

Katy 1st Ward Spiritual Message # 39

The Passover and its hidden symbols of Christ's resurrection

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At our house Easter is a very special holiday. For me, maybe even more special than Christmas. The feeling of Easter is so different from Christmas. Easter is a feeling of newness and awaking of spring and of course it is especially symbolic of the resurrection. I love to get up on Easter morning and watch the sun come up. That has such symbolic meaning to me. Christ's light coming into the world. But I have always been one to watch for symbolism in things.

There is another holiday I love to learn about that is normally around Easter. It is a Jewish holy day called Passover. Several years ago I had the opportunity to learn about Passover and how it is celebrated. As I studied and learned about it, I was astonished at the hidden symbolism of Christ I saw there. Those who participated of course did not see or acknowledge the symbolism. I would like to share with you just a few of the things that were obvious symbols of Christ to me in the Passover celebration. I saw several things that seemed so obvious a reference to Christ. I have often wondered if the Lord did not cause these hidden symbols of Christ to be put unknowingly in the Passover celebration.

One of the first things that happens when the father of the house says the evening meal is ready to start is the lighting of the candles. Everyone is at the table except the mother. When all is ready, the mother comes in and lights the candles. I thought that was so interesting and symbolic to me of Mary bringing us the "LIGHT OF THE WORLD". Why wouldn't the father light the candles for the meal? He is in charge of every other part of it. No! The woman brings the light into the room. Silly me, that brought tears to my eyes.



Another thing I thought seemed like hidden symbolism to me is the Three Matzot (bread in 3 compartments). The Jewish people of course have their own symbols that each compartment represent. But what they do with the bread in the compartments is to me so obvious a symbol of Christ. If you think of the bread in the three compartments as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, then you can see the symbolism. The father of the family eats the first piece of bread and drinks the first glass of wine. Then he takes the 2nd piece of bread and breaks it in half, wraps it in a white linen napkin and puts it on the floor under his chair to be brought back at the end of the

meal. Then at the end of the meal after several other ceremonies related to the coming out of Egypt, The father of the house takes the 3rd cup of wine and takes the bread out from under his chair. For me that was such a clear symbolism of Christ. The middle piece of bread being broken, wrapped in white linen and put under the chair until the 3rd cup of wine. Some times when I see hidden symbolism like this it is hard for me to not jump up and down in my chair with excitement

(You can see a little more information about this part of the Passover Celebration at:

https://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/pesach_cdo/aid/1702/jewish/The-Three-Matzot.htm)

Another interesting thing is that they have a lamb's shank bone on the Seder plate. Every Jewish family does not do the Seder plate the same but traditionally the shank bone of a lamb is one of the five foods on the plate. They are not eaten, but they are symbols of parts of the story of the exodus from Egypt. I just thought it was interesting that they would use a "LAMB'S BONE".

I will share one final thing here that I though was interesting (there are way too many interesting things for me to list them all here) is that they set a place at the table for Elijah and leave the door ajar because they are waiting for him to come to announce the coming of the Messiah. They want to be ready when he comes. That was so interesting to me. The whole Passover ceremony if filled with signs of his coming.

If you want to learn about Passover there is a lot written about it on the Internet. You can also see it preformed if you watch the 10 Commandments movie where Moses is conducting at the meal while death passes over their door and the little boy is asking him the questions. They still do that same questioning by a little boy at the meal to this day.

There are several brief overviews of the Passover on line. Here are a few of them if you are interested in learning more about it:

This one is excellent 2 part one showing all the things I have talked about above;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7STM4tCzlk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=re9Lh1xEMBw>

Here are shorter ones:

<http://time.com/5188494/passover-history-traditions/>

<https://www.everydayhealth.com/diet-nutrition/7-symbolic-foods-passover/>

https://www.chabad.org/holidays/passover/pesach_cdo/aid/658520/jewish/What-is-the-significance-of-the-four-cups.htm

I would like to share all my notes on the Passover with you here but they are in a three inch 3 ring binder and it has about 500 pages long. So if you are interested in learning more, maybe some time if you come to our house to visit I will show it to you and we can talk more about it. Or better still maybe next year you could get a Jewish family to invite you over for the Passover dinner so you could experience it for yourself and see the symbolism first hand. Lots of people do that.

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