

Communion Meditation – Table Manners

Mat 16.5-12

“Beware of the Leaven”

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Passover Celebration

- **Read Luke 22.7-8** ~ “Then came the Day .. that we may eat”
 - The Lord’s Supper was instituted on the Day of Unleavened Bread
 - **Read Ex 12.14-15** ~ “So this day shall be .. shall be cut off from Israel.”
 - Leaven not to be used / not even to be seen for 7 days
- 3 keys: Passover lamb (*sacrifice*) / no leaven (*haste*) / bitter herbs (*slavery*)
 - They ate lamb with bitter herbs and unleavened bread

Leaven and Old Testament

- Some say Lord’s Supper must use unleavened bread
 - Scofield Reference Bible c/**Mat 13.33**, “Leaven, as a symbolic or typical substance, is always mentioned in the O. T. in an evil sense.”
 - **Read Lev 7.11-14** ~ “This is the law .. of the peace offering”
 - **Read Lev 23.15-17** ~ “And you shall count .. firstfruits to the Lord.”
- Leaven was prohibited in Passover but prescribed in Peace & Feast of Weeks

Leaven and New Testament

- **Read Mat 13.33** ~ “The kingdom of heaven .. it was all leavened.”
- Remember text I read at start (**Read Mat 16.11-12**)
 - “I did not speak to you concerning bread .. but doctrine”
- Leaven is a symbol ~ But of what is it symbolic (*doctrine and practice*)
 - Bad doctrine and good doctrine / Bad practices and good practices

Read Gary North Excerpt

- “**Moses & Pharaoh**”, by Gary North (commentary on Exodus)
 - Chapter 12: Continuity and Revolution
 - Unleavened and Leavened Bread (pg 158)
 - Read “The Process of Maturation” on page 165

Leaven is not a symbol of sin – but a symbol of doctrine and practice
Jesus warned His disciples of the leaven of the Pharisees (bad doctrine)
Jesus described the growth of His kingdom using leaven as a metaphor
Let us not regard something as evil that God refers to as good