypt; after they were rescued; after they went through the Red Sea. And then the whole litany of the 38½ more additional years that they had to suffer while they died, all of those over 20, and their bodies were strewn in the wilderness because they didn't believe God, yet God was right there, you see. This is the way that human nature is. Even if God is standing right there as with Adam and Eve, they still didn't believe God, did they? See, "There is a way that seems right to a man but the ends thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12, *KJV*, paraphrased).

Now let's see what Paul says, and what I'm going to read here is very important because it has happened to the church of God over and over and over and over again because they don't believe God, and they don't trust in God, and they would rather have a little leaven in their lives then to let Christ unleaven them spiritually. And as Christ said through Paul, "A little leaven leavens the whole lump" (Gal. 5:9, *FV*). That's why we have the Feast of Unleavened Bread, so we can get the leaven out, get the sin out of our lives.

Now let's pick it up here in I Corinthians 10:1: "Now I do not wish you to be ignorant of *this*, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea. And all were baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea." And you see, God originally intended that they go into the Promised Land within a year and a half. They didn't believe God. "And *they* all drank of the same spiritual drink..." In other words they saw all the miracles of God, right? They drank of the water that came out of the rock. They ate of the manna that came from heaven. They ate of the quail that God gave, right? Yes. "And *they* all drank of the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed *them*. And that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not pleased, for their dead bodies were strewn in the wilderness" (I Cor. 10:1-5, *FV*).

Now let's understand something here. Hold your place and come to I John 3 and let's see something here that's important for us to really grasp, which is this: It is possible to love God and please Him with a right heart and a right attitude. Because what does God say there in Isaiah 66? "...But to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is poor* [broken heart] and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word" (Isa. 66:2, *KJV*).

Now let's pick it up here in I John 3:21: "Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us [because we are getting sin out of our lives, etc.], *then* we have confidence toward God. And whatever we may ask we receive from Him because we keep His commandments and practice those things that are pleasing in His sight" (I John 3:21-22, *FV*). Now is it pleasing in God's sight that we keep the Sabbath properly? Yes. That we keep the Passover and feasts of God properly? Yes. It is pleasing in God's sight that we are growing in grace and knowledge and overcoming? Yes.

Now come back here to I Corinthians 10. God was not pleased with them. Why? Because they wanted their own lusts and their own ways. And I'm telling you, brethren, today there are a lot of ministers and a lot of brethren, and in fact I'm beginning to see that brethren are causing more problems than ministers. And as I've said before just read *The Journal*. You can't believe what is in there. You talk about a Babylonian smorgasbord of stupidity. It's all there in *The Journal*. Now I get *The Journal* so I can see what's going on and I can keep track of who's alive and who's not.

Now let's come back here to I Corinthians 10:6: "Now these things became examples for us, so that we might not lust after evil things, as they also lusted." Now do we have that with people? Now what I want you to do is realize that since these are examples for us, I want you to keep in mind when it says in Revelation 2 and 3 concerning the problems that the churches of God have had down through history, right? These same identical problems that the children of Israel were confronted with, right? Yes indeed, only now the stakes are higher. Because you see, once you receive the Spirit of God you're in a different category than the carnal children of Israel when they were in the wilderness.

So he says in verse 7: "Neither be idolaters, as *were* some of them; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.' Neither should we commit

sexual immorality, as some of them committed, and twenty-three thousand were destroyed in one day. Neither should we tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted *Him*, and were killed by serpents. Neither *should we* complain against *God*, as some of them also complained, and were killed by the destroyer. Now all these things happened to them *as examples...*” Now you see, that’s why the religions of the world don’t want you to read the Old Testament. They don’t want you to read about the laws and commandments of God. They don’t want you to see how God views the kind of carnal behavior that people have in the world. Now you see today it’s even more dangerous than ever before, because we’re living in an age when everything is here and everything is done automatically by remote control, etc., etc., and our attention span and our endurance is short. Now last part of verse 11: “...*As examples, and were written for our admonition, on whom the ends of the ages are coming.*” And it’s coming. We’re closer to the return of Christ than ever before, regardless of how far off it may be. And you know, there are going to be a lot of people come to the end of their lives and the next thing they’re going to know is they’re going to meet Christ.

“Therefore, let the one who thinks he stands take heed, lest he fall. No temptation has come upon you except what is common to mankind.” So, 1) if you have a problem and difficulty don’t think you’re being picked on; 2) if God leads you into a trial to test your faith, don’t complain because always remember what happened to Job – after it was over God blessed him with twice as much, and God converted his heart and his mind because of it. That’s the whole thing we remember, see.

“For God, Who *is* faithful, will not permit you to be tempted beyond what you are able *to bear*; but with the temptation, He will make a way of escape, so that you may be able to bear *it*.” Now we are going to see there are times when we think it’s unbearable and we don’t know what we are going to do and how to do it, you see. But God will make a way, as we will see.

“Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.” And idolatry is one of the first things to come up, and we will see what else, and we will see the very first thing that Satan tries to do to leaven the church of God and lead people astray in the churches of God is to attack the Passover. That’s why the Passover has so many confusing aspects and it’s because Satan the devil is out there to confuse it, because if he can get a little leaven into the keeping of the Passover then he can get you to change almost anything over a given period of time, right? Yes indeed. Haven’t we not seen that happen? Yes. Have we not seen and met people who supposedly kept the Sabbath and the holy days faithfully, but now because they didn’t follow the example here, and they didn’t learn the lesson of Exodus 14 and all the children of Israel wandering in the wilderness, what happened? They could care less about the holy days. And they go to Sunday just following along like lemmings walking over the cliff. And you try and talk to them and it’s just kind of a blank stare. This one man said it’s almost like there’s nothing there. It makes you wonder, has God removed or reduced His Holy Spirit so much that there is virtually nothing left?

Now notice what he says here, verse 15: “I speak as to those who are wise; you judge what I say.” Because he shows what happens, verse 16: “The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not *the* fellowship of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not *the* fellowship of the body of Christ? For we, being many, are one body *and* one bread, because we are all partakers of the bread. Consider Israel according to *the* flesh. Are not those who eat the sacrifices partakers of the altar? What then am I saying? That an idol is anything, or that which is sacrificed to an idol is anything? But [now notice: this is the leaven of the Passover] that which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not wish you to have fellowship with demons.”

Now notice verse 21 because this is very, very important for us to grasp and realize, especially concerning the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread: “You cannot drink *the* cup of *the* Lord, and *the* cup of demons. You cannot partake of *the* table of *the* Lord, and *the* table of demons.” That’s why Satan always attacks the Passover and then brings in communion, and then brings in Easter Sunday. Notice, he doesn’t start with doing away with the Sabbath and then brings in about Sunday-keeping, and then brings in about holiday-keeping. You see, it’s a step and a process. A little leaven leavens the whole lump, you see. And when you’re not trusting in God to help you through these trials and difficulties then you’re going to find yourself in trouble. So Paul says: “Now do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?” (I Cor. 10:6-22, *FV*). In other words, can you go out there and sin and automatically be exempt from the penalties of sin? Can you go out there and sin and transgress the ways of God, can you go out and live in the sin of the world and not suffer the penalty of it? Yea, and in greater proportion than the world because they are blind and ignorant out there and they don’t know any better. But those who have been called, know better. So the whole purpose of the Feast of Unleavened Bread is this: If we are to be unleavened in Christ and to become that new creature in Christ, then we’ve got to trust God in everything, in all circumstances, all the time regardless of what is happening.

Now let’s come to Psalm 37. We’re going to look at quite a few psalms here because psalms talks about the continued ongoing salvation and deliverance that we need to have that comes from God. Because we are constantly going to be fighting the world, we are going to be fighting overcoming the self, we are going to be fighting against the things that are in the world, and we are going to have to, as we’ve seen, guard the door of our mind – all of those things together. You see, we are living in an age that we are assaulted daily, hourly, and in some cases even every minute with Satan’s influence. It’s always there, so we have a greater job of overcoming than a lot of people in ages past that didn’t have all of these things crashing in on them. And that means that we have to have more faith, we have to have more understanding, we have to have more trust, we have to let God fight the battles for us, we have to see and understand why we go through the things that we go through. And that’s the whole purpose of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and the whole story of the Exodus – are we going to make it to the mountain of God?

Now let’s come to Psalm 37:27. Here’s what we are to do: “Depart from evil...” That’s what they did leaving Egypt, right? Then they had to depart from their evil

attitudes, right? Then they had to overcome their lusts and selfishness, correct? See, all of that is: “Depart from evil, and do good; and dwell for evermore. For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not His saints...” Remember that, even if you are in the throws of the final trial of your life and you know that death (which God says we’re all going to die) is just around the corner. Understand this: God does not forsake you. “...They are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. The righteous shall inherit the land [the earth], and dwell therein for ever.” This is why always God shows us the goal, God shows us the purpose so we can keep our minds on what God has called us to. And this is the greatest help in changing and growing and overcoming, you see. “The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment. The law of his God *is* in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.” See, you’re going to be walking in God’s way continually.

Now notice the next verse: “The wicked watcheth the righteous, and seeketh to slay him.” That’s Satan lurking at every door to try and get us, to tempt us, to get a little foot in the door, to get a little leaven of carnality going, to get some fruit of the flesh going so that he can have a handle, so that he can have an inroad, you see. And that’s why on the last day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread they went through the Red Sea showing that God alone can bring you the salvation. God alone can fight for you. Who are we to fight against Satan the devil? I mean, we don’t have any power unless it’s by the Spirit of God and we ask God to fight for us, you see.

Now verse 33: “The LORD will not leave him in his hand, nor condemn him when he is judged.” So God isn’t going to leave you in that situation. But you’ve got to trust God, you’ve got to believe God, you’ve got to let Him fight for you. “Wait on the LORD, and keep His way, and He shall exalt thee to inherit the land [not just the land, but the world]: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see *it*.” And we’re going to see it. And that’s going to be a great day. And God is going to judge this world. And Babylon the Great is going to fall. It hasn’t reached it’s glorious height yet because the prophecies have not been fulfilled, but it’s going to.

Now verse 35: “I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a green bay tree. Yet he passed away, and, lo, he *was* not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.” See, God is going to take care of the wicked. God will take care of those who are fighting against the saints of God as agents of Satan the devil. “Mark the perfect *man*...” I mean, God knows. And we’ve seen, how are you perfect? In heart and mind and attitude. “...And behold the upright: for the end of *that* man *is* peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off. But the salvation of the righteous *is* of the LORD: *He is* their strength in the time of trouble.” The whole lesson of the last day of Unleavened Bread. “And the LORD shall help them and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him” (Psa. 37:27-40, *KJV*). So you see how this ties right in with the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. There are some great psalms here for us to go through and for us to see.

Now let's come to Psalm 18 since we're right close here. And I tell you what – going through the psalms and understanding the psalms when you are in trouble and difficulty really helps give you faith and understanding. So what you do when you pray, you take your Bible and you open it up and you read these words and you use these words as your words and your prayer, and let them become a part of the way that you think and pray, and ask God to give you the strength and understanding to be able to do so.

Notice Psalm 18, and this was right after God intervened – David had a great victory over the enemies and over and from the hand of Saul so he said, verse 1: “I will love Thee, O LORD, my strength. The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in Whom I will trust...” See, not on his bow to defend himself, not on his own abilities – and David had a lot of abilities, but he was put into a situation where he had to trust in God. “...My buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower. I will call upon the LORD, *Who is worthy* to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.” Now notice how bad it got. Verse 4: “The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me. In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: He heard my voice out of His temple, and my cry came before Him, *even* into His ears.” So much so that he said He came and the ground shook and the heavens were dark, and the lightning and thunder, and fighting against the enemy, and all of that sort of thing.

Now come over here to verse 19. Remember, this will always happen: When there is a difficulty or problem and God needs to fight for you, there will be a resolution of it. As David says: “He brought me forth also into a large place; He delivered me, because He delighted in me.” See, because we do the things that are pleasing to God. And because we do that doesn't mean we won't have trials and difficulties. That means we are trusting God to help us, you see. “The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath He recompensed me. For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.” That's the key: we all have sin we need to overcome. God knows that. As long as they are forgivable sins, God will forgive.

Now let's come over here to verse 28: “For thou wilt light my candle...” In other words God is going to give us light and understanding. “...The LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. For by Thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.” So there will be times when you'll be able to avoid problems and difficulties, see. Notice verse 30, his attitude. This is what we need to understand. See, rather than be like the children of Israel when things don't work out the way that they should, or we see someone who we think ought to be perfect, and no man is perfect. You aren't and I'm not and no one is you see, but here's the key: “*As for* God, His way *is* perfect: the word of the LORD is tried...” It is refined, and it's refined in fire so that it is pure. “...He *is* a buckler to all those that trust in Him. For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God? *It is* God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect. He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*, and setteth me upon my high places. He

teacheth my hands to war..." Now they actually had battles then, but you see, our fight is a spiritual fight, so the New Testament teaches us the warfare and what we need and how we need to overcome because we are not fighting against flesh and blood, but against wicked spirits and powers and principalities in high places, so we need God to teach us how we need to do that.

Now verse 35: "Thou hast also given me the shield of Thy salvation..." and Paul talks about that, doesn't he? "...And Thy right hand hath holden me up, and Thy gentleness hath made me great." (Psa. 18:1-6, 19-21, 28-35, *KJV*). Quite a psalm. Read the whole psalm and what God did to intervene and help David.

Now let's come here to Psalm 44. Again, all the way through the psalms it shows the way of deliverance. It's almost like every one of these psalms reminds me of that Moses is standing there holding the rod over the Red Sea, and God is making it happen. Verse 1: "We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, *what* work Thou didst in their days, in the times of old." That's why we have it recorded for us. You know, it's very interesting that God says in Romans 10 that He raised Pharaoh up for the very purpose of preaching His Word to the ends of the world. And is that not true? It's written there and that's why every year we go through the Feast of Unleavened Bread and Passover, and what does it do? It proves that God's purpose in preserving the Word is true.

"*How* Thou didst drive out the heathen with Thy hand, and plantedst them; *how* Thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out. For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: but Thy right hand, and Thine arm, and the light of Thy countenance, because Thou hadst a favour unto them. Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob." That's quite a thing. What we need to do, brethren, is ask God to command deliverance for His church, and deliverance for His people that we grow spiritually and change and overcome. That we don't fall victim to the same problems that other people have fallen into and go back into the world. Remember the lesson there in I Corinthians 10 and Revelation 2 and 3. We have those things to fight and guard against constantly.

Now come down here to verse 6: "For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. But Thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us." And there we finish off with verse 8: "In God we boast all the day long, and praise Thy name for ever" (Psa. 44:1-4, 6-8, *KJV*). That's what we need to do in trusting God to help us, to save us, to fight our battles for us. And so we'll take a little break now and we'll come back.

(Turn Tape)

Let's continue and go on to Psalm 34. Now here's a tremendous psalm which gives us a lot of hope and a lot of understanding, showing what God will do for us, how He fights our battles for us, how He hears our prayers, and how He looks upon him. Let's pick it up in verse 4: "I sought the LORD..." Now there are times when you really have to

seek God. And when you seek God you forsake your way, you forsake your thoughts, you forsake your judgments and you look for God's. "...And He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." That's why we are not to fear what any man can do to us. We are not to fear what the circumstances are around us. Just like the children of Israel when they went through the Red Sea, they were not to fear that the waters would come back upon them.

"They looked unto Him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles." And that's what we need to realize. We are going to have troubles continually. That's the nature of the world, that's the nature of life today. And if you think you have troubles, look at the people in the world and all the troubles that they have and see that we have light troubles indeed.

"The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." So you see, the whole theme of the Feast of Unleavened Bread is deliverance by God and looking to God. "O taste and see..." That has to do with the Passover. That has to do with living by every word of God. That has to do that if we eat the flesh of Christ and drink His blood that we will live by Him, which means by everything He stands for, by everything that He taught, by the way that He shows us how we should live as preserved in the New Testament and in the Old Testament. "...Blessed is the man *that* trusteth in Him. O fear the LORD, ye His saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear Him."

Now come over here to verse 14: "Depart from evil [put out the leaven – put in the unleaven], and do good; seek peace, and pursue it [because Christ is our peace]. The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and His ears *are open* unto their cry." God hears you. God will answer you. God will make it possible. He promises. Now what you need to do in many of your prayers is this: is that you go to God and say, "God, You have promised. I know You are a God that loves us. I know that You care for us. I know that You have called us. And I know that You understand everything that we are going through. And we know that everything is going to work for good. We know that You hear. Please hear, please answer, intervene, give us Your strength, give us Your answer." And then patiently wait on God and do good, seek peace, pursue it, depart from evil, do good and: "The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and His ears *are open* unto their cry. The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. *The righteous* cry, and the LORD heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles." Now not all at once. not everything all at the same time, but step by step by step and as they come you can grow, you can change, you can overcome, and you can learn. And when you have gotten through the threshold of it and on to the other side of the trial and you look back, what do you see? You see the reason, you see the purpose, you see what you have learned, you see the wisdom that God has added to you because of it, you see the faith that God has added to you, the love and the hope that God continually gives you. That's why we need to look to God to always fight our battles for us. That's why we need to look to His salvation. That's why we always need to go forward as Moses told the children of Israel, "Go forward."

And another thing in growing and changing and overcoming that is important is this: What has happened in the past is done. Now if there is something you can change to rectify it, then you do. But what has happened has happened and you need to repent of it and when you repent of it you put it behind you and make each day a new day. Don't drag the problems of yesterday into today, and do not be fearful and worried and project the problems of today into tomorrow.

Now notice this, verse 18, here's why: "The LORD *is* nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." That's what it's all to do. You see, because when you have trials that are more than you can handle and you're overwhelmed, what does that do? That humbles you, that takes away your haughtiness, gives you a contrite spirit. Do you want to draw close to God? He'll fight for you.

Now notice verse 19: "Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all" (Psa. 34:4-9, 14-19, *KJV*). And God will. We claim those promises.

Now let's come to the New Testament. Let's come to Ephesians 2 and let's see something concerning salvation. Let's see how it is because as we have seen it is a process, as we have seen just like the children of Israel walking out of Egypt, walking all the way to Mt. Sinai, it is the path of the Lord that we need to follow. We have the Spirit of God to lead us – as many as are led of the Spirit of God they are the children of God. We have the Word of God, which is the light – a lamp to our feet to show us how to walk in darkness. We have Christ in us, Who is the light of the world. And we have all of these things. And what we are talking about here is God's grace to us because none of these things came to us because of who we are or what we are, or our abilities or anything like that. God one day reached down and called you and opened your mind.

Let me give you an example. A woman who's brother has been converted for many years and in the church of God, she went to visit her brother. Now she grew up in the church but it never really registered with her. Why? Because God hadn't called her. So when she was down visiting her brother, guess what? She was keeping the Sabbath with him, going through the scriptures and so forth, and when she got home she decided to keep the Sabbath. And she wrote her brother and said, "After three Sabbaths, I now understand." See, God is calling her. That's how God does it. God is the one Who chooses, Who selects, Who opens the mind for those who are willing to follow God, go His way, admit where they're wrong, and so that is all the operation of the grace of God.

Now let's come here to Ephesians 2:8: "For by grace you have been saved..." Now that refers to Satan and the prince of the power of the air and walking in the course of this world we have been saved from our lust, from our sins, and all of those things, see. We have been saved through faith because you believe that Jesus died for your sins, you believe that He paid the penalty of it, you believe that He has forgiven your sins, and it is a spiritual act which takes place because of God's love and mercy and truth. And Paul says here: "...and this *especially* is not of your own selves; *it is* the gift of God [because

all of God grace is a gift], not of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship...”

Now let’s understand what God is doing through the process of conversion and growing and overcoming and living our lives, and through the whole operation of the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread and living in this world. “For we are His workmanship...”, see, because God is working in you to perform His will, to build His character in you, to give you the mind of Christ. We are His workmanship, now notice: “...created in Christ Jesus unto *the* good works that God ordained beforehand in order that we might walk in them” (Eph. 2:8-10, *FV*). So it is a way of life.

Now let’s understand something concerning salvation – salvation is creation. And it starts out by being saved from our sins and being saved from our carnal nature and receiving the Spirit of God. Now come here to I Corinthians 15 and let’s see how Paul reaffirms that this is a process. Just like the Feast of Unleavened Bread pictures and the Exodus pictures, we are to walk in God’s way, we are to believe in God, we are to look to Him for our salvation, we are to look to Him to help us grow and change and overcome.

Now let’s pick it up here in verse 1: “Now I am declaring to you, brethren, the *same* gospel that I proclaimed to you, which you also received, *and* in which you are now standing...” Now we’ll talk about our stand with God, you see, because we are standing in the gospel. We are walking in the gospel. Now notice carefully this, and this is the correct translation: “...By which you are also being saved...” that is through the gospel. And that is repent and be baptized and receive the Spirit of God and every thing that that implies. Now notice: “...if [little two letter word – circle it] you are holding fast *the* words that I proclaimed to you; otherwise you have believed in vain” (I Cor. 15:1-2, *FV*). So you see, many people believe in vain because they want all the good things. They don’t want to be standing fast.

Now here, he repeats it here in I Corinthians 1:17. Paul is writing to the Corinthians where he said: “For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel...” He did some initial baptizing but his was to preach. Once there were those who were raised up who could do the baptizing, they did the baptizing, you see – not Paul. “...Not with *the* wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ be made void. For to those who are perishing, the preaching of the cross is foolishness; but to us who are being saved...” Now notice he includes himself in there because salvation is a process, salvation is a creation, and salvation is only completed at the resurrection. “...But to us who are being saved, it is the power of God” (I Cor. 1:17-18, *FV*).

So we have this: 1) We are saved from our sins and Satan the devil at our calling. That’s pictured by the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread. 2) We are growing in grace and knowledge and are continually being saved – Feast of Unleavened Bread – put out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, that you may keep the feast in sincerity and truth and get rid of the malice and wickedness that you have in your human nature. Now, 3) You shall be saved, and that is at the resurrection. And we will see this even more clearly as we go along here.

Let's come to Romans 5. Here is the process. And this is why Christ was raised during the Feast of Unleavened Bread – not before, not after. And He could not have been resurrected on Easter Sunday, because Easter Sunday is a pagan holiday replete with all the pagan lies and things of this world. Now let's pick it up here in Romans 4:24 and then that comes right into Romans 5.

Romans 4:24: “Rather [that is the things concerning Abraham as we covered on the first holy day], *it was also written* for our sakes, to whom it shall be imputed [that is the righteousness of Christ and the belief and faith]—to those who believe in Him Who raised Jesus our Lord from *the* dead; Who was delivered for our offenses and was raised for our justification [so that we could be put in right standing with God]” (Rom 4:24-25, *FV*). So what Paul says in the gospel “in which we are being saved, and which we stand” – that is being put in right standing with God.

Now notice Romans 5:1: “Therefore, having been justified by faith [because we believe God and we look to Him, we believe in Christ], we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” And as we saw with the offerings that were offered in Deuteronomy 16, they were peace offerings for the firstborn. So likewise we have peace with God through our Lord, Jesus Christ. So that's really something, isn't it? Christ was our peace offering. Christ was the firstborn so we could have peace with God.

Now notice: “Through Whom we also have access by faith into this grace...” You are in a special relationship with God the Father and Jesus Christ. “...In which we stand...” So look at it this way, just like Paul talked about there in Ephesians 6 about all the armor of God – the panoply of God. It's just like a great umbrella under which we are standing, and we receive from God through His grace: His love, His mercy, His kindness, His forgiveness, that He will fight for us, that He will lead us, that He will teach us, that He will guide us, that He will intervene for us in every way. That's all there. That's what it means “to stand in the grace.” And what it does is this: “...and we ourselves boast in *the* hope of the glory of God.” Not in things in this life, but in the things which God has for us. “And not only *this*, but we also boast in tribulations, realizing that tribulation brings forth endurance [patience]...” the King James says “patience”, but “endurance” is a little better because endurance means that you have to go through and you have to suffer things in order to endure. “...And endurance *brings forth* character...” And that's what God is teaching us – His character, His love, His truth, His way, the very mind of Christ. “...And character *brings forth* hope.” And we know that God is for us. We know that He is with us. “And the hope *of God* never makes us ashamed because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, which has been given to us.” Now that's something, isn't it?

Now then he makes this statement. Here's what we need to understand, verse 6: “For even when we were without strength, at the appointed time Christ died for *the* ungodly. For rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, although perhaps someone might have the courage even to die for a good man. But God commends His own love to us [to give us grace, to call us, to intervene for us, to forgive us our sins, to lead us in the way

we need to go] because, when we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more, therefore, having been justified now by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him” (Rom. 5:1-9, *FV*). So the third step of salvation is the resurrection. And that’s why when the children of Israel walked through the Red Sea and walked out of it, it was a type of resurrection. That’s why our baptism is a type of resurrection so that we can walk in newness of life. We’re still in the flesh but we walk in newness of life and we do not let sin rule and reign over us. We use the power of God and the Spirit of God to grow and change and to overcome.

Now come to Ephesians 4 and let’s see how God wants us to be perfected, because that’s what the Feast of Unleavened Bread is all about, that we are perfected in Christ, that we are perfected through the Word of God. And this process of creation of spiritual character then requires of us to always walk in God’s way.

Now let’s come to Ephesians 4 and let’s see what the apostle Paul says here. Let’s pick it up in verse 17: “So then, I declare and testify this in *the* Lord that you are no longer to walk even as the rest *of the* Gentiles are walking, in *the* vanity of their minds...” That includes everything that they practice – all their religious practices, all of their debauched ways of living. Because what happens with it is this: “...having *their* understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their hearts. They have cast off all feelings, *and* have given themselves up to licentiousness, to work every uncleanness with insatiable desire.” Now you watch and see, that’s how this world is coming. And if you don’t believe me just do a click through for a while on your television and look at all the channels, look at all the things that are going there, look at how it appeals to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life continuously. And then you add on to it all the sin and debauchery that’s on all of the various internet websites.

“But you have not so learned Christ; if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him [and of course it’s God the Father Who’s teaching you], according to *the* truth in Jesus: that concerning your former conduct, you put off the old man [that’s the whole purpose of getting rid of leaven and putting in unleaven], which is corrupt according to deceitful lusts...” Now notice this carefully: “...and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind...” That’s why we have the Passover and Unleavened Bread every year, that we be renewed. God made us so that we need to be renewed, we need to be reinvigorated, we need to have an opportunity to change, to repent, to grow, to overcome. And that’s what the Feast of Unleavened Bread is about – to be renewed in the spirit of your mind; that you let God’s Spirit be there, as we covered on the first holy day; that you grow in grace and knowledge; that you have the Word of God written in your heart and in your mind; that you let it rule in your life; that you let Christ guide you and direct you. That’s all of it right there, you see.

“...And that you put on the new man...” now notice: “...which according to God is created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.” So what God is doing is recreating in you His character, His love, His truth, His righteousness, His patience, His hope, His

faith. That's what God wants to be created in you. So therefore we have things that we need to do, and we have sins that we need to overcome.

Now verse 25: "Therefore, let each one put away lies *and* speak the truth with his neighbor because we are members of one another." Now that's important because this whole world is a lie. Everything out there is a false reality, and it's created and reinforced with everything that's in the world – through the educational system, through the business system, through the entertainment system, which is reflected then in television and movies and music and so forth, which is reflected in education. They have politically correct education which ignores the truth of history and the way that man is.

So put away the lies and speak the truth with his neighbor and so forth, now verse 26: "*When* you become angry, do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your anger...", key important thing because this destroys your heart and your mind if you hold on to things and you drag it into the next day. So when sundown comes do this: ask God to help you put away the difficulties and problems of the day. And if someone has done you in, put them into God's hands – don't worry about it, He'll take care of it. Otherwise you will be angry and sin because you will carry it into the night and you won't sleep. You'll be distressed, you'll become bitter, you'll become hard. Now sometimes you're going to be confronted with the same problems again and again. And sometimes you're going to see all the problems of the other person and never see your own. So you see this is why we need to have a clean slate every day. That's why the model prayer in Matthew 6 and Luke 13 is this: "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." And that is an imperative thing.

Now notice, verse 27: "...Neither give place to the devil." So what he's saying is this is that in these things if you don't do it God's way then you're giving place to the devil, and you're giving an opportunity for the devil rather than having God fight your battle for you the way that it should be. You're giving place to the devil to bring in a little leaven, to bring in some little evil thoughts, to bring in some lust, to bring in some carnality, to bring in some hatefulness, to bring in some resentment. That's all from Satan the devil. I've heard people say, "I have resentment." Congratulations, you are totally carnal. You need to repent of it. "Well, I will never forgive." Congratulations, you are walking down an evil path. You are no going God's way.

Now notice verse 28: "Let the one who stole, steal no more; rather, let him labor with *his* hands, working *at* what *is* good, so that he may impart *something* to the one who has need. Do not let any corrupt communication come out of your mouth, but that which is good and needful for edification that it may give grace to those who hear." And that's why it's so important. Everyone wants God to forgive them. Everyone wants God to give them a clean slate. Well you've got to do it toward your neighbor, and you've got to do it toward the brethren, and you've got to do it in your life. And it takes what you need to do daily to put all of that behind you, you see. That's why the theme of the day is: don't complain, see the salvation of God, and go forward. You can never truly go forward if you are always dragging the past with you.

Now to give you an example, there's a very interesting ad on television that I saw. And all of those who are trying to fight the battle of getting rid of the bulge and losing weight, you can identify with this. It shows people walking around with a scale handcuffed to their ankle, and they're walking dragging this scale. Well, just liken that whenever you continue in your carnal ways. You are dragging it along with you. You are dragging it with you. And it pollutes. It is leaven. It destroys.

Alright, let's continue on here, verse 30: "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God by which you have been sealed for *the* day of redemption." Because [of] all of these things, what he is saying here is grieving the Spirit of God. Meaning that the Spirit of God cannot work with you the way that God wants the Spirit of God to work with you because you're fighting and resisting it because you want to cling and hold onto your own carnality rather than repent and let God fight your battles for you. You want to complain to God and be bitter and resentful because you are not willing to let go of the flesh. So what if you've been hurt, so what if you've had something come upon you that's unfair? Well, look at what Christ did. Look what He went through. And what did He say? He said, "Father forgive them, they don't know what they're doing." So that's what we need to do.

Now verse 31, it tells us what we need to do. Here is the clutter of carnality we need to get rid of: "Let all bitterness, and indignation, and wrath, and clamor, and evil speaking be removed from you, together with all malice..." See, those are the things that grieve the Holy Spirit of God, because you can't grow in love, you can't grow in faith, you can't grow in hope, you can't grow in endurance and patience and understanding and kindness and temperance and self-control and all of those things if you have all of these carnal attitudes going on all the time. Rather, you can look at verse 31 as leaven. Verse 32 as unleaven: "...And be kind *and* tenderhearted toward one another, forgiving one another, even as God has also in Christ forgiven you" (Eph. 4:17-32, *FV*). And the worst thing you can do is ask God to forgive you and then get up on your feet and resolve you will never forgive that person. You have just lost everything. Your prayer did not even exist.

Now let's see how we are to live our lives, Chapter 5, because it goes right along here. And this shows the whole purpose of the Feast of Unleavened Bread. You see when we are resurrected we'll no longer have human nature. We will no longer have any leaven of sin. We will no longer have the proclivity to do the things that we now do in the flesh. So here's how we do it, and Paul wrote this and it continues on with Chapter 4, you see.

"Therefore, be imitators of God [the way Christ has done, the way God does], as beloved children [not spoiled, self-centered brats]; and walk in love [not in hatred], even as Christ also loved us, and gave Himself for us *as* an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor." He was that peace offering, the firstborn of God that we may have our sins forgiven, that we may be able to love God and serve Him.

Now notice again, he shows what we need to do to put in the righteousness, then he shows what we need to do to put out the leaven and the unrighteousness: "But

fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, do not permit it even to be named among you, as is fitting for saints...” Now what is he talking about here? This is all the same thing of putting out the leaven of wickedness and of malice, because all of these things that he is talking about here is the leaven of wickedness and malice, isn’t it? Yes.

Now notice, continuing on: “...Nor filthiness, nor foolish talking or jesting, which are not becoming; but instead, thanksgiving. For this you know, that no fornicator, or unclean person, or covetous *person*, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Do not let anyone deceive you with vain words; for because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.” That’s in the world. And if it’s in the church... And brethren, look what happened to the church when it got in the church and ruled and reigned. Just almost like the church became possessed with an evil spirit, right? Yes. And look what happened: God had to correct it, God had to scatter it, God had to punish it. And we are still suffering from that, you see. And there are a lot of people out there who still have not learned the lesson.

He says here, verse 7: “Therefore, do not be joint partakers with them. For you were once darkness...” Don’t go back to the way that you were. Don’t be like the children of Israel and say, “Oh, let’s make us a calf and go back to Egypt.” That’s exactly what has happened in our church experience, right? Ministers rose up and said, “Look, all of these Protestant doctrines are wonderful and great and true and good. And we can now have communion, we can now have Sunday services, we can now have Easter and Christmas and New Year’s and all of these things because these are all found in God. But they’re all darkness. “...But now *you are* light in *the* Lord. Walk as children of light, (because the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) proving what is well pleasing to the Lord...” And that’s how God wants us to be, you see.

“...And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*...” We have to do a lot of that today because there are a lot of fruits of darkness out there and the results of darkness, and this world is in darkness. And remember what Jesus said, “Work while you have the light because the night is coming when no one will be able to work” (John 9:4, paraphrased). And that’s why we need to do the things that we are doing. That’s why we need to be urgent about the things that we are doing. We don’t know how long, we don’t know when, but we need to be doing as Jesus said, “When He comes we will be so doing.”

“...Proving what is well pleasing to the Lord; and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*; for it is shameful even to mention the things being done by them in secret. But all of these things being exposed by the light are openly revealed. Therefore He says, ‘*You* who are sleeping...’ ” And there have been a lot of us sleeping. There have been a lot who have been in the church of God sleeping. As a matter of fact some of them have been sleeping so soundly that they’ve been hibernating and they’re like a bear in a cave hibernating, waiting for the Lord. We’ll they’re going to come out of their sleep and they’re going to find themselves just like a bear coming out of hibernation, aren’t they? Thin, weak, hungry, starving, and there isn’t going to be any food for them. So God says “ ‘...—wake up, and arise from the dead!’ ”

And what does it say to the church at Sardis? You have a name that lives but you're dead. Rise from the dead. " '...And Christ shall shine upon you.' So then, take heed that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as those who are wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." And if they were evil back there, I wonder what the apostle Paul would write if he were resurrected and living in this society today. I wonder what would happen if the apostle Paul would have been called today instead of then. I wonder what he would have said about all of the sins that are out there in government, in religion, in entertainment, and the whole way that the world is. Well, he didn't have to live in our day because he knew and God inspired him to write what would be applicable in our time as well.

"For this reason, do not be foolish, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is debauchery, but be filled with *the* Spirit [and that's what we are to do, brethren]: speaking to each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and offering praise to the Lord with your hearts; giving thanks at all times for all things to God and the Father in *the* name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph. 5:1-20, *FV*).

Now come here to Philippians 4, and here's what we need to do day by day by day. You can't slack back and let everything just go and then all of a sudden catch up. Now if you did that with your bills, guess what would happen? You do that for three months on your house payment and you have notice of foreclosure. Well, apply that to your lives in Christ. If you day by day grow, if you day by day change, if you day by day do the things that God wants you to do...

Now let's come to Philippians 4, and then you put that in parallel with Matthew 6: "Rejoice in *the* Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice [in spite of your circumstances]! Let your moderation be known to all men; the Lord *is* near." A lot nearer than when Paul write this. Now notice verse 6: "Do not be anxious about anything..." Don't let it get you down. Don't have a nervous twitter-patting, don't be wondering "Ohhhhh." Put it all in God's hands. "...But by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God in everything; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus." So there will be a spiritual mental barrier of protection that God gives you.

Now verse 8. Here's what we need to do every day because Paul said, "I've experienced everything that there is and here's what I've learned": "Finally, brethren, whatever *things* are true, whatever *things* are honorable, whatever *things* are just, whatever *things* are pure, whatever *things* are lovely, whatever *things* are of good report; if *there be* any virtue and if *there be* any praise, think on these things. Whatever things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, you do also; and the God of peace shall be with you" (Phil. 4:4-9, *FV*). And that's the whole meaning of the Feast of Unleavened Bread – let the God of peace be with you and put out all the spiritual leaven, and love God in spirit and in truth.

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