

THE KINGDOM

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Dear Kingdom-Bound Saints,

We wish to thank all who labored to make our meetings a success at Fort David during the Passover feast days. We greatly appreciate the efforts of those who sacrificed time and means to come to the meetings, and also the letter from those who have written in expressing their regret for not being able to be with us on the solemn feast days. In giving you a partial report of our Passover meeting held at Fort Davis, April 18-22, we wish to share with you just a few ideas of some of the things which were discussed in the unfolding of the Truth. In the first place our seasons of study and prayers together were attended by the Holy Spirit as we received blessings from the throne of Grace. The time spent in recreation and business planning was also profitably spent.

In our study we learned that the Passover feast days this year were on the same days of the week as they were at the time our Saviour was crucified for our sins, and the same as at the Passover in 1959 and also at the second Passover in 1960. Through Holy Writ, we find that we are pointed to God the Father by the ten commandment law which is the unerring rule of His righteousness, the transcript of His character, the glory of His countenance. It is the law of creation and the foundation of God's government and by the ten precepts, immensity of creation is governed and judged. By this law is the knowledge of sin (Rom. 3:20). "All have sinned" Rom. 5:12. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Eze. 18:4.

Therefore:

Under the ten commandment law no one that has sinned can escape the grave because the death penalty is pronounced upon all who have sinned, and all have sinned. Since the sanctuary truth combined with the ten commandment law is the third angel's message, (E.W p. 254) we see that, with nothing added, the first phase of the 3rd message beginning in 1844 is the judgment of the dead (GC 490).

Consequently:

Since Paul in 1 Cor. 15 states that when Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven some of the living will be translated without seeing death, logic compels us to see there must be another law that gives us life, one which must be added to the 3rd angel's message whereby the living can be judged righteous. Therefore, such a law would necessarily be a message for the Judgment of the Living.

QUESTION:

What is the law that through faith the condemned sinner may receive everlasting life without passing through the grave?

ANSWER:

The law that gives us life is the law of the Son of God. The feast laws were added because Israel broke the moral law of ten commandments (Rom. 3:19). If we keep these laws we show our faith in a risen Christ and He will deliver us from sin and the grave. That law is the law of the sacrifice of the Lamb of God (John 1:29) that taketh away the sins of the world. This law Paul says is what cleanses the church: "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are leavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven." 1 Cor. 5:7, 8. Surely God would not tell us to keep the feast if He did not mean it. God always means what He says.

Paul kept the feast of unleavened bread. It is written, "I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem." Act. 28:21. However, Paul was detained and "sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread." Act 20:6. After this Paul had decided to be in Jerusalem for Pentecost. "For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost." Acts 20:16. But the Spirit (Acts 21:4) said for him not to go up to Jerusalem for Pentecost. "But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost." 1 Cor. 16:8. Pauls says, "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." 1 Cor. 15:33, 34. Again Paul says, "That which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die?" "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump:...we shall be changed." 1 Cor. 15: 36, 51, 52. What is it then that gives us the privilege to be among those who never die? This we need to know that we may be among the 144,000 first fruits (Rev. 14:1-5) who never die.

Hear Inspiration:

"When the Saviour yielded up His life on Calvary, the significance of the Passover ceased, and the ordinance of the Lord's Supper was instituted as a memorial of the same event of which the Passover had been a type." P.P. 539. "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." 1 Cor. 5:7. Type meets antitype. Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper the night of the Passover. See Matt. 26:18-28. Let us therefore by faith keep God's feasts and die to self.

The Davidian messenger in 1953 says, "So far, our God-sent message has not brought to our attention the ordination of the Lord's Supper...The message, moreover, teaches that we (Davidians) should remain in the mother (SDA) church and work strictly for her salvation. The conclusion then is that as long as we stay with her, there seems to be no need for ordaining the Lord's Supper privately among ourselves (in the Davidian movement), perhaps not before the hour comes for the penitent to be separated from the impenitent, as taught by the types - by the Passover in Egypt, and by the Passover on the night when Judas was to go out, never again to walk with the twelve. Furthermore, no one seems to know when and how to observe the sacrament. Some observe it every Sunday or every Sabbath, some occasionally, some every

quarter and so on. It seems logical to say that when God commands us to ordain it anew He will tell us also how and when to observe it properly." 1TGr 3, page 6.

The Davidian author said in 1953 that ordaining the Lord's Supper at the proper time was a secret with the Lord which He had not revealed, but at the right time the Lord would tell us how and when to observe it. How does the Lord reveal secrets? "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret to His servants the prophets." Amos 3:7. The Lord only reveals His secrets through Inspiration. Since God did not reveal the secret of instituting the Lord's Supper that would bring the separation of the wheat and tares to Sr. White or V.T. Houteff in their life time, and since the Lord never reveals anything to the dead, we can be sure that God would bestow this knowledge upon a living person.

Only through type and antitype (AA 14, 2SR 10, 255) can God's people know for sure where the truth is. Therefore, since the Davidian message is the antitype of John the Baptist (1TGr 36, p 4) there must be someone to fulfill the antitype of Christ's movements (12 S. Code 1 p6). The fulfillment of this antitype means that someone with a message must ordain the Lord's Supper at Passover time. The correct time for this event would be at the end of the 430 years (2SR 275). The period begins in 1530 at the time Luther with the sword of Truth wounded the head on the Leopard beast (of Rev. 13). The 430 years brings us to 1960, the year the wound was healed in the land of the two horned beast. Now that we are under church and state rule, the two-horned beast (the 666) is making an image to the Leopard beast and antitypical Jacob is sending His battering rams, vanguard on ahead to console brother Esau and work out a compromise so that all of Jacob's house may enter the Promised land.

Hence the kingdom is restored in three steps, and those who expect to enter the Kingdom must keep the Passover. "Those who keep God's solemn 'feasts' and perform their vows shall have this peace. None others shall." 2TG 42, p 41. Therefore the Kingdom in three steps: 1) The Branch twig planted in the top of the mountains of Israel (Eze. 17:22, 23). (The name of the vegetarian village where the Branch twig has been planted in Israel means the top of a tree in Hebrew). 2) The second step, the Lord's feet will stand on the Mount of Olives. (Zech. 14:4). 3) The third, step, the 144,000 stand with the Lamb on Mt. Zion. (Rev. 14:1). "We know the Branch to be Christ. A branch is a part of a tree, and in this instance, the tree represents the kingdom of David and which is to come from the stem of Jesse." 12 S. Code 6, 7, p15.

Keep the feast and have peace, for this is the Judgment of the Living. "History, Commandments, Prophecy, Statutes....Yes, be convinced of the truth, ...for it is your life, your prosperity, your health and happiness, your eternity." 2TG 37, p 25.

Conclusion:

There are two laws whereby the living are judged: 1) The moral law of God the Father, the ten commandments. 2) The ceremonial law of God the Son. The first points out sin and the second is the remedy for sin. On these laws hang all the law and the prophets. Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matt. 5:17, 18. Jesus did not destroy the law. He only gave

Himself, the perfect sacrifice, in place of the imperfect sacrificial lamb, which could make none perfect. Therefore let us by faith in Christ and His Righteousness, the perfect sacrifice, keep the Lord's Passover Supper, on the night of Abib 14, which is the memorial of our deliverance from this world and the bondage of sin.

The Passover cleansed the church twice before; on that historical night in Egypt and again on that eventful night in Jerusalem when Judas separated himself from the church. The Lord's Passover Supper is again for the third and last time separating the wheat from the tares. Let all who will, be purified by the cleansing blood of the Passover Lamb. By following His example, His people can become a pure holy people. "Purge out therefore the old leaven that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven." 1 Cor. 5:7, 8. "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come." Acts 3:19.

From the atonement in 1844 to atonement in 1964 will be 120 years (Gen. 6:3). See P.P. p 102. Afterwards, the Loud Cry will begin for the world. There are only two years left of the 120 years from 1844 to prepare ourselves and tell modern Israel (SDA) that there will be political asylum in Palestine with other Sabbath keepers, during the great time of trouble (Dan. 12:1).

"Lift up your eyes, and LOOK on the fields (of first fruits, Rev. 14:1-5); for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. TWO YEARS! - Type meets antitype! "...If the people...had gone to work...after...1888...the world (could have been)...warned in TWO years." G.C. Bulletin, 1892. "And ABOUT the eleventh hour he...saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle....Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." Matt. 20:6, 7.

Do not hesitate, some other time might be too late. Keep the feasts and tell others of this law which is the Message of the BRANCH - THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Enter into the NEW COVENANT with the Lord and accept the law that He is writing on the hearts of those who love Him, is our prayer.

Yours to keep the feasts, receive a crown and have peace,

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