

The 7 day festival of Unleavened Bread points to Yeshua as the One we need to consistently feast upon



The Festival of Unleavened Bread to YHWH is on the fifteenth day of the same month. For seven days you must eat unleavened bread. Leviticus 23:6

Feasting on Yeshua

I'm not really fond of matzah. For years after partaking of the passover meal and entering in to the 7 day festival of Unleavened Bread when we were to avoid eating leavened items, I also unconsciously avoided eating matzah. There were plenty of other unleavened items that I just found more savory. But then I noticed in the Scripture that for those 7 days we are commanded to eat unleavened bread. It was not just about not partaking of leavened items but to specifically partake of and eat unleavened bread throughout this seven days.

I think there is a spiritual reason why. Yeshua is the foundation and source of all of the biblical festivals and this 7 day festival is no exception. He is the sinless One who is best represented by the matzah. This unleavened bread was striped and pierced just like Yeshua was for us. I believe that the main message of the Festival of Unleavened Bread is that in the entirety of our life

(represented by the 7 days of this festival) we must consistently "feast upon" Yeshua. The Bible has many ways to describe this feasting: coming to Him, abiding in Him, etc.

In our western culture we place great focus on praying a prayer of salvation and far less emphasis on committing to a lifetime of abiding in Yeshua. While an initial prayer to follow Yeshua is vital, if we don't continue in our walk with Him over a lifetime than any initial prayer we prayed was largely worthless.

I believe it is also interesting to note that in a Hebraic understanding that the resurrection of Yeshua (celebrated at Firstfruits) has more of a minor focus than in the expressions of many of our brothers and sisters in Messiah. In fact in partaking of the communion elements throughout the year, we are declaring His death until He comes (1 Corinthians 11:26). Don't get me wrong, the resurrection of Yeshua is crucial to our faith--in fact, Paul emphatically declares in 1 Corinthians 15:14 that without this reality our faith is in vain. But, the overarching emphasis of the festival of Unleavened Bread is that this life is hard, and we will only make it successfully to the end by daily communing with Yeshua who also led the way and suffered before His exaltation.

One of the ways that we can grow in feasting on Yeshua is to spend time with Him. One of the ideas that Raymond and Martina came up with (that the rest of our elder team heartily supported) was to have a thirty day challenge of spending 30 consecutive days of at least one hour a day set apart to spend with Yeshua starting this Sunday (April 9th). Here are the parameters:

1. One hour a day 30 days consecutively
2. Prayer times are consecrated and set apart times only. Prayer "on the go" won't qualify.
3. If you miss a day then you must then start over and begin a new 30 day cycle (let this be considered a "win-win" situation)
4. "Pray and obey" here. God will help you find the time to engage in what can become a very spiritually rewarding activity/habit.

If wanting to commit to be a part of this spiritual challenge, then let one of the elders know, and we'll sign you up to be a part of this initiative.

Tomorrow I will share more about the festival of Unleavened Bread and how we can more faithfully enter into the heart of what Yah intended in our observance of it.