

The Holy Gathering

What precedes the gathering of more and more will be the efforts of those who were previously harvested. A good way to see what we are saying is to observe the words of Jesus regarding the fields being white for harvest.

Jhn 4:35-38:

“Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. “Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. “For in this case the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ “I send you to reap that which you have not labored; others have labored and you will enter into their labor.”

Reaping where we haven’t sown teaches us the principal of Grace; so we not become puffed up with arrogance, but on the contrary, being filled with Gratitude and love for God, and for our fellow believers.

Jhn 13:34-35 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

In essence we are inviting believers to a gathering of believers that we might all fellowship in the things from God. Teachings that promote Spirituality/Growth, and with the Lord’s blessing, we are workers to whom it’s been granted to make new wine.

Hos 2:20-23 And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know the LORD. “It will come about in that day that I will respond,” declares the LORD. “I will respond to the heavens, and they will respond to the earth, and the earth will respond to the grain, to the new wine, and to the oil, and they will respond to Jezreel ie "God sows". “I will sow her for Myself in the land. I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, And I will say to those who were not My people, ‘You are My people!’ And they will say, ‘You are my God!’”

This being a time of devoted confidence in His truth; we have been freed yet we have been taken captive to serve the Lord.

Psa 14:7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores His captive people, Jacob will rejoice, Israel will be glad.

It turn, taking these truths to a new generation; yet first breaking up the fallow ground; our turn to take the message of renewal; often met with laughter; some wanting to trivialize the encounter because of nakedness/shame.

Hos 10:12 Sow with a view to righteousness, Reap in accordance with kindness; Break up your fallow ground, For it is time to seek the LORD Until He comes to rain righteousness on you.

Psa 126:6 He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying his bag of seed, Shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Eventually they realize sincerity; thus the word breaking through the hearts; and with growth the inevitable confession of Jesus to a new generation.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and Spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Philip 2:11 that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Israelites were having a hard time trusting in Moses who was acting for God.

Exo 4:16 “Moreover, he shall speak for you to the people; and he will be as a mouth for you and you will be as God to him.

Until God springs us from the traps of Satan we’re not in a position where we can freely exalt God.

Exo 5:21 They said to them, “May the LORD look upon you and judge you, for you have made us disgusting in Pharaoh’s sight and in the sight of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to kill us.”

As the moves are being made that the slave to the enemy be freed; the enemy takes antagonistic actions designed to dash our hopes of moving ahead. God’s actions to free us escalate at the same time Satan escalates his agenda to deceive and oppress. Regardless if were willing to follow God’s agenda we find our deliverance in Him even though we have yet to achieve all His will. The greatest days/opportunities are ahead for those passing into the promise. The Opportunities/obligations to conquer the whole Land with the truth; yet little by little so the land not be filled with beasts.

Exo 6:9 So Moses spoke thus to the sons of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses on account of their despair, because of the cruel bondage they were subjected to.

Once God does the actual Miracles; setting our (hearts) free from the snares of Satan, then our faith is more so in a position to soar; until then we feel oppressed because we have not yet made

the move out of enemy territory. With the holy assembly our eyes are anointed with the unleavened bread, in one hope we strive ahead.

Psa 103:1-7: Bless the LORD, O my soul, And all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, oh my soul, And forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle. The LORD performs righteous deeds and judgments for all who are oppressed. He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.

The first holy gathering of God's people was after The Passover; the sacrifice of the animal was symbolic to that of Jesus bearing the sins of the world. We are freed from slavery to sin and Satan's empire without really knowing the actual cost; nonetheless we are saved. Shortly after this fledgling nation's departure from Egypt; although they reaped the benefit of salvation through Passover; the implications of that great gift would escape them for a while. The Holy Gathering with unleavened bread was a picture of absolute truth; the Annual reminder not to forget what God did for them. All that the Israelites experienced together just days earlier; seeing all the miracles that provided for their freedom. First Passover the picture of salvation then the miracles. Yet the much greater miracle was eating that Passover meal and all that it means. The miracles we see or experience are to testify of the greatest thing; that being Jesus Christ. Whatever discomforts and distractions there were in Satan's Territory are taken out of the way in the desert God is asking us to rely on basic food and trust in Him. That we be washed and come to know Him in a new and more personal way; thus, exalting in Him.

There are many great things to learn from Exodus Chapter twelve starting with the Israel being given a Holy Calendar; and with only this calendar can the scriptures be fully unlocked; it's no wonder Satan sought to abolish every trace of this calendar's significance.

Dan 7:25 'He will speak words against the Most High and wear down the holy ones of the Highest One, and he will intend to make alterations in times and in law; and they will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time.

Those departing Egypt were a mixture of Jews and various Gentile races being called a mixed multitude in some bibles. Any of these believing Gentiles men could become a Jew by the act of circumcision.

Exo 12:48-49 "But if a stranger sojourns with you, and celebrates the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near to celebrate it; and he shall be like a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person may eat of it. "The same law shall apply to the native as to the stranger who sojourns among you."

This gathering was an opportunity to rest and celebrate the victories God so faithfully provided; freeing them from the bondages of Satan's world system. God provides Egypt as the snapshot of Satan's Empire. Satan is never willing that any of God's people fare well in the world, except to be slaves to it. Were it not for the interventions of God; Satan would have long ago exterminated anyone having favorable thoughts towards God; those looking for the one true God.

Jhn 4:23-24 "But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and truth."

Yet Satan seeks to corrupt the minds of those turning to the Lord.

1Pe 5:8-10 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.

Favorable thoughts towards God often start with the desires for freedom; freedom from our own sins or the sins of others is the primary motivator causing us to desire someone greater than ourselves.

Gal 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

In fact, God can cause us to fall into the enemies hands so that we will seek for Him. Jesus Indicated we must hate our old life before there would be adequate capacity to serve Him well; so hating our old life is the prerequisite.

Luk 14:26 "If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

More than anything, I could relate to hating my own life, in this previous verse. Feeling completely dead in my circumstances, trapped and powerless to change the direction everything is going. I wanted to do something of greater value; something that would change history for the many. Without the intervention of God, it seems none of us could truly make a clean break from our old life.

In reality, Israel was driven out of Egypt by God and the pursuing Egyptian army. Most people would not pass through a sea into a wilderness unless they had an enemy, or God, driving them on to do it; and such was the case with Israel. When we're hearing the shepherd's voice and we don't respond; then next comes the goad. The Israelites were resisting the voice of Moses; and why not; Satan has made it hard for us to believe in anything or anybody; therefore, there remains the necessity for divine intervention to get us moving ahead.

Four Hundred and thirty years earlier God force Jacob and His sons to go to Egypt. He forced them to Egypt to contain the twelve sons of Jacob, in order to keep them together for their own good; God wanted to bless them immensely. Observing the corrupt behavior of these brothers; we see they were willing to sell one of their own into slavery; but God turned this into an opportunity. There could be much to learn about fairness and equity; thus, we can fall into many unfavorable circumstances. God wants His people to be Godly; able to discern what is clean, and on the contrary, what is unclean, that justice might prevail amongst the people of God. Whatever the circumstances we find ourselves in; God wants to turn it into an opportunity, like only He can do.

God intended For Israel to be His primary nation; God's primary representatives to the rest of the world. In the same way, God seeks representation from even the smallest group of believers; being as few as just two; and just two, if they can agree on anything and pray for it; then it shall be given to them; but not without a certain degree of endurance. First a few need to agree on everything then Conquer more of the land; stay there until everyone is built up in the faith therefore acquiring the strength to Conquer again more of the land.

We are gifted by God to serve one another, and without each other there is weakness/suffering that can only be alleviated by gathering more of us together. Jesus disciplined the twelve, and they, in the future, will judge between the twelve tribes of Israel. But on the other hand, Jesus sent them out to be fishers of men, and they were to keep some of the fish, but throw out the bad ones. Throwing out the bad fish is to discern the clean from the unclean; to discern justice and injustice; and above all, to be **peace makers for God with gentleness.**

Eventually, and with the Lord's help, we develop a willingness to take action with the Word of God. As the Body of Christ, we're being called to be a good shepherd, thus seeking to keep the sheep and the goats separated. God does not want us carrying on with unbelievers. The unadulterated truth will separate the sheep from the goats.

Symbolically the unleavened bread was a picture of God providing the truth with no false doctrine mixed in. The Israelites would make a search of their houses that not even the smallest amount of leaven be found, so that false doctrine/sin not be passed from their house to a neighbor's; this being the picture. The seven days of eating this bread pictures a sustained level of truth for a completed period of time thus driving out the deceptions; like medicine driving out the infection of sin. Like food, The Word of God provides the necessary strength enabling us to ward off the attacks of Satan.

The Israelites were instructed to put reminders of the scriptures everywhere so we would not fall into the bondage of the enemy; daily admonishing one another that we not be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. Israel was never to forget the day of their salvation; the substitutionary sacrifice; the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world; of course, this being symbolic of Jesus. Every year for seven days there was to be a celebration; Joyful reflection upon the many miracles taking place that ultimately facilitated their departure from the enemy's stronghold.

Heb 3:13 Admonish one another day after day, as long as it is still called “Today,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Exo 13:7-10 “Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and nothing leavened shall be seen among you, nor shall any leaven be seen among you in all your borders. “You shall tell your son on that day, saying, ‘It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.’ “And it shall serve as a sign to you on your hand, and as a reminder between your eyes, **that the law of the LORD may be in your mouth**; for with a powerful hand the LORD brought you out of Egypt. “Therefore, you shall keep this ordinance at its appointed time from days to days.

The central truth for Israel as a nation was in fact all the miracles taking place in order to free them from Satan. Satan wants to lock down our hearts so we forget all that God has done for us. I know I have been rescued so many times, so I would continue to move forward and take the news of His existence to the next generation. More than anything the Scriptures are the proof of God’s existence. I think the miracles are like eye salve so we are ready for a word from God.