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11.4 PASSOVER – HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THIS?

Have you considered what it means to keep the Passover? It is not simply another commanded festival, and it comes with a cost.

The Passover Seder is a covenant meal. When you sit down to the table to eat the symbolic foods and drink the cups, you are coming into a holy covenant with YHWH. You are becoming part of the chosen ones of Yisrael in an agreement. You are joining those who came forth out of Egypt to be the people of the Most High. You are agreeing to the marriage proposal of YHWH to become part of His bride. You are accepting the yoke of the Torah and the testimony of Yehoshua upon yourself. You are making the words, “All the things which YHWH has said, we will do,” your own. With these words come many potential blessings. With these words come also many potential curses. *Have you considered this?*

For those whose heart cleaves to YHWH and endures to the end, it is written,

“SEE, I HAVE PUT BEFORE YOU TODAY LIFE AND EXCELLENCE, DEATH AND EVIL, IN THAT I AM COMMANDING YOU TODAY TO LOVE YHWH ELOHEYKAM, TO WALK IN HIS WAYS, AND TO GUARD HIS COMMANDS, AND HIS LAWS, AND HIS RIGHT RULINGS, AND YOU SHALL LIVE...”

That’s one of the blessings.

For those whose “heart turns away” once they have made the covenant and accepted the yoke, YHWH says,

“AND IT SHALL BE, WHEN HE HEARS THE WORDS OF THIS CURSE, THAT HE SHOULD BLESS HIMSELF IN HIS HEART, SAYING, ‘I HAVE PEACE THOUGH I WALK IN THE STUBBORNNESS OF MY HEART,’ IN ORDER TO ADD DRUNKENNESS TO THIRST. YHWH WOULD NOT FORGIVE HIM, BUT RATHER THE WRATH OF YHWH AND HIS JEALOUSY SHALL BURN AGAINST THAT MAN, AND EVERY CURSE THAT IS WRITTEN IN THIS BOOK SHALL SETTLE ON HIM, AND YHWH SHALL BLOT OUT HIS NAME FROM UNDER HEAVEN.”

This is not a game, brethren. It’s not practice. When you sit down at the Passover table, it’s for real. You don’t have to do it. And if you’re not ready and sure you will commit yourself to YHWH and to His Son for eternity, I suggest you do not. Yehoshua said,

“NO ONE, HAVING PUT HIS HAND TO THE PLOUGH AND LOOKING BACK, IS FIT FOR THE KINGDOM OF ELOHYM.”

You shouldn’t start it if you’re not going to finish it. Have you considered this?

You’re also not doing this alone, if you decide to proceed with the Passover. Think of the others you know who have chosen to commit themselves to YHWH and His Son. Most of them you don’t agree with for one reason or another. Many you just plain don’t like. I have news for you – if you commit yourself to being one of YHWH’s people, you and they are part of “all Yisrael.” You will have to accept them, join them, walk with them and love them. “Personal salvation” is not like a personal-pan-pizza, my friend. You cannot do it alone. Yisrael is one people. If you’re not a part of that, you’re not a part of YHWH’s plan. Have you considered this?

You may be tempted to think you can ignore what you’ve just read here, then go keep the Passover anyway. You can write these warnings off as scaremongering or extremism. Or you can try to forget them. You won’t. I have prayed over these words that you will remember them. YHWH will answer that prayer. When you sit down

at the Passover table this year, you will remember and think on these things. And well you should. Brothers and sisters, this is serious business. It's life and death.

My prayer is that you will keep the Passover and that none will be lost. But count the cost before you begin. It's not about stumbling or failure – we'll all do that from time to time and, by the grace of YHWH, our Passover lamb will save us. It's about overcoming, never quitting, and enduring to the end. If you never give up on YHWH, He will never give up on you. But you must be sincere and remain so for life. You must somehow learn to love YHWH with all your heart, all your soul, and all your might. And your neighbor as yourself. This must be for real, or it should not be done at all.

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