

‘Lest We Forget’ – The Haggadah of Freedom Passover 2017

This is the season of the Haggadah, (the telling) of a true story of freedom. This is the time of new beginnings. This is the time to make new choices—choices which should be based upon what is good and right.

Webster’s 1828 dictionary defines *freewill* as: “The power of directing our own actions without restraint by necessity or fate.”

Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary describes a person’s *will* as: “The power of choosing”

“If, then, the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”-- John 8:36

“...promising them freedom, though themselves being slaves of corruption – for one is a slave to whatever overcomes (masters) him.”--2 Kephah (Peter) 2:19b

“In the freedom with which Messiah has made us free, stand firm, then, and do not again be held with a yoke of slavery. For you, brothers, have been called to freedom, only do not use freedom as an occasion for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”—Galatians 5:1, 13

The greatest gift we could have ever received from our Creator is the gift of choice, or as some call it, freewill. Everyday, people take for granted this precious gift, carelessly using it to satisfy their own lusts and desire for self gratification. For these people, they are nothing more than slaves to their own flesh—the most feared slave master of them all. And yet, sadly, there are others who have had this special gift taken away from them by the evils done to them, but they still remain incredibly free, and joyful in their present circumstance.

There are people everyday who are deceived into believing that the true power of freedom lies in the ability to make their own choices, yet they do not consider the outcome of those decisions. The possibility of freedom lies not in the power of choice, but is the fruit of that choice.

People live in cages of their own doing, slaves to their own decisions, yet they walk around as if they are free because, ‘they have the power of making their own choices’. This is pretty evident in the typical American teenager, where they believe that they know it all, and that they have the right to make up their own mind and that no one is going to tell them what to do. However, when they end up as slaves to whatever choices they have made, the arrogance of being right, strangely increases. It is an

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endless cycle, until true freedom comes. Surely, people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.

What is true freedom? Is it possessing the right to call all our own shots regarding our lives? Or is it the realization that we must accept the consequences of our actions, admitting that we have enslaved ourselves by the poor choices we have made?

True freedom was lost in the Garden of Eden where the choice to serve Elohim was overruled by the choice to serve self. As long as we serve ourselves, we will live as slaves to ourselves—obeying the dictates of our flesh over and over again. True freedom can only be found in choices that are rooted in righteousness and goodness, for all that is right and good is completely void of selfishness.

The Word says that no one is good but Elohim, and if He is our example of all that is good, then our choices must be founded in Him. All other choices, whether they are of our own fleshly desire or influenced by the evil one, will lead us into slavery or cause us to remain in it if we continue the same pattern of making bad decisions. True freedom is in the only One who is good and righteous. If we were made free by Messiah, then it is up to us to maintain our freedom by the decisions we “freely” make everyday.

There is really only one way to describe true freedom and that is being exempt from the bondage of sin. We are no longer liable to it because we do not ‘own’ it. This is what Messiah set us free from—the bondage of sin. And the “free” choices we make everyday will either keep us free from that bondage or begin to enslave us to it again. Messiah did His work once—that’s it. It’s not on Him anymore to deliver us from the bondage of sin...it is up to us now. Clearly, the Word shows us how—we just need to read it and find out. (hint: 1 John 1:7)

Oh, what kind of love it is that the Father would send His only begotten Son to come and deliver His people, His true remnant, from the bondages of sin and its wages. How do we respond to such a great love? I mean, if the Ancient of Days saw the end of our days before the foundation of the world, and yet still chose us to be His, what does that say about His love towards us? What does that say about the end of our walk if we stay on the narrow path? What does that say about our future? Truly, who can separate us from that love! (Romans 8:37-39)

Long before He chose His Revelation 14 bride, she was covered in permanent stains, spots, blemishes and flaws—yet she was precious to Him. Though she was a sinner, far from perfect, He still chose her. But why? Because He saw what she would become through the love He planned to ravish on her. She would become to Him a treasured possession—one who would be re-formed, and re-shaped into a vessel of

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delight. He would pound out her slavery, smashing it into pieces through the crushing power of His selfless love. He would re-mold, re-fashion, and re-engineer her into the image of Himself—the image she lost when she hid away so long ago from the sound of His voice—a voice that cried out from within the bridal chamber, “where are you, My precious creation?”

In the Garden we lost the ability to discern between right from wrong, good from evil. In our innocence, we sought the knowledge without the Giver of knowledge. In our innocence, we fell guilty, and our ability to know the difference between good and evil would be forever skewed if mercy was not shown to us. We had freedom in the Garden because we were without sin. True freedom exists in a blameless state, immune to the power of sin. True freedom cannot be found until we are re-created into the very image of blamelessness. If Yahushua set us free from sin, then are goal is to remain free--free from the slavery and bondage of sin. If a person is released from prison, back into society, a truly repentant one will do everything that is necessary to live a life of freedom and not recommit the same act that once sent them behind bars.

The Exodus—no other story in the history of time itself speaks more about love and freedom than the miraculous deliverance of our forefathers from Egyptian bondage.

“...I am Yahuweh, and ***I will bring you out*** from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and ***I will deliver you*** from slavery to them, and ***I will redeem you*** with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. ***I will take you to be My people***, and I will be your Elohim, and you shall know that I am Yahuweh your Elohim (God), who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.”—Exodus 6:6-7

The four promises of ‘I will’ are a shadow picture of Messiah’s redemptive work and is represented by four cups:

1. The Cup of Sanctification – “*I will bring you out* from Egypt—lifting your burden”
2. The Cup of Deliverance – “*I will deliver you* from Egyptian bondage and slavery”
3. The Cup of Redemption – “*I will redeem you* with My power, with great acts of judgment”
4. The Cup of Restoration – “*I will take possession of you* as My people”

The First Cup of Sanctification

We cannot be set-apart unto Him until we have removed all of the leaven from our lives. Leaven is the burden which weighs us down but at the same time, puffs us up. He desires to lift our burdens and bring us out from under the yoke of slavery to sin,

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but we have to do our part and ensure we set ourselves apart from what causes sin to grow in our lives. Leaven is removed by repentance.

‘For seven days no leaven is to be found in your houses, for if anyone eats what is leavened, that same being shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether sojourner or native of the land. ‘Do not eat that which is leavened – in all your dwellings you are to eat unleavened bread.’ ” (Exodus 12:19-20).

Remember, if you are IN Messiah, you are His people Israel...period!

Sanctification (set-apartness) begins with repentance. Repentance means turning around to go the opposite way you were traveling. But until we know there is another way, we will continue to travel in the paths of sin because it is familiar to us—it is in our nature. Our nature loves the leavening burden of sin, which is why Messiah came to break its yoke off of us. (Matthew 11:28) Unleavened bread does not rise, and what does not rise remains thin and narrow. Unleavened lives will pass through the narrow gate, while leavened lives will be too puffed up to enter the narrow way. Leavened lives are destined for the broad path.

Elohim told the Children of Israel that there is a way out of slavery to the Egyptians, and that is through the blood of a spotless lamb. All they had to do was to believe Him and obey Him when He told them how to escape what was coming. Their obedience WAS the act of repentance, because to cease from doing your own ways to follow His...that is T’shuvah—repentance. True repentance makes straight the path of Yahuweh to come in great deliverance and power. (Isaiah 40) This is the spirit of Yochanan the Immerser (John the Baptist). What did he say after he preached the baptism of repentance while standing in the Jordan? “BEHOLD! The Lamb of Elohim Who takes away the sin of the world.” Repentance paved the way for the Lamb to come! The Death Angel would have never passed over the Hebrews that night had they not made a way for their deliverance by their obedience to apply the blood of the lamb to the portals of their homes.

The Second Cup of Deliverance

Yahuweh cannot (nor will He), deliver a people until He sees an act of obedience on the part of the people. He will not free a slave who chooses to remain as a slave. When He sees a turning—an act of repentance, a cry for help, then He turns His face towards us and delivers us. He will deliver those who have chosen Him—those who have decided to be set-apart unto Him. Once He saw their faith in the application of the blood on the doorposts and lintel (Exodus 12:23), THEN He brought them out of Egypt with a great deliverance. His forgiveness comes when we have repented and have turned from our wicked ways. His forgiveness is in the manifestation of His deliverance which comes because of our steadfast obedience, which shows our true heart of repentance. Forgiveness is an action word. Elohim shows His forgiveness in

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the things He does for us. He wants us to know we have been forgiven by lavishing His good and perfect gifts upon us. (Ya'aqob (James) 1:17) He wants us to be free because we want to be free. In fact, He wants our freedom even more than we want it. Because we want what He wants, He will give us the desires of our heart—for they are His desires.

The Third Cup of Redemption

Notice that it wasn't until they came through the Red Sea and were at Mt. Sinai, that He said that if they would obey His voice and guard His covenant, then they would be His treasured possession, a kingdom of priests and a set-apart nation. There is a legal transaction involved here. In order for His people to become these things unto Him, they must first be purchased—redeemed. This is the betrothal process—a releasing of what binds you unto what will free you. For Israel, this redemptive/betrothal process began with great acts of judgment on those who had afflicted them. For Israel, the redemptive process will end with great acts of judgment on those who now afflict them. Except this time, they will not be traveling behind Moses exiting Egypt, but behind Messiah in clouds of esteem!

Messiah desires to free His bride from all that binds her. This is why He said, “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers, and sisters, and his own life too, he is unable to be My taught one.” (Luke 14:26) He knew that if He is to have a bride that will cleave unto Him only, she must be free from what binds her (including the familiarity and loyalty to family, friends and self over Him)

In the case of the ancient Hebrews, the young, virgin daughter is bound to her family, as she is of great value in the service she provides them. She is a pillar in the home of her father. (Psalm 144:12) If she is to be betrothed, she must be 'bought' with a 'dowry', a high price that is given by the father of the son who desires to have her hand in marriage. The high price that is paid is because of the great loss the family would experience when she is no longer present to serve the needs of her family and household. The dowry essentially unbinds the virgin to her family and is a promise that she will be forever free from them to serve her new husband and master.

In the case of the Children of Israel, slavery to the Egyptians is what bound them. In the case for people today, slavery to sin is what binds many to the kingdom of darkness.

The Creator of Light came to earth and paid off the rightful debt we owed--that damnable debt of eternal death which was **forever** to be paid by us by the wages we received in this lifetime from our employer—sin. Our account that was lorded over by the slave master of darkness and death was stamped—PAID IN FULL! That ole slave

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master was put out of a job because the books are balanced and he has nothing left but to accuse us of a debt that we no longer owe. Our response to him must be, 'take it up with The Accountant who never makes an error!' Praise the Lamb of Elohim! Remember, Yahushua cleared our debt, and it is our responsibility now to remain debt free.

The betrothal process begins with the action of a brave warrior that comes to the rescue of a woman who is crying out to be saved (crying out to be **set-apart** FROM slavery and UNTO freedom). Her cry is a cry of repentance for the mess she alone got herself into. When this brave warrior hears, he comes to **deliver** her. Once delivered, in order for this woman to become legally his, off the market for other slave masters, he must pay a ransom, a heavy cup of **redemption** for her. This is what occurred at Mt. Sinai. The brave warrior said to the woman, "if you will obey my voice and guard my commandments, (the vows written for his potential bride to be), then you will become my treasured possession."

This 'cup of redemption', is the cup of the renewed covenant (1 Corinthians 11:20-29) that Messiah drank at the last meal with His disciples. It is also called the cup of blessing in 1 Corinthians 10:16.

And He, the Brave Warrior, would not drink the cup of the fruit of the vine again until the day comes for His marriage, where His betrothed wife becomes His bride and queen.

Matthew 26:29 says, "But I say to you, I shall certainly not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on till that day when I drink it anew with you in the reign of My Father."

And what is this cup He will not drink now? The cup of restoration—the cup of all things made anew...the fourth cup.

The Fourth Cup of Restoration

This is the end of the matter where the Brave Warrior takes His wife unto Himself because she has made herself ready. (Revelation 19:7) The cup of restoration is Ezekiel 48:35, for in that city, Yahuweh is there. If Yahuweh is there, all things are restored and His people will belong to Him and He will be their Elohim. None of this would be possible without the work of Yahushua the Messiah Who is typified in the shadow pictures of the Exodus deliverance as the Passover Lamb.

Sometimes, the fourth cup is called the cup of praise—which also fits in with the cup of the restoration of all things. For in that day of restoration, a new song to Yahuweh will be sung in the assembly of His kind ones. (Psalm 149 and Revelation 14). Truly the heart of the Father will turn again to His children and the hearts of the children

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turn again to their rightful Father. Never again will the question be asked by Elohim, “where are you, Adam?” Why? Because His people will know the other side of disobedience and the fear of Elohim will exceed their love of sinning.

And Mosheh said to the people, “Do not fear, for Elohim has come to prove you, and in order that His fear be before you, so that you do not sin.”—Exodus 20:20

For the last 6000 years, Elohim has been proving His people over and over and over again in order to find a few that will fear Him enough NOT to sin. True fear of the Most High disables the power within us to continually sin. True fear of Elohim literally rearranges our DNA and restores the power to live righteously in a world where sin is such a commodity.

And where did it all of this come together for His people? When the horror of sin’s wages were paid out on a stake in the death of an innocent Lamb, where He Himself became the exchange, a priceless appeasement, for what His people so legally deserved. This is why Yahushua the Messiah of Elohim said, “do this in remembrance of Me!” For if we forget what we deserved, it will fall back upon us in such a way as there will not be a second chance to escape the punishment once placed upon the back of the Lamb of Elohim.

Yahushua will not go to the stake a second time for you, nor I. By remembering to commemorate the Passover each year (as often as we do it), we keep alive in us, and our children, and our children’s children, the Haggadah, the telling that we have been **set-apart, delivered** and **ransomed** from slavery to the darkness of sin. And because of Messiah, the First Fruit of the resurrection, we are able to keep alive the hope of the promise of **restoration**—the hope of a people who once were drowning in the miry clay of sin, that horrible pit we dug for ourselves, but now are firmly established upon the rock of His deliverance. (Psalm 40:1-2) We have been raised up out of the miry clay of decaying death and the corruption of sin. Our feet are fixed upon the Rock, I AM!

We now have the hope of never dying because we have chosen to die with Him now. For if we do not die with Him we cannot be raised with Him. (2 Timothy 2:11) Passover is the remembrance of a time when we were steeped in the leaven of sin, held bound by its heavy oppressive blanket—smothering us until we cried out for Someone to save us. He heard our cry and He answered us (Psalm 40). Not only did He make a way of escape, but He shut the watery door behind us—showing us that there is no route back to Egypt. We were never meant to return to our old ways of life because He only opens doors to go forward—never to return back. The doors He closes are doors that would forbid us from becoming, once again, subject to the yoke of slavery and sin.

“And I shall place the key of the house of David on his shoulder. And he shall open, and no one shuts; and shall shut, and no one opens.”-- Isaiah 22:22

Think of this wisely...If Yahushua, through His death, burial and resurrection, closed the door to sin and death, and opened wide the door for eternal life, then who can shut and who can open? No one, past, present or future, was found worthy enough to possess the keys to death, hell, and the grave except Yahushua. If He closed the door of sin in our lives and locked it, how can we reopen the door and fall back into sin and darkness, unless we truly have not allowed Him full access and right to close that door? For those who have chosen to allow Him full access to shut off the way back to Egypt—they will have no desire to return. For those who desire to return, they will find a way back to Egypt—guaranteed. For they have kept a little bit of Egypt inside of them just in case their new “God” doesn’t work out.

What Yahushua does is permanent (for those who take His work of redemption permanent). For those who play games with His work, nothing is permanent for them except the guarantee of eternal damnation in the lake of fire if they do not repent of their works and deeds of the flesh.

The question lies not if He has the authority as holder of the key to shut and open, the question lies in how willing we are to allow His authority to be exercised within the life we live everyday? The problem is not His rightful **ability** as key holder to open and shut, but our own **inability** to keep what He shut, closed and what He opened, open.

This is the Haggadah. This is ‘the telling’. How can we tell something if we do not remember what we are to tell?

The Native Americans (the First Nation people) have it right. Their fathers live in the children and the children return to their fathers in the telling of the ancient stories which keep alive their culture, their heritage, and their way of life. Remembering the stories through telling them over and over again, ensures that future generations will never forget their identity and where they came from. If the people of Elohim will keep alive what happened to their ancient fathers, they, the children, will not turn away from the right path. “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”--Proverbs 22:6

To train is to teach, and the foundation of teaching is remembering what has gone before us. The new world order is about erasing the old so that the future destiny of people living in that order is guaranteed to repeat the same sins that birthed the world they now live in. To erase the old is to erase all evidence of a life we once lived in slavery and darkness. And if there is no reference point, humanity IS destined to repeat the Garden episode over and over again until there is nothing left...for

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humanity will have burned itself out in a self-destructive blaze. The hearts of the fathers and the hearts of the children is a uniting of the past and future. The fathers instill the power of deliverance into the children and the children keep alive that deliverance by remembering where they came from. The power of the Deliverer and the acts He performed, will continue throughout all generations. If this is kept alive, then Yahuweh says in Malachi 4:6, 'I have something to keep alive.' If there is no remembrance of Him and what He did, there is nothing left to keep alive, thus He will destroy the earth. To forget the work of the stake is to lose any hope of what the stake promised.

The power of freedom lies in what Elohim has already done, not in what He is going to do. The hope of the resurrection is in the One Who has already risen!

Faith is knowing He will do what He said He would do because He has already done what He said He would do! His Word is Faithful and True!

Death is destroyed by remembering Who destroyed it. This is our testimony and how we remind the enemy that his days are numbered. On the other hand, death is resurrected by a refusal to remember Who destroyed it. We must never forget the blood of the Lamb that overcame death, hell and the grave!

Satan's agents in this earth are out to cover up history. Why? Because if they found out that the Bible is really true—then what? What do they do with their sin? If history is erased, people will continue to sin over and over, because there is nothing to show them the consequences of their actions. Erase the evidence of the Bible and you erase the only means people have to find the Savior of the world. Satan's job is to disconnect the link between sin and death.

The death of Messiah became the consequence, the reward, to show all of mankind what happens when people, whose actions daily, reject the life He has offered them. Only to those who fear the consequence of eternal death, and look for His resurrection, will He become their resurrection unto life. Yet, people love to sin more than the freedom that is found in not sinning. People love the power to live as they desire more than the power to die to the temporary pleasures of a world that will eventually turn on them.

People **will** reap what they love the most. And if the stake of Messiah ceases to be the example of 'no greater love than this', then people will continue loving themselves until they end up paying the ultimate price—the price of eternal death. If His people forget what Messiah did on the stake, how will they tell others of such a love? And if the telling ceases, more and more will find their way along the broad path to destruction. Oh my...lest we forget...(Romans 10:14-15)

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“As it has been written, ‘There is none righteous, no, not one!’”—Romans 3:10

We cannot afford to pay the price of righteousness required to live eternally. We do not have enough funds to ever pay such a ransom. However, there is One who can afford it and has paid it—Messiah Yahushua.

If we stop telling the story of our redemption, we will cloud over to the point that we will stop seeing clearly what we have been delivered from. And if we stop telling our testimony, we will cease to overcome because the enemy of our soul’s comes in the fog of our forgetfulness to tell us that we belong to him. And through our fog, we latch onto his deceitful lies that convince us to return to Egypt because everything was better there. We believe him when he says that Yahuweh Elohim (the ‘God’ of the universe) has failed us and has left us here to rot in the wilderness. This, my friend, is exactly what happens when we forgo the telling of our testimony. We will get lost in the fog of our understanding of what Yahushua really delivered us from and we will go with the false illuminated one, back to Egypt, right back to where he wanted us all along. This IS the enemy’s tactic: lies and distractions.

It is by the blood of the Lamb, by the word of our testimony, and by the refusal to love our lives even if it costs us our death, that we overcome the lies of the accuser. (Revelation 12:11 paraphrased) Not only did Messiah overcome the tempter, but He overcame him in the wilderness where it was so easy to give up. The Haggadah MUST become our ‘weapon’ that we use to remind the enemy of His future! HalleluYAH! The Haggadah MUST become part of who we are—our identity!

By remembering where we were and what Elohim has brought us out of, we are sealed with the identification of the atonement of the Lamb. If will fail to continually peer into who He is, we will forget what He looks like and begin to fade into the past of our old creation. Remembering the third cup of His redemptive work on the stake, causes us to look forward to the fourth cup wherewith we drink to our Bridegroom who has become our salvation—the Rock of Ages and our eternal Friend.

The celebration at the wedding feast of the Lamb comes during the Festival of Sukkot, which follows the Day of Atonement. Why is there such celebration at the wedding feast? Because the end of our faith, and the salvation of our souls happens ON the Day of Atonement. Passover begins the journey, and the Day of Atonement is the completion of that journey. The victory of that completion is the time of Sukkot where we toast the Lamb at the feast and He says to us, “welcome home, My faithful servants!”

As we enter into this season called Passover, Pesach, Unleavened Bread, and the remembrance of how we began our faith walk, let us continually recall the miracle of our redemption. He has brought us forth into such a time as this, where we walk out

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our salvation boldly, and proclaim His Word and perform His works in the sight of all the nations. He has poured out His blood upon the altar, and we must communicate to a lost world, the ramifications if they do not receive the blood's atoning attributes.

Messiah did not earn the right to become the King of Glory until He first became the King of Shame. Oh My GOSH, people of the Most High! Know this—we shall not put on esteem (glory) until we first put on shame—identifying with the suffering Servant, the Lamb who refused to open His mouth—the exemplifier of humility. He will raise us up only in the day that we cry out to Him in complete brokenness, with a heart filled with humility. We will not be vomited onto dry land until we first utter these words:

“...I called to Yahuweh because of my distress, and He answered me. From the stomach of the grave I cried, and You heard my voice. For You threw me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the floods surrounded me. All Your breakers and Your waves passed over me. So I said, ‘I have been driven away from Your eyes. Would I ever look again toward Your set-apart Temple?’ Waters encompassed me, unto life, the deep closed around me, weeds were wrapped around my head. I went down to the base of the mountains, the earth with its bars were behind me forever. But You brought up my life from the pit, O Yahuweh, my Elohim. When my life fainted within me, I remembered Yahuweh and my prayer went up to You, into Your set-apart Temple. Those observing false worthlessness’s forsake their own kindness. But I offer to You with the voice of thanksgiving, I pay what I have vowed. Deliverance is of Yahuweh.”—Jonah 2:2-9

Time is wrapping up. He will soon roll up the heavens as a scroll. But before He does, we who dwell in this earth must proclaim louder, and stronger than what the heavens have been declaring all along—throughout all ages. If His people do not echo what the heavenly hosts have been proclaiming, He will not send His Son to redeem them. The heavens have not stopped proclaiming—should we?

“The heavens are proclaiming the esteem of Elohim; And the expanse is declaring the work of His hand. Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, and there are no words, Their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He set up a tent for the sun, and it is like a bridegroom coming out of his room, it rejoices like a strong man to run the path. Its rising is from one end of the heavens, and its circuit to the other end; And naught is hidden from its heat.”—Psalm 19:1-6

The Bridegroom comes out of His room when He sees that His lovingly committed one has made herself ready. And how does He know that she has kept herself ready?

Because she never allows herself to forget the day He said to her, “I love you, will you marry me?” She does not forget the day He said to her:

“Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in Elohim, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many staying places. And if not, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I shall come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, you might be too.”—John 14:1-3

This is her HOPE! He loved her so much that He gave His Father’s Spirit to continually remind her of the hope in which she has been sealed until the day He returns to redeem her, the purchased possession. (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Throughout this upcoming Passover week, remind yourself daily that you have been Passed-OVER. This is our song of deliverance, our song of rejoicing. Only a dead person rejoices not that they have been delivered from something. So rejoice! You are alive because He is alive. And as long as we have breath, we are to be full of praise. (Psalm 150:6) The restoration of all things is coming and we must now rehearse our joyous song in full praise of the Lamb Who has overcome all things. The cup of restoration IS the cup of praise.

We must continually remind ourselves that the cup of redemption has been given to us, and we have drunk it. And for this cause we will partake of the cup of restoration at the feast of the Lamb. For He has delivered us because we have cried out in repentance for Him to take us out of the miry clay and to set us apart unto Himself.

We must remember what great things He has done for us or else we will eventually forget, minding our own ways, shunning the worthiness of a Lamb slain before the foundation of the world. The sting of death stands sharpened and ready to pierce those who love their sin more than the One Who will soon sit as King and Judge upon this earth.

I leave you with one question...’who or what do you love more than anything else in this life?’ If the answer is not the Lamb of Elohim who took away the sins of the world, then it is time to put to death whatever is preventing you from arriving at that conclusion. It’s time to put to death all sin, all unforgiveness, all malice, all jealousy, all works of the flesh. Do we, the people of Elohim, not know that those things will burn up as the flaming fires of His eyes peer into us as we try to fumble up some excuse as to why we loved our filthiness more than His clean garments?

He is writing a book of remembrance of those who fear Him and those who think upon His Name. They will be His treasured possession and He will spare them from His wrath as a man spares his own son who serves him. (my paraphrase of Malachi 3:16-17) His book of remembrance is based upon our action to never forget what He

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has done. Do we honestly expect Him to remember who we are if we grow to forget who He is? How often do we talk about Him? Do the words, “I never knew you...” ring a bell?

In our Haggadah (telling) of His goodness and remembering what He has brought us out of, He will remember us and Messiah will confess in front of His Father, all of the messengers, and all of heaven, that He knows us. He will not deny those who do not deny Him. (Matthew 10:32-33)

Remember, we talk about the most what is most important to us. How often do you sit and talk about the Father and the Son, their words, and the wonders they have done for you? Do you have a testimony? If not, GET a testimony! Share the Good News everywhere you go!

If we consistently forget His works, and if we forget to think upon His Name, and if we never talk about Him, we will eventually lose our fear of Him. And if we lose fear of Him, we lose our freedom found in Him. We will return to our former life of being a slave to sin and fear and there lies nothing of a future but to perish. He will make a stark difference between those who are righteous and those who are wrong--between those who serve Him and those who do not serve Him. (Malachi 3:18)

To the same measure we make a stark difference between light and darkness in our lives, will He measure back to us. If we love light, light will be measured back to us. If we love darkness, darkness will be measured back to us. (John 3:19) He is a good Father. He only gives to us what we have truly desired—whether it be for good or for evil. We free ourselves or we condemn ourselves. We have that choice! The time is near for His return so:

“He who does wrong, let him do more wrong; he who is filthy, let him be more filthy; he who is righteous, let him be more righteous; he who is set-apart, let him be more set-apart.”—Revelation 22:11

Remember, true freedom is not found in the power of freewill, but in Whom our freewill is yielded to. If you are struggling with letting your light shine among men, then question how much time you spend in the darkness.

I speak soberly, with love. And if your listening, you will hear my heart in gentleness--sharing with you no condemnation but a warning of ‘lest we forget’. This is not my warning, but the warning of the One who spoke these words to His people:

“Be on guard, lest you forget Yahuweh who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim (Egypt), from the house of bondage.”—Deuteronomy 6:12

“Be on guard, lest you forget Yahuweh your Elohim by not guarding His commands, and His right-rulings, and His laws which I command you today, lest you eat and shall be satisfied, and build lovely houses and shall dwell in them, and your herds and your flocks increase, and your silver and your gold are increased, and all that you have is increased, that your heart then becomes lifted up, and you **forget** Yahuweh your Elohim who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage, who led you through that great and awesome wilderness – fiery serpents and scorpions and thirst – where there was no water, who brought water for you out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, in order to humble you and to try you, to do you good in the end, you then shall say in your heart, ‘My power and the strength of my hand have made for me this wealth!’ “But you **shall remember** Yahuweh your Elohim, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, in order to establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is today. “And it shall be, if you by any means forget Yahuweh your Elohim, and follow other mighty ones, and serve them and bow yourself to them, I have warned you this day that you shall certainly perish. “Like the nations which Yahuweh is destroying before you, so you are to perish, because you did not obey the voice of Yahuweh your Elohim.”—Deuteronomy 8:11-20

“My voice is to Elohim, and I cry; My voice is to Elohim, and He listened to me. In the day of my distress I sought Yahuweh; My hand was stretched out in the night and it did not cease, my being refused to be comforted. I remembered Elohim, and groaned; I complained, and my spirit grew faint. Selah.

You ceased the watches of my eyes, I was too troubled to speak. I have thought about the days of old, the years long past. I remember my song in the night, I meditate within my heart, and my spirit searches diligently. Would Yahuweh reject forever, and never again be pleased? Has His kindness ceased forever, has the promise failed for all generations? Has Elohim forgotten to show favor? Has He shut up His compassions in displeasure? Selah.

And I said, “This is my grief: That the right hand of the Most High has changed.” I remember the deeds of Yah, For I **remember** Your wonders of old. And I shall meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds. Your way, O Elohim, is in Set-apartness; Who is a great El like Elohim? You are the Elohim who does wonders; You have made known Your strength among the peoples. By Your arm You have redeemed Your people, the sons of Ya’aqob and Yoseph. Selah.

The waters saw You, O Elohim; The waters saw You, they were afraid; The depths also trembled. The clouds poured out water; The heavens rumbled; Also, Your arrows flashed back and forth. The voice of Your thunder rolled along; Lightnings lit up the world; The earth trembled and shook. Your way was in the sea, and Your path

in the great waters, and Your footsteps were not known. You did lead Your people like a flock by the hand of Mosheh and Aharon.”--Psalm 77

Shalom,

In deep humility, I write this today, on the eve of preparation day and the 1 year anniversary of my dad’s passing away into glory. The smile left on your face, one year ago today, let me know that you found the true freedom you so desperately sought after all of your life.

I miss you...

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