

TRANSCRIPT – How is Your Deleavening Coming?

Alrighty, Shabbat Shalom and Shabbat Shalom to those who are with us today watching. Here it is another year. Wow, they go fast right? Passover here, last year was an amazing year with having Passover locked down in the homes, first time in thousands of years that happened. Another year has gone now and a lot of things we're reflecting on as we're going on and we're one year closer toward the Kingdom.

And I think last year where Yahweh really brought that on us very quickly and it was a year of focusing on Passover. I really think that this year is a year focusing on Unleavened Bread. So the message I have today is, *How is Your De-leavening Coming? ... How is Your De-Leavening Coming?*

Yahweh gives us freewill because if He didn't give us freewill we couldn't be like Him. He has freewill and He gives His freewill, but He wants us to surrender that freewill back to Him and then He can impart His Spirit to guide and lead us in all the things we do. But with that freewill in the 60/70/80 years that you live in this life, if you're blessed to be that way, you have to decide, are you going to surrender that freewill and live the way of Yahweh; or are you going to use that freewill and live the way of satan and his society?

And even though we have freewill **Yahweh still made us instinctively creatures of habit** and there's a reason for that. **So that when we do things over and over again they'll be imprinted in our minds never to forget forever.** So that was the blueprint that Yahweh made that we would grow up from birth learning His way and if you instinctively did things even though you have freewill to change, as you instinctively do things over and over and over again, just like in the animal kingdom, that they would be ingrained in your mind and then they would be habits that you do that you wouldn't even have to think about doing.

And this actually becomes our problem though; because we are instinctive and instinctively we're supposed to do Yahweh's rituals that we do every year, like now, Passover and Unleavened Bread to never forget Yahweh's Plan of Salvation; because we were brought up in the world and because most of us haven't learned these things from birth, we've already created habits that are not conducive to the Kingdom of Yahweh. So this is our battle, this is our fight as human beings. Like Paul says in **Romans 7**, we're not going to go there today, but with the mind you want to obey Yahweh, but with the flesh you do the things that you don't want to do.

So I want to talk about that today in the sense de-leavening, of Unleavened Bread, and what we're commanded to do now before Passover comes. And I know in all years it's important, the Bible says ... we're going to read it today ... that if you don't prepare yourself before Passover that even people die because of that and they take the Passover unworthily. But I think this is actually **so much more important** than most years because of where we are right now. Because of the Passover last year what happened and where we're coming now with the forced vaccinations and mark of the beast and all those things that are right upon us.

So as believers though, **we need to appreciate these yearly rituals that Yahweh gives us.** And if it wasn't for that, I mean there's churches that will ... they don't call it Passover, they call it communion and they'll do it every week or every quarter or every month or whatever and if you're doing it that often you really, really can't examine yourself the way you're supposed to beforehand; because it would just become too much of a ritual.

The same way today that so many things, even reading your Bible, we take for granted so much because we do it every day. We have to realize that as we're getting to the Kingdom, the rituals that Yahweh gives us like Passover and like de-leavening and examining ourselves, **we have to take more serious than ever before** because they should be **more meaningful** to us every year that goes on.

And it's really interesting, I mean I've been a pastor for 26 years and I've always gotten letters from people and messages that people say, "Oh, these messages are great or this message was great." As I travel around the world and I meet people sometimes they'll say their favorite message ... it could be from ten or twelve years ago. But over the last year and particularly the last six months, I've probably gotten more letters and comments from brethren about how powerful the messages have been, than I think I've ever gotten before. And I was praying about it and thinking about it and in reality, the messages really aren't more powerful. What it is is Yahweh is pouring His Spirit more. **The Ruach, the Holy Spirit is allowing people to understand the messages better.** So that's really where it comes in and that should encourage people that it's not that I'm getting more powerful; it's that **Yahweh's Spirit is getting more powerful in you** to be able to understand it!

And with that said, I think that as the Spirit is being poured out each year more in these end times, listen to the older messages. Listen to *Mind of Messiah* and *What is Real Change*. Listen to some of these older messages because **you will get things out of those messages now that you never got before**, as the Holy Spirit opens up your mind more to the Truth; and your understanding is stronger and stronger.

So like I said, last year was the first Passover in thousands of years where it came so quick and the whole world was in lockdown and virtually all the brethren around the world had to keep the Passover in their homes like the original Passover, as we watched the death angel pass. And it's amazing that if you look world-wide with COVID-19, except for Babylon, I don't think I got any other reports of any brethren getting the COVID. And I don't have any reports even in Babylon of any of the brethren dying from it; but only in America do we have reports of some brethren getting COVID, not that many but a few.

But around the world, can you imagine? Because America and Europe have the greatest health care systems and whatnot; but most of our brethren are in Africa, in Asia and Central and South America and these places, and we haven't had one case of COVID. And when you think about it as the death angel passing and we prayed about this last year, it really has passed by our Congregation.

And where in the first world, in Europe and in America, where there is a lot of lockdowns and different things that have gone on. In the third world where there's a lot of lockdowns as far as airports not being open and not being able to travel into certain countries or even areas; but our brethren, as far as congregations and communities, have been able to still meet in big numbers. They haven't been restricted in that sense.

So I think that where last year the real focus was on ... because it just hit us ... was on Passover. I mean we had a Passover that we hadn't had in thousands of years like the original Passover. But **this year, the focus is on Unleavened Bread.** Passover is over now, right? The Passover went; we're one year later; a day is as thousand years, a thousand years as a day. So we're still taking the Passover this year, not that we're not going to do it; but I mean the lesson we want to learn and build on from last year, now we want to be thinking this year about Unleavened Bread.

And what is Unleavened Bread about? It's about taking the leaven out of your life. So we learn many humbling lessons of faith from last year, but my question to you now is: how is your de-leavening coming? And that's the name of the message, *How is Your De-Leavening Coming?*

Let's start in Exodus 12. Let's start going over this a little bit. And I hope I know it's still roughly a few weeks till Passover, but I hope everybody has started already your self-examination. I think really you need a good month of really getting in to it to start and getting into it; all the Scripture reading you have to do in your self-examination. But **minimum** you would need is a few weeks, minimum. And I think a month is great to have because then it doesn't rush anything. But

this is the question I want to be asking yourselves: how is your de-leavening coming? Exodus 12, starting in verse 1 and 2, actually 1 through 3 and I'll drop down to verse 6:

Exodus 12:1-3 *And YAHWEH said to Moses and to Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, **This month** ... Aviv, the first month ... shall be the head of months for you. It shall be the first of the months of the year to you ... and here we are, right ... Speak to the congregation of Israel, saying, On the **tenth of this month**, they shall each take for themselves an animal of the flock for a father's house, a flock animal for a house.*

So it's one animal you take. You don't take multiple animals; and that's why we don't have to kill a Passover lamb because we already have one. **Yahshua's sacrifice is in perpetuity; it's ongoing. He's the same sacrifice year after year.** So there's no reason to kill an **additional lamb** at Passover time. Drop down to verse 6:

Exodus 12:6-8 *And it shall be to you to keep **until the fourteenth day of this month** ... remember when we were going over when is Passover. It's up until the fourteenth and then the beginning of the fourteenth ... *the assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it between the evenings* ... Ben Ha Arbayim; between the evenings of the thirteenth and the fourteenth ... *And they shall take from the blood, and put it on the two side posts and on the upper doorpost, on the house in which they eat* ... and what does this show? It shows Yahshua putting His blood on the side of the doorpost and the side posts of our heart and paying the penalty for our sins ... *And they shall eat the flesh in this night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with **unleavened bread** and bitter herbs.**

Comment: So like I said, this isn't Unleavened Bread yet; it's the Passover. Its one day before. So that's why it's saying you're to eat it with unleavened bread. And matter of fact, there's another Scripture in the Torah that says that **any sacrifice** to Yahweh should not be eaten with leaven; it's an abomination, except for Shavuot. That's the only thing that is made with leaven – the two loaves that are made from the first fruit.

Exodus 12:9 *And they shall eat in this night, roasted with fire, and they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.*

Comment: Because we know that the sin in our life is more bitterness. So we think about that as we're actually being protected by the blood, but yet we're taking those bitter herbs because the bitterness in our life because we haven't followed Yahweh all the way we should.

Exodus 12:10 *Do not eat it raw, or not boiled in water, but roasted with fire ... because it can't be uncooked ... *its head with its legs and with its inward parts. And you shall not leave any of it until morning. You shall burn with fire that left from it until morning.**

Comment: So **the sacrifice has to be complete.** And it's the same way when we take Yahshua's sacrifice in our life, every year we renew it at Passover time. But when we take it, **you don't leave any of it.** It's not that you take it a little bit in your life. It's not that you take it ... now you're going to take Yahshua's sacrifice and you're a Sabbath keeper; and you're going to do it once a day. No, **it should encompass your whole life. You're taking the complete sacrifice of the Passover; so it's everything in your life.** It's the seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day, no matter what you're doing; your work, your leisure, your family, your worship. Everything should encompass what you're doing the Passover should be a part of it. So you're not leaving any of it left.

Exodus 12:11 *And in this way you shall eat it with your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in awe. It is the Passover to YAHWEH.*

Comment: So **we're always eating it prepared.** We're eating it ready, why? Because what happened after Passover? Passover was about the sacrifice but the very next day it was about going to the wilderness. It was about fleeing Egypt. It was about de-leavening, going to the wilderness. And you're eating it in awe because of what Yahweh is doing; the miracles that He did in your life to get you that point! And I do every year, I'm taking the Passover now, whatever it is 35/36 years, whenever I'm taking it and every time I'm putting that little piece of matzo, unleavened bread, in my mouth; or taking the fruit of the vine, it hits me. And I'm thankful that Yahweh allowed me another year to stay in relationship with Him, Covenant relationship. And He says:

Exodus 12:12 *And I will **pass through** in the land of Egypt **in this night** ... So He's passing through ... **And I will strike every first-born in the land of Egypt, from man even to livestock. And I will execute judgments on all the Elohe of Egypt. I am YAHWEH!***

Comment: So wow, this is a Feast of First-Fruits and we keep literally the Feast of First-Fruits on the day after the first day of the week after the Sabbath during Unleavened Bread, the same as we'll do this year in a couple of weeks. But really **Passover is all about First-Fruits.** And those that weren't what happened? They were not protected and they died.

Exodus 12:13 *And the blood shall be a sign to you, on the houses where you are. **And I will see the blood, and I will pass over you.***

He will see the blood. So that's the point of it. The same as now whether it's COVID-19 or worse things that are coming that **Yahweh sees the blood on our house on the doorposts of our heart and He passes over us.** And I will say that even though no brethren ... like I said; except for Babylon ... have even gotten COVID. That there have brethren's relatives that have died from COVID around the world, including myself.

So this is why sometimes you have to think to yourself. Nothing wrong with praying for our relatives but when you're asking for other brethren to pray for unconverted relatives, you really have to think. People that are willingly choosing in their life not to follow Yahweh, they're not going to be protected. This Passover is not for our brother-in-law, or our father or mother that's not in covenant relationship; or anybody else. They're not protected. So they're not having the same blessing that we have to go to the throne of Yahweh and pray that way.

And that's why we do ask on the website, that's for emergency prayers for brethren and congregations for elders to put up that for need emergency prayer; but it's not really for non-converted relatives. If there's an emergency, if there's a car crash or something like that and it's life and death, that's fine; but it's not in normal situations.

Because like I said, our relatives could be where we are and they're choosing. They're willingly choosing that they don't want to be in relationship with Yahweh. They don't want to make the sacrifice that we made. They don't want to be a First-fruit. And this is what we see at Passover. And we're going to see it in the days and the months and the years coming from here; because whether it's the vaccine or the mark of the beast or whatever else is coming, our unconverted friends and relatives **will not be protected.** And it's sad, but it's just life; it's the way it is. And it should make us **cherish more that we are protected.**

But **if you're going to be protected, if you're going to take this sacrifice at Passover that's so serious,** you have to see there's another part to it. **You have something to do;** the same way with baptism, right? You just don't get baptized; it's not about saying a little prayer in your heart and accepting Jesus in your heart. No, that's not how you receive the Holy Spirit. **You repent, you change, you turn from the old way; and you believe in faith that Yahshua's sacrifice is covering those sins when you repent!**

And every year at Passover, okay, there's two parts to the Passover. One part is taking the unleavened matzot and the fruit of the vine to stay in Covenant relationship; but the other things, it's not re-baptism. You don't have to be re-baptized every year, but you do have to de-leaven. And that's why with the foot washing, we don't re-baptize every year but we do foot washing because there's still spots and wrinkles that are in our life. And that's why de-leavening, it's the same as when you were originally baptized; **every year**, you have to be thinking about what you haven't got out of your life yet and be working on getting that out.

So de-leavening, **spiritual de-leavening, is actually a pre-requisite to taking the Passover**; and physical leavening we still do but the physical leavening is only because like I said, we're creatures of habit, that's why Yahweh gives it to us. We only take the leaven out of our house it means nothing! Leaven doesn't mean anything, right?

Leaven; there's times leaven in the Bible is good. The woman who took three meals and put the leaven in and it grew like the Kingdom of Yahweh. And there's times now, where leaven is considered sin; it's compared to sin. But leaven isn't bad. There's nothing with leaven; it's just an analogy that's used, right? And **Yahweh uses this analogy every year physically to get us to de-leaven spiritually**. That's what it's about and that's what we're doing here. And then if He does, He'll put the blood on the doorposts of our heart.

Exodus 12:13b *and I will pass over you. And the plague shall not be on you to destroy you, when I strike in the land of Egypt.*

Comment: The plague, COVID is one of them; there's more coming but that's what we have to think about. That **if we are honestly changing and de-leavening and repenting, then the plagues are not going to be on us. We don't have to fear.** We have to be wise of course, but we don't have to fear.

Exodus 12:14 *And the day shall be a memorial for you ... that's why we do, what is a memorial? Something you do once a year ... And you shall celebrate it as a feast to YAHWEH, for your generations. You shall celebrate it as a law forever.*

So that's what it's all about. That's what Passover is about. It's about **grace given to the first born**, to the First-Fruits, right? What did YAHWEH say to Pharaoh? And I'm not going to go there but **Exodus 4 in verse 22**, He says, *Israel is My first born*. And that's why the first Covenant and the New Covenant are with the House of Israel and the House of Judah. And that's why we're either **natural Israelites** that have been out in Diaspora and have become Gentiles and now are coming back to our natural heritage; or we're Gentiles who are being grafted into the Tree of Israel. But Israel is YAHWEH's first born. He's using physical Israel as an analogy toward us as spiritual Israel, to be First-Fruits to Him. So now in verse 15 go down to verse 15:

Exodus 12:15a *You shall eat unleavened seven days.*

Comment: Where bread is implied but it's not there, unleavened things. It doesn't have to be bread. It can be whatever. It can be unleavened crackers. It could be unleavened cereal. But unleavened things you eat seven days. Seven is Yahweh's number of completion. So He's showing a full cycle that we need to **completely take the leaven or the sin, out of our lives**.

Exodus 12:15b *Indeed, on the first day you shall cause leaven to cease from your houses.*

Comment: And that's why I said that **you have to take the Passover first because you don't have strength to take it out on your own**. So people that **think** that they don't want to enter Covenant relationship with Yahweh and what do they say? They're a good person and they help the poor and they do all these things, but actually nobody is good. **Nobody is good but Yahweh**. And that's the worst sin of all is self-righteousness because you don't work on anything. You don't

see any sin in your life to take out because you think you're so good. But that's why the days of Unleavened Bread are there. It's to show us that everybody has sin and you have to take it out of your life.

So on the first day you cause leaven ... so until you take the Passover, until you're baptized and you're in Covenant relationship with Yahweh, like it says in , you're not allowed to even take the Passover. You have to be in Covenant relationship because it's a **renewal**; it's a memorial of your Covenant vow with Yahweh. So you have that Covenant vow, **you have to take the Passover before you can take the sin or the leaven out of your life.**

Exodus 12:15b *For anyone eating any leaven, that soul shall be cut off from Israel, from the first day until the seventh day.*

So it's showing us it's indicative of the Kingdom and we can't enter the Kingdom with these things in our life. We have to overcome them now. Drop down to verse 17:

Exodus 12:17a *And you shall observe the **unleavened** for on this very day I brought out your armies from the land of Egypt.*

Comment: It wasn't on Passover that they left. Passover was about forgiveness but it was the next day; Unleavened Bread is about us **willingly** using our freewill to willingly take the sin out of our life.

Exodus 12:17-20 *And you shall observe this day for your generations, a statute forever ... And here we are almost 3500 years later we're still doing it ... In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, **at evening** ... and this is not Ben Ha Arbayim, this is Aviv, so this is the later evening going into the fifteenth ... you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month, at evening...So seven days you eat unleavened bread ... For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses. For anyone eating any leaven, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, among the foreigners, and among the natives of the land. You shall not eat anything leaven. You shall eat unleavened bread in all your dwellings.*

So okay, **we should always be trying to work on becoming more like Yahweh; become you perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect.** We should be trying to become more like Yahshua. He set us the example in all things. But do you realize that during Unleavened Bread, Yahweh knows in our life that you can't do this all the time. There are going to be times that we slip up. There are going to be times that we falter and that's why we have His grace, because we're not perfect. And wherever we fail, Yahshua's sacrifice makes up for that.

But this is why He gives us seven days where we're supposed to be **trying our hardest**, not to have leaven in our house, that's part of it; yes you have to physically de-leaven your house because it's a physical example. And that's why I said in the beginning, rituals help our mind to understand the spiritual. That's why Yahweh gave. But **for seven days**, we should be **trying** to be like Yahweh; for seven days we should be **trying our hardest to be focused on Him. To be loving our neighbor as ourselves, to be more loving in our family life, to be more loving toward our neighbors and the brethren.** This is what Unleavened Bread is all about.

Unleavened Bread is about for seven short days of really, really trying; and then if you can get that started for seven days. Well, like I said, our minds, we're creatures of habit, maybe even continue it. It's like people that are addicted; whether it's drugs or whatever. And if you've ever gone, or ever read, or ever heard about any kind of ... whether it's AAA or any kind of system that helps people get out of addictions ... what they do is, they try to tell the people, "Don't think ten years down the line. Don't think twenty years down the line."

It's like Richard Wurmbbrand said when you're being persecuted, it's the same thing, you don't have to...people say, "How on earth can you be persecuted for 12 years? How did you survive?" He says, "You don't have to do it all at once. You only have to do it, not even a day at a time; you do it an hour at a time." And he says, "Didn't you ever have a bad tooth?" You know you put up with that thing, you can do it. Can't do it for ten years, but certainly you could have did it for an hour, or maybe a day. And that's what you do here with Unleavened Bread.

We're trying to do it. You take it an hour at a time and a day at a time. And then when it's over, try to continue for the eighth day, the ninth day, the tenth day, as long as you can. And **try to make it a ritual in your life**. Try to make it a ritual to be friendlier to your husband or your wife. Try to make it a ritual to be, as children, more respectful to your parents. Try to make it a ritual, as you're parents, to be more loving toward your children. Try to make it a ritual in your life to be more pleasant to the person at the store or the neighbor that's next door; or even the one that's persecuting you because we're supposed to even love our enemies. But this is what Unleavened is about, this is what it's about; this is the real meaning that's behind it.

Passover is the early fourteenth. The death angel passed at midnight and the next day all the leaven had to be out of the home; the sin, all that thing. If we drop down to verse 41 and verse 42, we just see now, now that the sin is gone; now that the grace is in your life. That's why not the night of Passover, but the following night. The first day of Unleavened Bread when the Holy Day is just starting, the fifteenth of the first month.

Exodus 12:42 *It is a night of celebration ... verse 42 ... to YAHWEH, for bringing them out from the land of Egypt ... Egypt is indicative of the world and sin ... This night is a celebration for all the sons of Israel for their generations.*

And this is a night that you're supposed to be happy. You're supposed to celebrate. You're supposed to have a big meal. You're supposed to read Scripture, you're supposed to. It's a **festive night because you're a First-Fruit**; and your children have opportunity to possibly grow up in it. They have freewill and they have to make their own choice too. But it's to be a **good** night in your life. It should be one of the best nights of the year because it's **a night of celebration and thankfulness to Yahweh that you were allowed to take the Passover**.

That as the world around you and if it were before last year, I could say the world around you that has all kinds of problems and war and disease and all kinds of things and the chaos of commercial Babylon. But now with COVID, wow lockdowns, insecurity and uncertainty. Suicides around the world are way up than anything. People are depressed, why? Because they're hope is in Babylon. But **our hope is in the Kingdom of Yahweh and you are a First-Fruit!** Yahweh is taking you out of that, right?

So I ask you again, how is your de-leavening coming? How is it coming? I hope you started. If you didn't start, I hope you're sweating a little bit now, a little bit sweat running down your face; and you better be thinking, wow, I'm going to start today. I'm not going to wait until even tomorrow. Here it is, *we only got a couple of weeks till Passover, I haven't even started*. And I'm not talking about going in and cleaning your toaster with a toothbrush or anything like that. I'm talking about de-leavening your spirit – de-leavening your tabernacle; because each of us, our body, is a tabernacle of our sanctuary of the Holy Spirit; the Ruach of Yahweh.

And each year our de-leavening in our life should be more intense. It shouldn't just be, *Yep, another Passover – come and go*, like it's nothing! It should be more intense every single year. And **we should be seeing more hidden sins** as you're maturing in life!

You know I always think about a friend of mine when I first came into Church of God, and this guy was really, really in the world. And he was older; he was probably in his forties already. We're over there telling him about he can't eat

shrimp because the brethren are going out to have a meal and it was like, “Can’t eat shrimp! Oh, man!” He’s over there puffing on a cigarette as he’s saying this. Okay, we have to tell him this now. What’s the next thing we have to tell him?

But when you’re new it’s like that, these little things. Each thing you’re not sure and it’s coming along. But as years go by, after 5 years, 10 years, 20 years, simple things like that shouldn’t have to be de-leavened in your life. **We need to be looking at deeper things in our heart. We need to be looking at sins like pride and self-righteousness and change.** Just simple change of not wanting to change things in our life that we should have changed years ago.

So we have to look deep in our heart and our spirit to see where we’re falling short. And **are we bearing fruit?** You know I said this last Passover, if you’re not bearing fruit, wow, then you have ... there’s nothing on your count ... the Parable of the Talents. It’s probably in 20% of my sermons I go over that. I’m not going over it today, but it’s very clear. The man who had one talent, a piece of the Holy Spirit – a down payment, and did nothing with it, that little bit he has taken away and he’s thrown into the Lake of Fire.

So what fruit are you bearing? And write it down, each of you. Go in your room sometime this week and actually think to yourself, what are you bearing for the Kingdom? It’s not about, *well I read my Bible every day and I pray.* Those are great things. You need that for yourself. That’s for you. That’s to keep you on-line with Yahweh!

But it’s the same way the Pharisee that sat there and said, “You know I fast three times in week and I give all my tithe.” Yeah, that’s ... you’re not doing something **outwardly toward others** though. That’s for you. **What are you, fruit you are bearing for the Kingdom of Yahweh?** How many people can you look at to say, “That’s been my fruit.” Whether it’s **people you helped to bring into the faith; or people you’re nurturing in the faith.** Not everybody is going to be bringing new people in the faith; but are you nurturing people that are in the faith? That’s fruit too!

Because once the fruit is growing you still have to be taking care of it on the tree; it’s not just about getting the fruit out on the vine; it’s about bringing it to fruition. So **some of us are out there putting seeds in the ground and bringing the fruit up and then there’s others that are nurturing that fruit that are there to bring the brethren into fruition.** But if you’re not bearing any fruit, you really have to start asking yourself – why not ... why not? What does your day consist of? And maybe there has to be some changes. What do you do daily for the Kingdom of Yahweh?

Like I said, prayer and Bible study is not for the Kingdom of Yahweh. That’s for you because without it you can’t make it but that’s not bearing fruit for others. What fruit are you bearing? What are you doing daily for the Kingdom of Yahweh? What kind of ministry do you have? Who are you serving beside yourself? Let’s go to 1st Corinthians 5 in verse 6 ... 1st Corinthians 5 in verse 6 it says:

1st Corinthians 5:6a *Your boasting is not good.*

Comment: And through the years, I’ve seen a lot of self-righteous people particularly when I was in Church of God, who thought they were **so special** simply because they knew the Sabbath was on Saturday; or they knew Yahweh’s chagim, His Holy Days. And yet, the Apostle Paul says, *Your boasting is not good ...*

1st Corinthians 5:6 *Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens all the lump?*

Comment: So it’s like that. When you make bread you don’t have to pour in the same amount of yeast as you have bread. I mean you put just a little bit. You put a spoonful in; a little leaven leavens the whole lump. And that’s the way it is with self-righteousness. All you need is a little bit of self-righteousness and your whole personality stinks! It really comes down to nothing.

1st Corinthians 5:7a *Then clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are unleavened.*

Comment: So this is during Unleavened Bread. These are Gentiles, it's 30 years after the Messiah and they're still keeping Unleavened Bread because he's saying it. They're already physically unleavened, but Paul is telling them they need to be spiritually unleavened.

1st Corinthians 5:7 *just as you are unleavened. For our Passover is Messiah who was sacrificed for our sake ... of course Yahshua is the Passover... clean out the old leaven that you may be a new lump.*

So this is what Passover is about. What old leaven do you have stuck there in you? And you know what's scary about this analogy? As you know, if I'm making bread and I put water in a bowl and I put some salt and now I put in yeast; and now I put flour in and I make it into a dough ball, how do I get the old leaven out? How do I get the yeast out once it's in there, it's not easy to do it.

Matter a fact, it's virtually impossible because its part of it and **it should us in our life this is not an easy thing to do.** When you have things that are embedded in you, maybe since childhood; of whether it's pride, or arrogance, or sarcasm, or whatever. Wow, **it's going to be a fight and you better be up to it!** Because **that fight is your eternal life or not! It's not something to think about for a day before you take the Passover and put a little piece of unleavened bread in your mouth** and think, *okay, I'm done for this year.*

No, it's not about that. **It's about fighting it every day of your life because if you don't fight it, who's going to?** Most people, the worst parts of our personality, we don't come out to someone, I don't say, "Hi I'm Elder Don. I'm filled with pride and I really have a problem with self-righteousness. Anything else you want to know?" We don't say that! No, **the worst things about us we try to hide**, right? And **we try to fight it on our own, whatever it is that we're dealing with.**

So you better know this is a fight. This is a fight with you and the enemy and he isn't giving up! And you have to fight it every day of your life. And praise Yahweh that we have the days of Unleavened Bread now where we really get to focus on this. And this year, I'm telling you, we got the Shemita coming in a year and something big is going to happen during that time and we have to prepare! Yahweh's given us now several years to start preparing our communities and food and all that physically; but man this year, we have a year and a half till that Shemita starts. **We have to prepare now spiritually; or you're not going to be there.**

I remember the last Shemita and I remember giving the sermon on it; and the words came out of my mouth, I didn't have it in my notes or whatever, I said there will be people that will not be with who do not keep the Shemita. Little did I know, some even elders with us, that were not believing that we needed to keep the Shemita; and boom, Yahweh was separating the wheat from the chaff. And it's scary ... it's scary. Every year Passover comes and even this year, there's some that were with us for years that aren't here anymore. Some die and some fall away **every single year ... every single year.** How about you? How is your de-leavening coming? Man, **you have to fight this with everything you got because this is life and death ... life and death.** Verse 8:

1st Corinthians 5:8 *Therefore, let us perform the feast, not with old leaven, nor with leaven of malice and of evil, but with unleavened bread of purity and holiness.*

Is he just simply talking about the crackers out of your cabinet? No, of course not. He's talking about, *let us perform the feast. It's something you're doing; it's something you're performing.* And what are we performing? We're taking things out of our life that shouldn't have been there to begin with. We're taking out that old leaven. As hard as it is, **because now that's all mixed in and it's a part of you.** Man, **we are going to work to get rid of it, right?** Not leaven of malice and

of evil, but unleavened bread of **purity and holiness** - kadosh. **We want to be pure and holy set-apart toward Yahweh.** That's what it's all about being set-apart toward Yahweh.

Days of Unleavened Bread are about cleaning out the old leaven with the new – cleaning out the leaven, the sin. And that's why I say, it's the same way with people that smoke cigarettes, you can't just tell somebody, *Well, just stop!* I never smoked, right? So it's to me to tell someone that's a chain smoker for 30 years, just stop. It's not that easy because you're addicted to you. You have to do it.

So what you tell people is, people that have addictions, you have to **exchange the old with the new**. Because like I said from the beginning, **we're creatures of habit**. So **take the bad habit and make a good habit with it**. You could whatever, they have these nicotine gums. They have now, I forget what it was, I just saw recently something like, it's almost like a toothpick that you just chew on this toothpick and within, I don't know how long, you don't have no desire anymore, whatever they're putting on the toothpick. I think its essential oils that actually stop you from needing the nicotine. I forget what essential oil it was.

But I'm saying you take the old, you get rid of it and bring something good; something new that's there. And this is what it's about. It's a spiritual Spring cleaning. So yes, take 10% of your time and get rid of the cookies and the bread crumbs and the other things; but 90% of this is: **let's look inside and let's really see what these days are about**. It's a spiritual Spring cleaning that Yahweh gives us. Luke 6 in verse 40 ... Luke 6 in verse 40 says:

Luke 6:40-42 *There is no disciple that is greater than his master. For everyone who is perfect should be as his master. And why do you see the straw that is in the eye of your brother, but the beam that is in your eye is not seen by you? Or how can you say to your brother, Brother, allow me to take out the straw in your eye, not yourself seeing the beam in your own? Hypocrite! First take the beam out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the straw in your brother's eye.*

Comments: So, isn't it interesting that it is **so easy to see the sin in somebody else**. It's almost like, wow ... how can't he see this? You know this guy is walking around and there's a beam in his eye! How can't he see the beam in his eye ... or actually there's a straw in his eye. There's a little piece of straw in there, he can't see that? Doesn't he go to the bathroom? Doesn't he see in the mirror there's a piece of straw in his eye? As I got this big beam in my eye! Wow, why can't I see it? Now, I can't look to my right! And that's human nature ... can you imagine that we could see a little piece of straw in the next person's eye, but **you can't see a beam that's in your own eye** that's stopping you from seeing anything! But it's amazing, but that's the way it is.

And you know what? It's time that we have to take off the blinders. If you look in the seven churches, seven congregations in Revelation, what does he say to each one? That you may have eyes to see; those who have ears to hear and eyes to see. And if want to have eyes to see, we're going to have to start looking at that beam in our own eye. Pray to Yahweh, **pray to Yahweh to show you sins you don't even know you have**. Because those are the worst ones – self-righteousness, pride, these other things that are there.

Luke 6:43-44 *For there is not a good tree that produces bad fruit, nor a bad tree that produces good fruit ... again, how much fruit are you bearing? ... For each tree is known from its own fruit. For they do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a thorn bush.*

Comment: You gather fruit that has been born; not from thorns and thistles like the purpose of man; from Adam he's going to bear fruit in thorns and thistles, but for a lot of times, some people have no fruit. They only have thorns and thistles.

Luke 6:45-46*The good man brings forth good out of the good treasure of his heart. And the evil man brings forth evil out of the evil treasures of his heart, for **his mouth speaks out of the abundance of his heart.** And why do you call Me Master, Master, and do not do what I say?*

So now granted there are some people out there that are good deceivers that they've been doing this so long that they really have it down to a science. That they can be disrespectful and sarcastic and not following Yahweh all week long and then even show up on the Sabbath and put a Sabbath face on and act. There's people that are doing that. And again, hey the best actors are in Hollywood. They're not the smartest people in the world, but they are good actors. That's what they're paid for, right? So there are people that are like that. But for the most part, for most people ... *out of the abundance of your heart your mouth speaks.*

So **the things that are coming out of your mouth are the things of what you are. So that's the fruit that's bearing.** And if instead of there's good things and encouragement and words of building up; and there's only cutting down and knocking down and being sarcastic and putting people down; you're not bearing any fruit. I mean the Word can't be broken. This is pretty simple of what it's saying here that **from the good person, good things come out of his mouth because out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.** So **what's coming out of your mouth is what's in your heart and what you're part of.** And there's people that can't see that; that every day is only bad things coming out of their mouth. There's only sarcasm, it's only evil and then they try to say, "No, no, no I'm a good person." And they're blinding themselves. They don't have eyes to see it.

Okay, so are your words, words of life? Or are they words of death? Are they encouraging, loving, helping to build up? Or are they de-grading, sarcastic, disrespectful? Because that's the first thing because out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks; because that's what happens, right? It's the same way - thought, everything is a thought first. When there's somebody there that's a murderer and they killed somebody and they're in court, they don't just say, "I murdered him! I don't know, I just murdered him!" No, you think, there's a thought, and they're planning it out and they're going there and they're planning it and then they do the murder.

So everything starts in the heart or the mind and then it comes out. Like I did in that message not that long ago, *The Heart is Deceitful.* And that's why we have to purify our heart. That's why we have to wash our hearts. That's why we have to renew our hearts every year. And this is what Passover is about; it's renewing. It's whatever happened this year because you want to know something...there's probably not a believer in this world, including the Apostle Paul and the Apostle Peter, that somewhere in their walk of faith, they didn't have a low point. Everybody does; it's the way it is.

And that's why Passover is so great because Passover is a renewing; that even if you had a low point in your spiritual life, **now you're commanded, Yahweh puts it there** and it's like wow, **now's the time to get back on-line. Now's the time to get started.** So it's not a time of knocking somebody down when they've had rough things going on; it's a time of building up. It's a time that Passover is here ... *okay, I had a rough time this year with some things but now we can start over!* We could start over and that's really what it's about; **giving words of life, encouragement, helping to build up, not degrading and not tearing down.**

Ephesians 5 ... Ephesians 5 and you know it talks about in Proverbs, *a soft answer turns away wrath.* And everything can start. It's got to start somewhere. So one good word can start a whole change of events - *a soft answer turns away wrath.* Situation happens, somebody says something, someone insults you and then you want to come back and insult them back; and then before you know it it's turning into this big thing - *a soft answer turns away wrath.*

So sometimes one good word, one word of turning away an argument can help. It's like the Scripture in Proverbs that talks about an argument is like running water that breaks a dam, so it says stop it before it breaks out. Just stop it before it breaks out. Ephesians 5, starting in verse 1:

Ephesians 5:1-4 *Then become imitators of Elohim, as beloved children, and walk in love, even as Messiah also loved us and gave Himself for us ... that's what Passover is about ... an offering and a sacrifice to YAHWEH for an odor of a sweet smell ... He is our Passover ... But let not fornication, and all uncleanness, or greediness, be named among you, as is fitting for saints; also cursing, and foolish talking, or witty insults (none of which are necessary), but rather the giving of thanks.*

This black humor, the witty insults that people think because ... and kids do it a lot, teenagers do it a lot, they think because people are laughing at somebody else's expense and that's the worst thing in the world. I know even when I was younger I couldn't stand it. I had all my own problems then too, but one thing I couldn't stand is when somebody is picking on somebody weaker than them because that doesn't show any strength. That shows a weakness. You want to show you're strong than pick on somebody bigger than you! And then see how big you are. But to pick on and mock somebody weaker, even handicapped, that could be handicapped, or with something, it's just ... it's sickening and it just shows the weakness of a person when they're like that.

So we want to cut this out; and even in the Congregation, sometimes it's not even a matter of that. Sometimes it's just a matter we haven't matured enough. We have matured enough. And I don't think sometimes people realize what is humor to Yahweh and what's not humor to Yahweh; because Yahweh does have humor. And there are funny things that happen naturally.

Sometimes words that sound the same that are different. And Yahweh does have a sense of humor. You even see it in the Bible – Baalam and the donkey is a good story of Yahweh's humor that's there but it's not humor like it says here: foolish talking or insulting somebody. That's not humor to Yahweh. It's not funny and it's not humor; or things that aren't true. Like I said, like Santa Claus, they make think it's harmless saying this big, fat guy in a red suit and a white beard is coming down your chimney; but it's not harmless to the child that's being lied to and especially as he gets older.

So we want to **make sure that everything coming out of our mouth is truth**. That we're not saying things that aren't true just for a joke because that's not funny to Yahweh. That's where, like I said we have to mature. It's the time we have to mature as believers and we have to put these things aside.

Your words can give life; or your words can take life. And it shows what spirit is in you. We're creatures of habit and like I said, **our words are the outward expression of our heart**. So is our heart the Spirit of Yahweh which is: love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faith, meekness and self-control? Or is it the spirit of the enemy – pride, jealousy, anger, sarcasm, stubbornness, division, uncleanness or even silliness? There's actually silly demons that are there. That you think of a demon and you think of this evil ugly looking thing and there are demons that are like that but there's silly demons. And I've seen it in people. I've cast it out of people where somebody is just silly to a core and it's not funny. It's actually, it's actually sad to see somebody under such oppression that comes.

Proverbs 10 in verse 19 ... a Scripture I use a lot in different sermons, it says:

Proverbs 10:19 *In the abundance of words sin does not cease, but one restraining his lips is prudent ... In the abundance of words sin does not cease, but one restraining his lips is prudent.*

And I tell this to my elders all the time when we have refresher courses and when I'm training elders, that as an elder ... look we're human beings, we make mistakes, you can't expect any elder to perfect but one thing is for sure, if you can't

keep a confidence, you can't be an elder; it's that simple. Because there's people that are telling you problems they have that are counseling with you. Some of them are things that they might not even told a spouse and they're trusting you. They're looking for advice and you have to be able to keep your mouth shut and keep a confidence. And if you can't do that, you're pretty much disqualifying yourself from your position as an elder.

And in the world we're living in today, it's great that ... well, first of all you know I'm not big on internet. Period! I think it's one of the things like I said we need to de-leaven in our life. We need to de-leaven a lot of internet out of our life. But I'll tell you another thing, I think it's great having email; I really do. I think it's great that you could have a way that if there's an emergency, I mean I send out once or twice a month, I send emails to people all over of the world thousands and thousands of emails. It's a great avenue that I don't have to have a thousand horsemen with a letter in their hand travelling out by horse all around the world to come out with a scroll that Elder Don came and here's the message.

No, in one press of the button, I could send out a monthly update or encourage people or whatever. But the same way with email, with one press of the button, you can criticize, you could cut someone down, you could destroy. And it needs to be limited. You need to be de-leavening all your texting. There's a purpose for texting ... *I'll be there in an hour or I'm delayed don't worry*. But there's people that probably text hours a day, youth, kids that do this.

And I'll tell you one thing and I'll say this publically, there's people that say, "Well, if Elder Don gives a recommendation and I want to follow." Well, I'm giving a recommendation your children under 18 years old should not have Smart phones. They shouldn't have it, period! A child under 18 shouldn't really have a phone to begin with. And if it's something where they're leaving the house and you have a house phone where they need to take it just in case, that's fine. But too many teenagers and young adults are out there with these phones constantly, hour after hour. It's something that needs to be de-leavened. It's something that needs to be taken out of your life because it's not helping. It's not helping your children and it's not helping you. And you need to change this. You need to change because **where too many words are sin is not absent**.

So the same way like I said, there's a purpose for email. There's a purpose for calling someone on the phone. But if you're on the phone three and four and five hours a day just talking and talking and talking, where too many words are sin is not absent. I can guarantee you there's sin coming in there somewhere. There's no way you're just talking on the phone all day repeating things and repeating things; and it happens in the Congregation at times where a rumor will come up and it's like, who on earth? And nobody knows where the rumor started from but it certainly started from somewhere. But I can tell you one thing, it's not true that this happened or that happened. Or even recently, there was one that came up that my wife had died. Can you imagine? That somebody started that.

And you know what? You don't just start that! Either it happened or it didn't and if it didn't happen, why would you repeat something like that to somebody else? I mean it's bad! And it shows there's too much talking going on. There's too much talking and not good talking, not prayer for each other, not edifying. There's too much talking that's not good there.

Let's go to Ephesians 5. So we have to learn to control our tongue. Ephesians 5 in verse 6 ... Ephesians 5 in verse 6 says:

Ephesians 5:6-11 *Let no one deceive you with empty words, for through these things the wrath of YAHWEH comes on the sons of disobedience. Then do not become partakers with them; for you then were darkness, but are now light in the Master; walk as children of light. For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth, and you must discern what is acceptable before our Master... right this is the maturity that comes with de-leavening our lives ... And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather condemn them.*

Comment: And unfortunately, part of de-leavening is also de-leavening people out of our life that don't want to change. People that constantly that will just want to stay the same way and bring problems in the Congregation; and they're not looking to change; because if you're going to mature and you're going to change, you have to either limit yourself with some of these people; or completely cut them off; it's that simple if they're not doing this.

Ephesians 5:12-17 *For it is shameful even to speak of the things being done by them in secret. But all things being condemned are exposed by the light and are clearly revealed, for everything having been revealed is light. Because of this, He says, Arise, sleeping ones and rise from the dead ones, and Messiah will give you light. Then **watch how carefully you walk**, not as unwise, but as **wise ones**, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. For this reason, do not be foolish, but understanding what is the will of Elohim.*

So this is what it's about. **It's about maturing at this time of the year. It's about getting the things out of our life that are not conducive to my walk with Yahweh;** and that's de-leavening. That's what we're de-leavening and maturing and becoming more like Yahweh. It's time for spiritual house cleaning, for change ... for change. Because you know in the long run some of these relationships with people that have been around a long time and they don't want to change is they don't want you to change either. It's just like when you become a believer.

There's a scripture in Peter that says that they're astonished that you're not running around and doing the same evil things that they're doing. And then they start to attack you, *and you think you're more holy than me and you think you're more righteous.* And you know what it is? **They're attacking you because they want you to stay like them.** They simply want you to stay like them. And that's what happens when you become a believer that it's not that you cut off your friendships or your family, **they cut you off.** Because **when you're not doing the evil things they're doing they don't want any part of you.** And sometimes in the Congregation it's the same way that somebody that's maybe prone to gossip and you share with them, "Well, maybe I'd rather not hear this." Then they won't talk to you anymore and they'll be offended; but that's the way it should be.

Ephesians 4, go back to verse 17. Ephesians 4 it says:

Ephesians 4:17 *Therefore, I say this, and testify in the Master, that you no longer walk even as also the rest of the nations walk, in the vanity of their own mind.*

So this is the way the world is. The world is dealt with vanity, everything comes down to now; people's opinions and everybody wants to be heard. But you know what? The only One they don't hear on all these forums is Yahweh. He's the One they don't want to hear. He's the One they don't even want to admit He exists. So we need to get off of all this stuff. We need to de-leaven our lives.

Ephesians 4:22-24 *Lay aside all your former practices and put off the old man, having been degenerated with deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind ... that's what days of Unleavened Bread is about. It's renewing our mind. It's de-leavening the old ways and renewing our mind ... and to put on the new man, who is created by Elohim in righteousness and true holiness.*

Right? And then the change comes. It tells you, speaking the truth, don't let the sun go down on your anger. The one who stole, now give; it's doing something **pro-active**, being pro-active and helping other people. In verse 30:

Ephesians 4:30-32 *And not grieve the Holy Spirit of Elohim, by whom you were sealed to the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and anger, and wrath, and tumult, and evil speaking be put away from you, with malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as Elohim has forgiven us through Messiah.*

Man, and there's people that literally will hold a grudge and will not forgive somebody even with Passover coming! And then they'll take that Passover and **still hold a grudge**, I don't know how. It's self-righteousness because each of us, man we have **so much that we need to be thankful for Yahweh that He forgives us**. And there's nobody in this world who's done more than to me than I've done to Yahweh! And I need His forgiveness. He's done nothing to me and that's the key why we **must forgive**. We have to give forgiveness that's out there.

Passover is about the loving grace of the Messiah, but Unleavened is about us taking out the old, taking out the old and becoming like Him. It's not about cleaning your toaster with a toothbrush. And believe it or not, Church of God they used to do that, many people. **It's about really taking time to meditate, to pray, even to fast and search where change needs to be made**. Like I said, taking out the old; that's what days of Unleavened Bread are all about. 1st Corinthians 11 in verse 25 ... 1st Corinthians 11 in verse 25 says:

1st Corinthians 11:25-31 *In the same way the cup also, after supping, saying, this cup is the New Covenant in My blood, each time you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me. For each time that you may eat this bread, and drink this cup, you solemnly commemorate the death of our Master, until His coming. So that whoever should eat this bread, or drink the cup of the Master, unworthily, that one will be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Master ... right? You're putting Him on the tree for nothing ... But let a man ... or a person ... examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and let him drink of the cup; for he eating and drinking unworthily eats and drinks to his condemnation, not discerning the body of the Master. For this reason many ... doesn't say a few, but it says ... many among you are sick and weak, and many sleep ... many even died ... For if we discerned ourselves, we would not be judged.*

And isn't that great that **YAHWEH gives us the opportunity by opening up our minds through His Spirit that we can actually discern ourselves**. And if we do, we don't have to be judged because we'll discern ourselves and we'll change where we need to change and will de-leaven the things out of our life that need to be taken out of there. And that's really ... it's a sober Scripture when we think about this that we're **commanded** to make this self-examination. And like I said, it could even cause sickness and death. But wow, more than that, it's encouraging to know that if we do it, then we don't have to be judged by YAHWEH; like it says in **Hebrews 10:26**, *It's a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living Elohim*. Hebrews 3 in verse 6 ... Hebrews 3 in verse 6, he says:

Hebrews 3:6-11 *but Messiah as Son over His own house, whose house we are ... right? So we are the sanctuary where Yahweh's Spirit dwells*. Like Yahshua said, I will tear down this sanctuary, this house, and rebuild it in three days; but He talked about the sanctuary of His body ... *if truly we hold fast the boldness and rejoicing of the hope firm to the end ... so we're only that if we do this ... Because of this, even as the Holy Spirit ... the Ruach Ha'Chodesh... says, "Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts to provoke Him, as the murmurers did in the day of temptation in the wilderness, there where your fathers tempted Me, even though they saw My works for forty years. Because of this, I was angry with that generation and said, They always go astray in their heart; and they did not know My ways; as I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter into My rest."* ...that was the literal, physical land of Israel. Today, we're talking about the land of Israel but the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Hebrews 3:12-13 *Beware, therefore, my brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart which does not believe, and you will be cut off from the living Elohim. But search your hearts each day, until the day which is called "the day"...* the day of Yahweh's wrath that's coming ... *that not anyone of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin ...* And this is why we have to pray, like I said, **even sins we don't know we need to ask Yahweh**.

Hebrews 3:14-17 *For we have become partakers of Messiah, if truly from the beginning to the very end we hold steadfast to this true covenant; as in the saying, "Today, if you hear even the echoes of His voice, do not harden your hearts to anger Him." Who were those who heard and provoked Him? Was it not those who came out of Egypt through*

*Moses; although not all of them? But with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with the ones **sinning, whose bones lay in the wilderness?***

Comment: Close to two million people died and are in the wilderness. They never entered the Promised Land and their bones are there till this day. We've seen some of the graves from the Israelites that are there and it's sobering.

Hebrews 3:18-19 *And to whom did "He swear, they would not enter into His rest," except to those not obeying? So we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.*

And in a world where everything is fake, not just news is fake, but everything is fake. The whole system of Babylon is fake. The money system is fake. Everything is fake and the only thing real is the Word of Yahweh; which the fake side says this is fake! So it is hard to have real faith, but wow, that's why you have to stay to it. You have to be every day in the Word. You have to be praying. You have to be focused. You have to be off the internet as much as possible and **you have to be in the Truth because this is the only Truth.**

Satan has deceived the whole world. And if you're in to what he is deception that is going to be engraved on your mind because we're creatures of habit once again. And then that's going to be your reality, is going to be his fake system. No, **we have to be in the Truth of Yahweh. This has to be our reality. And a big part of that reality has to be change. You have to take this serious.** It can't just be, yep another year or another meaningless ritual, another Unleavened Bread. No, no we're to the point now as Yahweh's opening up our minds where we really, really, really have to.

I mean remember there's a Passover coming where many people are going to die. Not only in the Congregation, within the world; a second Passover. Just like we saw last year with COVID that was like the opening entrance to what's coming down the line. And people aren't going to know why but we're going to know why they happened to die on the Passover. It could even be a year like this where we're keeping Passover different than most people that they won't even realize that it was because of the death angel passing, but it's coming. This is why **we have to humble ourselves and truly look where we need to change.**

As last year, like I said, was about re-enacting the original Passover in Egypt where we had to stay in our homes. But **this year is getting ready to enter the sixth year of the Shemita cycle and its re-acting going to the wilderness for the Shemita.** We only got a year left coming from this Yom Teruah. It's year six we're going into now and then the Shemita and it's going to be a big one. So we have to ready for that. **We have to soften our hearts, repent and grow in the nine fruits of the Spirit; or be left behind.** Philippians 3 in verse 13, like we saw many died that bones are still there today in the wilderness.

Philippians 3:13-16 *Brothers, I do not count myself to have **reached** the goal, but one thing I do, **forgetting** the things behind, and stretching forward to those things before, press toward the goal to receive the prize of victory of the highest calling of YAHWEH in Messiah Yahshua. Then as many as are perfect, think these things; and if you think anything differently, YAHWEH will also reveal this to you. Yet as to where we have arrived, walk by the same rule, being of the same mind.*

Philippians 3:17-20 *Be fellow-imitators of me, brothers, and consider those walking this way, even as you have us for a pattern. For many walk as enemies to the torture stake of Messiah, of whom I often told you, and now even weeping I say, whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and who glory in their shame, the ones thinking on **earthly** things. Because our citizenship is in Heaven, from where we wait also for our Savior, the Master Yahshua.*

So these people they're end is destruction, their god is their belly, they glory in their shame, they're thinking on earthly things ... they're thinking on earthly things. So the Apostle Paul says the one thing he does is not behind but looking

ahead. And that's what Unleavened Bread is about; it's about de-leavening; it's about taking these things out of our life. And as believers, we shouldn't be talking about things in our past that have been repented on and that we moved on from. For what reason, why would we be bringing up sins that Yahweh has forgiven? Yahweh doesn't even remember them. He says, "I put them from the East to the West. I don't even remember them." And we're bringing them up almost proudly.

And I'm shocked sometimes because I have people that counsel with me from all over the world; and I'm shocked sometimes how people I'll counsel about very bad sins and have no shame. They have no shame to it. No shame to the sins that they're doing at times. And we're all sinners so it's not that we shouldn't counsel about it but we should be ashamed that we're doing these things. And certainly, like I said, as Passover is coming up now, we need to be looking deep in our lives and we need to de-leaven. We need to de-leaven these things from our minds and our hearts; and not be looking back. Not be looking back but looking ahead.

We have to remove the earthly things that are getting in the way. We have to de-leaven Facebook. We have to de-leaven social media. We have to de-leaven useless sports, worldly videos and TV, endless texting, like I said, internet. **It's time to move on to perfection and we have to stop imitating the world.** We have to stop imitating the world. Titus 3 and 1 ... verse 1, Titus 3 in verse 1 says:

Titus 3:1-3 *Remind them to be obedient and submissive to rulers and authorities, to be ready in every good work, to speak evil of no one, not quarrelsome, but forbearing, having displayed all meekness to all men. For we also once were senseless, disobedient, being led astray, slaving for various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hated, and hating one another.*

Titus 3:4-6 *But when the kindness and love of Elohim our Savior toward man appeared, not by works in righteousness which we had done, but according to His mercy, He saved us through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Yahshua Messiah, our Savior;*

Wow, so this is what's happening. **When we're baptized we become a new creation.** And our minds are being washed. We're being brain washed, yes! So when people say, "You're being brainwashed!" Say, "HalleluYAH, HalleluYAH! Yes, **Yahweh is washing my brain** from all that filth and all that garbage that's there before!" And this is what de-leavening is about and Unleavened Bread. **It's about washing our minds from the love of the world.** And we have to make sure that we're doing this. 1st Peter 2, couple more Scriptures and we'll be finished here. 1st Peter 2 in verse 1 says:

1st Peter 2:1-2 *Wherefore lay aside all malice, and guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil accusations, **as newborn babes**. .. because this is what we're like – like a newborn baby just being born. He's got nothing there left. He's just starting from scratch. This is what we want to do ... *desire the word as pure spiritual milk, that you may grow to salvation by it* ... verse 5:*

1st Peter 2:5 *You also as living stones are being built into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to YAHWEH through Yahshua Messiah.*

So we are living stones in the spiritual house of Yahweh. We are **living stones**. We are a spiritual house and the same you de-leaven your physical house, you have to de-leaven your spiritual house. Last Scripture is 1st Corinthians 3 in verse 16 ... 1st Corinthians 3 in verse 16 he says:

1st Corinthians 3:16-20 *Do you not know that you are a sanctuary of Elohim, and the Spirit of YAHWEH dwells in you? Whoever defiles the sanctuary of Elohim, YAHWEH will destroy; for the sanctuary of Elohim is holy ... kadosh ... which you are. Let no one deceive himself. If anyone thinks to be wise among you in this age, let him become foolish, that he may*

become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with Elohim; for it has been written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness." And again, "YAHWEH knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain."

Wow, so **we need to care for our physical house as well as our spiritual house where the Ruach dwells**. So we should not just do away leaven this year but actually during Unleavened Bread try to do away with all the things that harm your body physically and spiritually. So let's try to get out the pride, the self-righteousness, the anger, whatever it is that's in there; but also beside the leaven, try to get out the sugar that's in your life maybe the white flour, whatever bad things that are in your life that is harming your physical body or your spiritual body.

Because like it says here, that our body is a sanctuary of Elohim and the Spirit of Yahweh dwells in us; whoever defiles the sanctuary of Elohim, Yahweh will destroy. So let's try to work on both ends of that this year. Let's do away with all things that are hurting our physical body and our spiritual body.

We are in the most important days since the Exodus and I really mean that. Every year that goes on, like I said, they're being magnified, they're being intensified. Last year COVID pops out of nowhere. Like I said, we had a Passover like we've never had before and now they bring the vaccine. All the preparations there for the mark of the beast to come at any time according to Yahweh's will. We don't know. We pray He gives us a little more time but only He knows.

So we're in the most important days since the Exodus. **Yahweh is freeing His people from the bondage of sin in the system of worldly Babylon**. When the mark of the beast is fully established it will fully free the people of Yahweh from the system of Babylon that's enslaving them. So do you understand this?

You have to **re-frame your mindset** because people are scared, right? The mark of the beast is going to come, if I don't take the chip I'm not going to be able to travel. I'm not going to be able to work. I'm not going to be able to do this; but you know what? **You're going to be free from the system of Babylon**. All of that, everything connected to the mark and even with the vaccine, it's all part of commercial Babylon.

So don't look at it, **don't be scared of it. What Yahweh is doing is He's forcing us to put everything of Babylon away**. So like I said, I look now as I see, I've been warning people for years about Facebook and social media and all this stuff, Twitter, and some listened. A lot of them didn't. But now people are ..."You know what; they're cutting me off from my Facebook account. They cut me off from my YouTube account. They cut me off from my Twitter account." And I'm like; *I don't have any of these accounts. That's great*. I don't have them so I can't be cut off from anything. I have my Bible and they're not going to cut me off from Yahweh. Only I can do that.

So the mark of the beast is actually a blessing on the people of Yahweh because He's going to force us that we can't be in that system! And the ones who take the mark they're going to show that they're addiction to satan and his system of commercial Babylon is greater than their love for Yahweh. So we're really at a dividing point now. And this is an important, important Passover. We need to allow Yahweh to de-leaven our lives and we need to leave Babylon behind. And this is the year to do so. So again I ask as we end here, "How is your de-leavening coming?"

Yahweh bless, Shabbat Shalom!