

Feasts of Unleavened Bread and First Fruits

Unleavened Bread



Scriptures

- **Leviticus 23:5-6**

In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight is the LORD'S Passover. Then on the fifteenth day of the same month there is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD...

- **Deuteronomy 16:2-3**

You shall sacrifice the Passover to the LORD your God from the flock and the herd, in the place where the LORD chooses to establish His name. You shall not eat leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat with it unleavened bread, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste)...

- **Mark 8:15**

And He was giving orders to them, saying, "And watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

- **Matthew 16:6-12**

And Jesus said to them, "Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." They began to discuss this among themselves, saying, "He said that because we did not bring any bread." But Jesus, aware of this, said, "You men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread? Do you not yet understand or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets full you picked up? Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many large baskets full you picked up? How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning the bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

- **Galatians 5:9**

Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you. And testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law. You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace. For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love. You were running well; who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion did not come from Him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump...

- **I Corinthians 5:6-8**

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough? Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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Other Scriptures

- Exodus 12
- Philippians 2:8-11
- Matt. 5:3
- Luke 18:9-14

Main Points

- In the Old Testament, there are 7 special Holy Days on God's Calendar.
- Spring Holy Days and Fall Holy Days
- Passover is the climax of the Spring Holy Days.
 - Feast of Unleavened Bread
 - Feast of First Fruits
 - Shavuot (Pentecost)
- All of God's Holy Days have application for our lives today.
- All of the Holy Days are fulfilled in Messiah Jesus.
- Jesus was crucified on Passover, showing that He is the fulfillment of it.
- When Jesus' blood covers our life, judgement passes us over.
- The Feast of Unleavened Bread was brought to fruition by Messiah Jesus.
- Principles of Unleavened Bread:
 - Instantaneous Obedience
 - Jesus was buried during the Feast of Unleavened Bread because He fulfilled the principle of instantaneous obedience.
 - Jesus is the only perfect sacrifice for our sins.
 - Dependency on God
- Trying to establish a righteousness of your own will pollute your walk with God.
- The Feast of Unleavened Bread finds its fulfillment in Jesus and is closely related to Passover.
- Do not add the law to your faith in Jesus.

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Discussion Questions

1. As Christians, are we legally bound to celebrate Passover? Write about why we would observe this time if we are not Jewish.

2. What does this feast of Passover have to do with obedience? Think about ancient Israel in Egypt, as well as Jesus giving His life on the cross. How does His Passover gift of himself save us from judgement when we apply His blood to our lives? How did Jesus' being buried during the Feast of Unleavened Bread make him the perfect sacrifice for our sins?

3. The teachings of Jesus did NOT produce arrogance. Was this true of the Pharisees and their teachings. Leaven is tied to arrogance and false teachings tying us to the law. Clean out the leaven from your life by relying on Jesus, who is all we will ever need.

4. Have you embraced the Passover Lamb—Jesus—and asked for cleansing of sin through His blood? If not, what is keeping you from it TODAY?! Please let us know if you make this choice. We would love to know and encourage you in your new faith.