

Exodus 12:43-13:16

7 Days of Feasting

Celebrate ...

I. A Perpetual Reminder

A. A Great Day

B. For Covenant People

II. Feast Days Amidst the Pagans

A. Seven Unleavened

B. Lessons for Life

III. The Firstborn

A. Redemption

B. By A Lamb

... salvation.

Children, Listen ...

1. What was the Passover celebration a reminder of?

2. Does your family have any special celebrations that remind you of God's goodness?

3. The Lord willing our church will celebrate the Lord's Supper in our worship service. What does that remind us of?

Perpetual Remembrance

It would be hard to imagine the generation that experienced it forgetting an event as epic as the Exodus. But even before it took place, YHWH instituted an annual celebration designed to remind them and generations to follow of the deliverance from the bondage of Egypt, so that it would never be forgotten. Each year they were to celebrate Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread – and in the same context, they were to reflect on the significance of the firstborn. These things were not simply “traditions,” they were commanded by God. The elements of the rituals themselves held spiritual meaning and were to be a regular part of the sacred commemoration. In other words, it was never to be reduced to rote repetition. Central to the celebration was the constant reminder of WHO it was that delivered them. They were to recognize, and never forget, down through the ages, that it was the hand of YHWH the Mighty One Who accomplished great things for them. What a tragic thing it would be to leave the LORD out and turn something sacred into mere ritual. We don't celebrate Passover in the Old Testament way anymore, but we do celebrate the fulfillment of it in the Lord's Supper, a sacrament instituted by our Deliverer Jesus Himself, and designed to be celebrated by His people until He returns. Let's never let such a sacred thing fall into a simple “habit” of the church, but with all reverence, let us enter into the deep meaning and spiritual significance each time we participate in it.