

# Meaning of the Communion Service

## PART 1

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How thankful we should be for the light we have received from God on this subject. This teaching is that we can be delivered out of all our troubles. We do not have to fight our own battles; we can trust God and be delivered.

To receive the best understating of the communion service, we should go back to the first Passover night. What the Passover meant to those people, the communion service means to us in this present time. What they call Passover; we call the communion service, but it means exactly the same. The Passover looked forward to the death of Jesus Christ, and what it would mean; ours looks back to the death of Jesus Christ, and we celebrate it as a memorial.

Theirs was 1492 years before Christ; ours is 2000 years afterward. If we knew what Passover meant to the Israelites in that day, we can understand better just what the communion service means to us in this Gospel Age.

First, we must consider the great trouble the Israelites were in on that first Passover night. They were in every kind of trouble; but the greatest trouble, apparently, was the terrible bondage they were in. They were slaves, and had hard task masters,

who made their lives miserable. They were not getting any wages at all and were being treated worse than dogs. Life was oppressive and unbearable.

They were placed in a position where it was impossible for them to get out by any means whatever. However, God has a plan, a way for every Impossible place, position, and intolerable condition that Satan would bring on us if we allow Him to do this; and He had a plan to deliver those Israelites out of their terrible bondage and trouble.

What caused those Israelites to be found in such a terrible situation? Their ignorance, unbelief, rebellion, disobedience, which was the result of their idol worship. Their spiritual trouble was idol worship.

It is a very serious thing to be idolatrous; although it did not seem so terrible to them, because they were not aware of it; their hearts deceived them as our hearts sometimes deceive us, but the result of that idolatry was rebellion, fear and unbelief, and they were brought into great financial stress and terrible working conditions.

They were in all kinds of physical trouble, they had all sorts of diseases, just the same as the Egyptians; they knew all about these diseases, because God told them He would not lay any of the diseases of the Egyptians upon them, which they knew so well.

These Israelites knew all about these diseases, and they knew what it was to be sick, but their home troubles were worse than all—humanly speaking, because every time a male child was born in any house, it had to be thrown into the river. Just imagine awful that was; that was real family trouble.

Another trouble was—they had gotten into a terrible state spiritually, because of their ignorance, unbelief and idolatry and they were trusting in everything and everybody but God.; and they began to groan. Their condition became intolerable in

every way. God would have manifested His power before all this trouble started if they were seeking Him, but God knows the exact moment when we will; and the very moment they were ready to listen to Him He made a move to help them.

Moses had been in Midian in the desert, and he saw a wonderful sight. He saw a burning bush, the whole bush was on fire, and he waited to see the leaves fall off, and the bush to be charred, but the leaves remained, and the bush began burning brightly like a candle.

Moses said, “This is the greatest thing I have ever seen.”

While he was trying to investigate, a voice spoke to him, *“Do not come close; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is sacred.”* Moreover, He said, *I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God. And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the land of the Egyptians and bring them unto a good land—a land flowing with milk and honey.”* Exodus 3: 5-8

That was a wonderful message to people who were in the deepest and most serious troubles, to have someone to come and deliver them, to heal them, to set them free. Then God told Moses just how to go about it, which brings us up to the first Passover night. They had a few plagues, but there was no deliverance.

The troubles of the Israelites began to multiply after Moses went down to interview Pharaoh. Their taskmasters were told to make them work harder than ever: Not even give them any straw with which to make bricks. They had to furnish as many bricks as previously. Their taskmasters were making their work more impossible. They had to hunt for straw and by the time they secured enough

to make bricks, the day was spent. And then they would be beaten for not having the bricks made.

They told Moses — *“May the Lord look on what you have done and punish you. You have brought us into bad odor with the Pharaoh and his officers, putting a weapon in their hands to kill us.”*

You should never be surprised when you are trusting God for victory in your life or home that Satan begins to roar louder and louder; instead of him walking around, he begins to run and jump about. Well, he began to jump at this time and cause a terrible roar, which fooled the Israelites, and it also fools us many times. They told Moses that he had placed a club into Pharaoh’s hand to slay them instead of them being delivered.

Poor Moses, it was a new task for him, he never had this kind of experience before. However, he went to the Lord and opened his heart; he spoke honestly, he did not tell the Lord how good he was, but he told Him the exact situation. It always pays to tell God exactly how things are; that is all He asks. If we begin to cover up things, we will not receive very much. If we are hypocritical when we go to God, we will not receive much help. If we tell Him how heavy the burden is and why it is so heavy, God will deliver us

We are to open our hearts without reserve, not to hold back one thing, no holding back facts, and the moment we open up and pour out to Him all our troubles, we will not have time to consider whether we have faith enough to receive the victory before it will be ours.

Do not be afraid to tell God you are not very bright as it will be no news to Him! Just tell Him the situation, that is all we are supposed to do, tell God, instead of worrying, and He will do the rest.

Moses told God that since he began to speak to Pharaoh, nothing but trouble came, and the people were ready to stone Moses. He told God all this, adding, "and ye have not delivered them at

all." It did seem as if He had put a club in Pharaoh’s hands to further oppress them.

But God told Moses that He was going to bring them out with a high hand, and they were going to serve Him in that mountain. Then God gave him the program, which lead up to the Passover night. It is described in the Exodus (Ch. 11 & 12). As we consider this, keep in mind, what does the communion mean to us, and what did this Passover mean to them?

*“And Moses said, Thus saith the Lord: about midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it anymore. But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.”* Exodus 11:4-7

Understand that the very first meaning of the Passover is the Blood of Jesus Christ. If ever there was a time when we needed to know the meaning of the communion service, it is NOW. God said to Moses, "There is a pestilence going through this land about midnight, and it is going to be of such a nature that the moment it strikes a person they will be killed instantly—that is worse than any other epidemic; it was the worst disease that ever entered that land, and there would be a cry such as was never heard before, nor would be heard ever after.

God did not go through that land and do the destroying of those people; but the Bible reveals WHO DID. It was Satan, the same Satan who is causing all the disease and pestilence found in the world today.

*“He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, wrath and indignation, and trouble, by sending evil angels among them.”* (Psalm 78:49)

Fallen angels or demons did that work. *“All the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne even unto the firstborn of the maid servant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts.”* (Exodus 11:5)

The firstborn of the king was to die, down to the firstborn of the maid behind the mill, no matter what kind of medicine was taken by them. The disease, or plague, was to come to man and beast, their horses, cattle, dogs and cats, no matter what kind of an animal they had, the firstborn was to be slain that night.

That was some pestilence, some deadly disease, that simply took people without any chance for their life. Clean or unclean, rich, or poor—all were treated alike; there was no distinction made. Just notice this terrible distress among the Egyptians; and in comparison, to that, the greatest protection, the most perfect protection known in the world among the Israelites. This is what the first Passover meant to the Israelites.

God tells Moses how it would be accomplished. They were to place the blood of a little lamb on their door posts---not their righteousness, faith, or goodness, but simply the BLOOD ON THE DOOR. The Blood was to do it all, because it was a type of Jesus Christ.



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