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A Call to BUILD your Character



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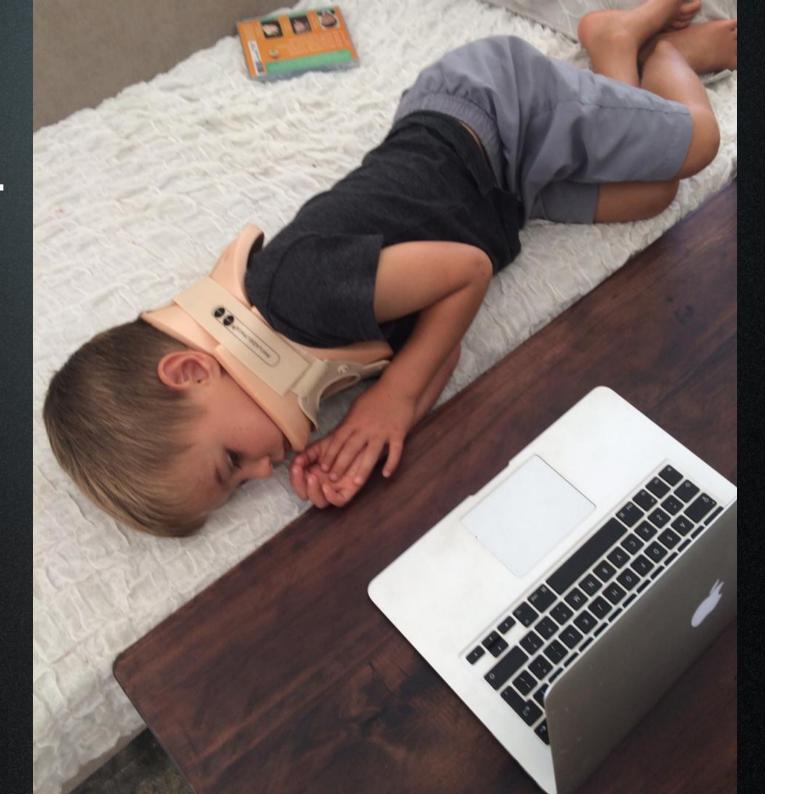


SUMMARY of the Passover teachings

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- One New Man
- Restoring the Role of the Woman
- Passover Feast
- Moses and Pharaoh
- Barley Harvest
- Seven Parables

THE SPIRIT
OF DEATH
HAS
PASSED
OVER!!



A study of the SEVEN Parables

The CALL to Build your Character

- It is the season to celebrate the Feast of Passover.
- Jesus kept this Feast, and Paul tells us to keep this Feast,
- BUT ... what is the end goal?

The CALL to Build your Character

- At the time when Jesus kept this Feast, He was ministering a particular message namely,
- that we should prepare for the Kingdom that was on hand.

Matthew 4:17

- "From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,
- "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

The CALL to Build your Character

- We now see that the goal of that message was to ensure that the people came to an understanding of:
 - The leadership model
 - The concept of the Bride

1. The Leadership Model

- The concept of servant-leadership
- The concept of the unity and coresponsibility of a group of 12 men with equal status.



- In this model, Jesus effectively puts and end to the arguments,
- which started at that time and which continue today
- who would be the greatest amongst His followers.

2. The concept of the Bride

- The nature of the ONE NEW MAN is that two becomes one
- That there are no longer any walls separating Jew and Gentile,



2. The concept of the Bride

- and the fact that the Bride's Robe will be spotless / without wrinkle and covered with jewels.
- These two elements combined are reflecting in our character ...
- what we reveal to others in our daily walk on earth.

Believers need to develop a GODLY CHARACTER

- The initial Passover starts off with an "Ecclesia"
- as Stephen describes the people as he is being stoned to death.
- Even after living through the miracle of the TEN plagues and seen Pharaoh brought to his knees,



- the people failed to learn something
- about Gods's faithfulness.

- The chapters that describe the journey reveal that they have "poor / weak" character.
- They will grumble, desire to return, desire meat when their bellies are filled with manna, criticize their leaders,
- and lead a rebellion in order to take control.

- It took the all the 40 years in the wilderness to build the Godly character,
- which no longer had any vestige of slave mentality.



- The slave mentality had been replaced
- with the character of an overcomer.

The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13: 18-23

The Parable of the Sower Explained

- "19When anyone hears the Word of the Kingdom and does not understand it,
- the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.
- This is what was sown along the path ..."

The Parable of the Sower

- We know that the seed is good,
- but the point that matters,
 - is where the seed is sown
 - and whether it is sown in a place where the fowls / birds of the air can pick it up.

The Parable of the Weeds

Matthew 13:24-30

- "... "The Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field,
- ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away ... "

The Parable of the Weeds

- We read that a farmer went out after preparing his field properly, to sow it with GOOD seed.
- An evil man came in the night and sowed tares all over the field.
- It is only at the time of the harvest that we will see that the tares do not produce fruit.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:31-32

- He put another parable before them, saying,
- "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field ..."

The parable of The Mustard Seed and the Leaven



- This mustard seed is tiny and normally grows in small bushes.
- Its seed can be spread easily and will soon come up in great numbers in other fields ...

The Parable of the Leaven

Matthew 13:33

Parable of Leaven

- "He told them another parable.
- "The Kingdom of Heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour,
- till it was all leavened."

Parable of Leaven



- It describes the woman that introduces leaven into the dough
- so that ALL of the dough is leavened.

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

Matthew 13:44

Parable of the Hidden Treasure

- "The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,
- which a man found and covered up.
- Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

Parable of the Hidden Treasure



- It describes the Kingdom of God as a treasure that is hidden in a field.
- The treasure exists ... it's not buried, its hidden.

The Parable of the Pearl

Matthew 13:45

Parable of the merchant in search of fine pearls

 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls,"

Parable of the merchant in search of fine pearls



- It tells the story of the Pearl of great value.
- The merchant
 (Jesus) sold all that
 He had to buy this
 field to get the Pearl.

Jesus is looking for a glorious Bride!!

Parable of the merchant in search of fine pearls



- We understand that the oyster is unclean ... not kosher,
- but that the Pearl is priceless when separated from the oyster.

Ephesians 5:27

- " ... so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor,
- without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,
- that she might be holy and without blemish."

Revelation 18:4

- "Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people,
- lest you take part in her sins,
- lest you share in her plagues;"

- This church must "hold fast"
- it must overcome the trials
- and the tribulations that are still on the way.

How do we hold fast?



- We must put on the WHOLE armour of God
- as described for us in Ephesians 6:10–18.

The Parable of the Net

Matthew 13:47-50

- "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind.
- 48When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad.
- 49So it will be at the end of the age ..."

The parable of the net thrown into the sea



- It tells the story of the fishing net / dragnet,
- it tells us that all kinds will be gathered up,
- and at the end of time when the net is full and pulled ashore,

The parable of the net thrown into the sea

- the good fish will be kept, but the bad fish thrown away.
- John tells us later on in Revelation that there are two attributes needed to be called a good fish:
 - Those who keep the faith in Jesus
 - Those who keep the Commandments of God

Revelation 14:12

- "Here is a call for the endurance of the saints,
- those who keep the Commandments of God and their faith in Jesus."

Passover at the cross looks forward to the end times ...

- As Jesus hung on the Cross,
- He most certainly did not look back at the 3.5 years of ministry time,
- nor did He wonder about the present day circumstances.

How do we know this?

The last words spoken by Jesus - 7 sentences ...

- Look what He cared about ... and what He revealed:
 - that He loved and honoured His Father,
 - that He loved His Bride enough to die for Her.

1. Luke 23:34

- "And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them,
- for they know not what they do."

2. Luke 23:42-43

- "And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom."
- ⁴³And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in paradise."

3. John 19:26-27

- "When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple whom He loved standing nearby, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold, your son!"
- ²⁷Then He said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home."

4. Matthew 27:46

- "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"
- that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

5. John 19:28

- "After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished,
- said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst."

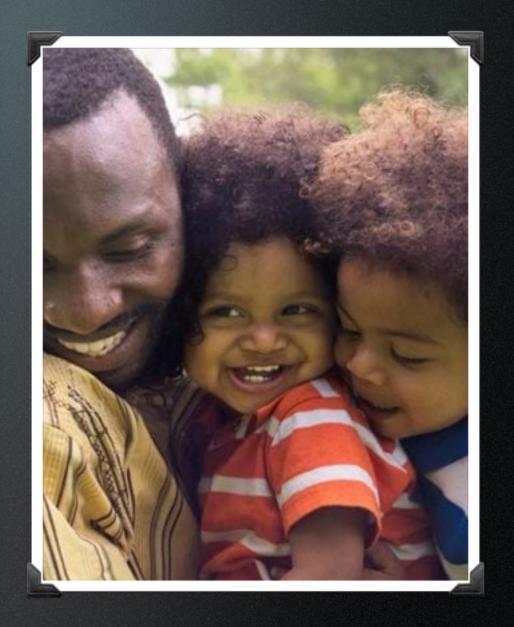
6. John 19:30

- "When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished,"
- and He bowed His Head and gave up His Spirit."

7. Luke 23:46

- "Then Jesus, calling out with a loud Voice, said,
- "Father, into Your Hands I commit my Spirit!"
- And having said this He breathed His last."

 The call to be rolemodel FATHERS that reflect the Glory of God.



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