

## **THE PLURAL PRINCIPLE OF PASSOVER**

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If we're not careful Passover will become just another religious cycle. It will become just as repetitive without meaning as so many things that we preach against. And we've been keeping Passover now at First Harvest Ministries for many years and one of my greatest fears is seeing the people of Israel turning the Passover into a religious rite without any understanding of the meaning of Passover.

In this lesson today, I want to take you past the elements of Passover, past the bread and the wine, past the table of the Lord, past the foot-washing. I want to bring you past the lamb that we eat. I want to bring you to the plural principles of Passover.

Now most of you watching (or reading) this teaching today, you are nine times out of ten a keeper of the Passover or you wouldn't be watching (or reading). So you've made a great step, you've walked into obedience, and you've begun to keep the Passover. That's commendable. That's amazing. But it is religious if you don't know why you're doing it. *Well pastor Vaughn, I'm doing it because God said to do it.* And that's admirable. Until you get the understanding of it, do it because God said to do it. That's a great start.

But there'll come a period in your walk, a transition, where you'll just move out of the how of the Passover, and you'll begin to move into the why. When you get into the *why*, then all of a sudden Passover does not become just another ritual to us. You know, many people that are in the New Testament church don't understand why we keep the Passover because they believe that Yahshua (Jesus) fulfilled the Passover. And they are right in one area.

If the Passover celebration is just another ritual for you, if it's just another time to come together and eat the lamb and drink the blood—if that's all it is, then I could greatly understand the argument of our Christian brothers and sisters who don't know why we keep the Passover. In today's lesson, I want to go past the elements and I want to get into the evolution of Passover, bringing you through an evolution of just keeping it to understanding the depth of the meaning of Passover.

Number one, we make our greatest mistake when we believe that Passover is about Jesus (Now hold on. Don't turn the video off, give me a moment to explain). We make a mistake when we make the Passover all about Christ the Messiah. (For those who are hearing this teaching today, you will hear me refer to

Jesus by his original name, the name his mother called him, the name the angel called him, Yahshua.) So whenever we celebrate Passover our only focus is Yahshua. That's a great starting point. But because we do not understand the *plurality* of Passover we miss out on the great meaning of it.

If you've ever been to a Passover celebration at First Harvest Ministries, you will find that we go out of the way to make it breathtaking, to make it an experience like no other, to turn it into a wedding, if you will. We pull out all the stops. We ask our sisters to dress all in white, our brothers to dress in red. A lot of people don't understand why we go through so much to celebrate the Passover. But they have no problem going through so much to celebrate Christmas, Thanksgiving and all the others.

But these are our holidays. Israel has their own set of holidays, and it would do us well to go out of the way, to go over the top, to introduce these holidays, these holy days, to the world. The truth is, whenever I came to understand the plurality of Passover, it changed how I did Passover. In years past, we would simply take the blood and the bread, the body of our Lord. It was just a fancy communion service basically which is where communion came from—Passover. They hated the Jews so they got rid of Passover and kept the communion. They robbed what didn't belong to them. The Roman church changed everything.

But if we don't understand the plurality of Passover, then we don't understand several things we do differently here at First Harvest. For example: Why do we ask our sisters to wear white? You're going to find out in this lesson. Why do we ask the brothers to wear red? Why, before someone comes to the table of the Lord to take the body and the blood, do we have ushers with pitchers of water to pour over their hands before?

These are all symbols of a greater truth and a greater meaning. I'll give you an example: This ring I hold in my hand has absolutely no power in it whatsoever except the power of suggestions, the power of remembrance. You and I are humans. We need the power of remembrance, the power of suggestion, because we forget so easily. We are a forgetful people. Tomorrow we'll forget the blessings God gave us today. Guess what? Your heavenly Father knows how forgetful you are.

This is one of the reasons he created the seven annual holy days. Not to get you saved or anything else, but to keep you on the right path. Keep that word *path* in your mind because there is a doorway or an entrance to every path. Every path begins somewhere. The path of holiness, the path of righteousness, the king's highway is sometimes what it's called, or the highway of holiness. These paths begin at a starting point. Every year the saints of God start on a journey. It's part

of the house of Israel. We start on a journey all the way down the king's highway. And that journey ends up at the feast of Tabernacles which tells us what the end is going to be. But it starts at the door.

Do you remember when Yahshua said...I am the door, I am the way, I am the life, I am the truth? What he was saying was there is a path called the narrow path that has a doorway to get started on that path. Sadly your church will teach you that when you met Jesus that you had walked the entire path, that he did it all. There's nothing else for you to do. There's no path to follow. There's no journey.

But these holy days are markers along the path of righteousness. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness (his right way of doing things). We take that journey every year and I feel sorry for those Christians who know nothing about this journey, nothing about this path. These are your "wedding rings". These are your reminders every year.

Somebody said...*Brother Vaughn, I don't need all that, the Holy Ghost is my reminder.* Well then the Holy Ghost can be your reminder about communion. No need to take communion anymore. He said as often as you do this do it in remembrance. See we need to remember. We're a forgetful people. The reason God gave us these annual markers on the pathway is to keep us on the pathway.

So to start the path we have to start at Passover. That is the doorway. That is the entrance that we walk through every single year to remind us of the door himself which is Yahshua. But I present to you in this lesson the *plurality* of Passover. This door is not about Yahshua. It's about those who will walk through that same door and follow that same path that Yahshua walked. Did you know that Yahshua said that I have given you an example for you to follow? That's right. He gave us the example and every year we come together and follow it.

So now I want to introduce you to the Plurality of Passover. Turn with me to the book of Revelation. Chapter 14, starting at verse 1. In this very first verse I want to open your eyes to the plurality of Passover.

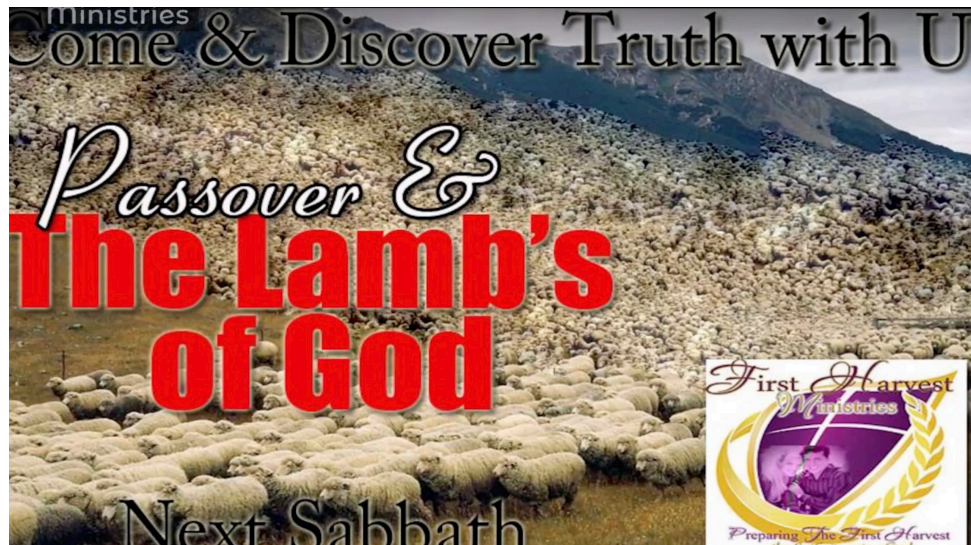
### **Revelation 14:1**

**1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion...**

What is this story about? It's about a lamb. One single lamb. His name is Yahshua (or Jesus in the English vernacular). We see a lamb. John said...I looked on this great mountain and I saw a lamb. Let's keep reading.

**...and with him an hundred forty and four thousand...**

I'm going to put the picture on the screen right now of what I want you to get in your mind from this lesson.



When John looked on Mt. Sion he saw 144,00 plus one lambs. He said I saw one lamb and then I looked and I saw a whole mountain full of lambs. Look at this picture. Look at that mountain covered with lambs. I want that picture to find an indelible place in your mind so that you never lose sight. What you're looking at, brothers and sisters, is the "plural principle" of the Passover.

We have made Passover about one lamb when the truth is Passover is about a multiplicity of lambs. This is what you've got to learn about Passover. You are not coming to the table of the Lord to eat the body and drink the blood and go home. You are coming to the table of the Lord to imitate, to be just like the original lamb. John said I saw a lamb and then I saw a whole bunch just like that lamb.

Now let's continue to read. I'm going to skip down to verse 4. He's talking about the 144,000.

**4 These are they which were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto Yahweh and to the Lamb.**

This is a very special group of people. Who are these people? They are the duplications. They are the imitators. They are the exact replicas of the original seed, or the original lamb. Remember this: At the end of the church age, the seed of Christ, which is you and I, will look just like the original seed. The reason that

we come to Passover every year is because not only is Yahshua the sacrificial lamb, you and I are also sacrificial lambs unto our God.

*Well brother Vaughn, I don't believe that.* I don't care what you believe. I'm going to tell you what the Bible said. Because what you believe matters nothing at all. What the word of God says is what matters. Let's go to John 13:15.

### **John 13:15**

**For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.**

You should do as I have done. Well what is that? He went to the cross. Why do you think he tells you and I 'take up the cross and follow me'. He didn't say 'look to the cross'. He didn't say 'believe in the cross'. He didn't say 'place your faith in the cross'. He said 'carry the same cross of death that I carried. And then if you imitate me, you will be on that mountain that John saw as a replication of myself, as a duplication of who I am because you follow my example'.

This is why, every year at Passover, the lambs of God come together dressed in white as the symbol of who we are. Lambs are white. The Bible says their robes were washed white as snow. The lambs come to the Passover table every single year dressed in white for a reason. It's not to keep a ritual. It is to become every year, following the example, the path that our Messiah set down before us to follow.

Go with me to 2 Peter 3:14.

### **2 Peter 3:14**

**Wherefore, beloved, seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**



Remember Yahshua was without spot and blameless. Now the modern Christian church would tell you that you have nothing to worry about, just look on Jesus, believe in what he did, and don't worry about anything else. But this is not what Peter said. Be diligent that you may be found without spot and blameless. Now if I am without spot and blameless because of the death of Christ and there's no path for me to follow,

there's no replication for me to become, then why should I be diligent? Why? To have the same testimony that the original lamb had, without spot and blameless.

Be diligent. Be diligent. How can we be diligent? Every year, when the church of Yahshua HaMashiach gathers around the Passover table, that is us being diligent. We are following the path every year that begins at the same time, right after the new year, fourteen days after the biblical new year. This year in 2020 that's April the 7th, the evening of April the 7th, all the way through April the 8th is the Passover.

Why do we come every year and are careful not to forget it? Because we're being diligent that we follow every year. The lambs of God. We don't want to come together and just celebrate *the* lamb. We want to come together and replicate the lamb of God. Let's go to Romans 12:1. The word of God will set us all straight, amen?

#### **Romans 12:1**

**I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of Yahweh, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Yahweh, which is your reasonable service.**

Have you ever heard of the word sacrifice? It means death. And yet the word living is the total opposite of the word sacrifice. But yet Yahweh is asking you and I to become a living dead person. A living sacrifice. Dead to our own desires. Dead to our own ways of doing things. Every time we reject the holidays of this world we're dying! Every time we reject the mindset of this world we're dying!

It's death to be mocked and made fun of for following in the way of the Master. It's death to be ridiculed by church folks who don't know any better. It's death to uphold the blood-stained banner on Passover night while the whole world mocks you while they're at Mardi Gras. That's living death. It's death to your reputation. It's death to your desires. It's living death when we sit to eat a meal and there's certain foods that we willingly don't partake of in order to be like Christ because he kept his Father's commandments.

We do the same! You mock us for it, make fun of us for it. But this is the "living death" that Paul challenges us to bring forth to the Master. Present yourselves a living sacrifice. We do that at every Passover. All the lambs of God come together to follow the example set by the first lamb, the original lamb, the seed lamb. We gather on that night not just to thank him for what he did, but to join in with what he did, and start the path all over again for the rest of the year.

This is how we present our bodies as living sacrifices. We do that every year lest we forget. Hallelujah. Let's go to 1 Peter 2:21.

**1 Peter 2:21**

**For even to this were you called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps.**

I need for you to get that in your spirit. Christ didn't die for you to leave you a cop-out. He died for you to leave you an example of how to die! We need truth in our day! *Oh brother Vaughn, Christ died for me so that I wouldn't have any worries about my salvation.* No, no, no. He died for you to be the example of how all of these other 144,000 lambs are supposed to die.

You won't be on Mt. Sion without dying. You won't be in that replication, in that plural principle of Passover. You won't be part of the plurality of Passover if you don't come through the narrow gate every year! Why do you think that the early church kept Passover? Why do you think, 60 years after Christ supposedly ended the holy days, you find Paul speaking to his congregation, telling them...I must keep this feast that's in Jerusalem? Because he was a feast-keeper every year repeating the pattern following the example.

You'll find in the book of Luke where Yahshua kept the Passover every year. He's our example. And while he's sitting at the Passover meal he's giving them the body and the wine, and he said 'as often as you do this' — do what? Well the Roman Catholic Church would make you believe as often as you eat a piece of bread and drink some kool aid, wine or grape juice or whatever, that you're doing it to remember him. No you're not.

Communion's not even in your Bible. It's not even a biblical word except for the communion of the Holy Spirit. That's a Roman word. That's a Babylonian custom. What was Yahshua doing when he said that? He was keeping the Passover. Whenever Yahshua said: As often as you do it—giving of the bread and the wine, do it as often, as often, as often. Why? Because he knew that every single year that a true follower of Messiah would gather around the Passover meal!

He said: Now when you do it, it's not to remember your journey out of Egypt anymore. Now it's to remember me and how I brought you out of the bondage of sin (which is Egypt and Babylon, hallelujah). As often as you do this, as often as you keep the Passover, keep it in remembrance of me. Hallelujah.

*Brother Vaughn, well are you saying that communion is a sin?* No! But what I'm telling you is if you take it every day of the year, and yet you don't even take it on



the Passover, you've missed the point. There's only one day a year that's Passover. The fourteen day of the first month. The first month begins in the springtime, and if you don't do it fourteen days after that, you didn't do the Passover. Now, are there exceptions? Absolutely. My job's to preach the rule. Your job's to figure out the exceptions. 1 Peter 2:21 tells us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice.

The Passover is more than just a retelling of the exodus out of Egypt. This is what I mean by the letter of the law. This is what the carnal Jews do. You see, those who are watching this ministry, you've got us all wrong. You know they tell me all the time: *Brother Vaughn, you're just a wannabe Jew*. I'm fine with that, I could think of worse. No antisemitism here. I'm fine with that.

But the truth is the Jews wannabe me, ha, ha, ha! I'll say it again because I'm a member of the house of Israel, and some of them are not. Yes amen. I don't have time to get into that lesson right now.\* You see, I'm part of the one new man which is the house of Israel and we're not wannabe Jews. No, no, no. Because the Jews don't even understand what I'm teaching you right now. They think it's just to remember them coming out of Egypt.

Let me explain something to you. Are they wrong for doing that? No, they're not wrong for doing that. *And brother Vaughn, didn't God tell them to do that in remembrance of Egypt?* Absolutely. But I remember when my children were small, I told them to eat with their fingers. And then I remember telling them to eat with a spoon as they were starting to get some food in them. And then I realized it was time to teach them to eat with a fork. And then one day I had to teach them how to eat a steak with a knife. Just because I taught them to eat with their fingers doesn't mean it was wrong at that time. But it doesn't mean they were always supposed to eat with their fingers.

So here comes Yahshua, and now he's bringing Israel to a higher level of the laws of Yahweh. He's not getting rid of the law, but he's trying now to teach us the principles behind the law. So yes they were supposed to remember Egypt. Now Yahshua is saying: Hey look guys, now you were delivered from physical bondage, but I've come to deliver you from spiritual bondage. So now keep the Passover and come up a little higher now and keep it for your freedom and for the fact that I'm going away so that you can sit in my place as a lamb of God. Hallelujah.

The blood of the Passover lamb and the foreshadowing of the Messiah's rule is what we call "The Scarlet Thread of Redemption". It runs throughout the whole of scripture. I'm going to tell you about that scarlet thread.

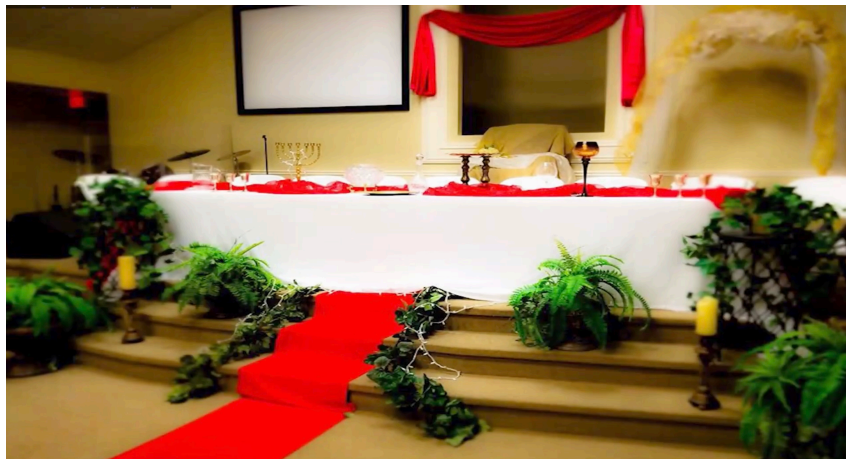
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It started in the book of Genesis. The seed of a woman would crush the enemy. That's where this scarlet thread begins. It weaves it's way on through the garden of Eden where a lamb was slaughtered to cover the sinful parts of Adam and Eve. Now we can look and find that scarlet thread through Abraham's sacrificing his firstborn son Isaac.

And then we can follow that thread over to the Exodus where the blood of the lamb covered the firstborn. The angel of death passed over their homes. And then we can see the culmination of that thread of redemption when Yahshua comes and transposes those prophecies, those physical metaphors, rehearsals, into their spiritual truths, showing us the way unto salvation, leading us through the narrow gate as the Good Shepherd of all the lambs of Yahweh are to do.

Then we see the same thread of redemption. Now listen to me. We just followed the thread of redemption from Genesis to Yahshua. But ever year when we come together for Passover, you can see that red thread. Hallelujah.



Why do you think we line our table with red? Why do you think that red thread, that scarlet thread of redemption, flows through the lambs of Yahweh even today? Hallelujah.

Oh we express it each year by offering our own lives as living sacrifices on Passover

following in the footsteps of our Messiah. And then this thread of redemption will end at the end of the path, at the feast of Tabernacles with the return of Yahshua, and the greater exodus into the millennial kingdom.

It's when Yahshua gathers all the spotless lambs of Yahweh, when those who followed his example on Passover and offered themselves as spotless lambs on the altar to Yahweh each year in obedience to his law. Just as Yahshua laid down his life for his brethren, you and I come every year to follow the same pattern, to lay down our lives for the rest of humanity. We come to be the example of living sacrifices. When we partake of the body and the blood, we are imitating the original lamb. We come and we present our bodies as those same sacrifices.

Now this cutting of covenant, this blood covenant, has always been sealed by blood. The first covenant, the Adamic covenant, the Noahic covenant (Genesis 8:20), the Abrahamic covenant, coming out of bondage, the Mosaic covenant. And finally the New Testament covenant when we all come out of bondage. The bondage of what? The bondage of Babylon, the bondage of Egypt. Oh when we make our way to the Passover table every year—why do you think we always try to do a big convention? Why do you think because the world does it big they don't mind celebrating their false gods? It's time for the people of God to turn these into events where we come together and celebrate the meaning of these holy days. Hallelujah. Blessed be the Lord.

What is the great revelation of the plurality of Passover? Here it is.

### **WE ARE ALL PASSOVER LAMBS.**

Somebody said...*Brother Vaughn, there was only one lamb of God.* That's a lie. That's another lie you need to unlearn. That's like the lie that says there's only one son of God. No there's not. I'm a son of God. I'm an imitation and replication of my elder brother Yahshua. He's the captain of the salvation of his many brethren. His many brethren are the many lambs of God. Hallelujah.

We are taught that Yahshua is the only Passover lamb. Is that true? No, we are all living sacrificial lambs offered every year on Passover. Remember that the holy days are all rehearsals. This is a rehearsal of a "bride preparing for her husband".

Now I'm going to read to you about the plurality of Passover. Go with me to Exodus 12:1-6. You're going to find out something—something very interesting.

#### **Exodus 12:1-6**

**1 And Yahweh spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,**

**2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months, it shall be the first month of the year to you.**

Not the world, not to Egypt, not to Babylon, not to the Baptist church or the Pentecostal church or the Catholic church, but to the House of Israel. It's not to any of those who don't identify with the House of Israel. But to YOU this is the beginning of the year.

**3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying: In the tenth day of this month...**

Not next month. Listen to me. Not the month that you decide. Not Easter Sunday morning, not whatever date you choose, THIS DAY. If it's not THIS DAY, it's not Passover and you didn't obey God. On the 10th day. If it's not on that specific day, you didn't obey God.

That's why some of you cheat on your tithes. You don't believe God is specific. You believe it's your thing...*I'll just give an offering*. He didn't say that. He said firstfruit, 10%.\* I know some of you watching me don't believe in it and I feel sorry for you. That's where my blessings have come from all of these years.

**In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb...**

Did you hear that?

*"Every Man A Lamb"*

Not just one lamb. Passover was not about one lamb. Passover was about every man a lamb. That's what I should've titled this lesson. That's a good one. "Every Man a Lamb". Every man had to have a lamb to represent himself and his family. Those lambs on Mt. Sion—they are all men who have become lambs.

**...according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for a house.**

**4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the souls, every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.**

Every man has to have a lamb accounted for him.

**5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year, ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats.**

Now let's go back to Revelation. Your lamb shall be what? Without blemish. Your lamb shall be without blemish. And if I remember correctly in Revelation 14,

\* <https://firstharvest.tv/video/1521> and <https://firstharvest.tv/video/2060>

when he sees those lambs on Mt. Sion, he says about them that they were without blemish, they were not defiled with women, there was no guile and no fault found in them. Now go back to Exodus.

## 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish.

That's you! You shall be without blemish. Why? Because you have replicated Yahshua. You didn't just have faith in Yahshua, you replicated him. You obeyed your Father. You were circumcised in your heart by obedience to Yahweh. The church won't teach you that. They say: *He's the lamb, praise God for him.* And then forget about him.

But I read to you earlier that the apostle Peter said to be diligent that you might be found without spot or wrinkle as a lamb of God, as a living sacrifice. There were many lambs. And many of you watching me today who keep the Passover, you do not understand this aspect of it or you would gather together with the lambs of God, dressed in white if you will—now that's not a requirement, that's just a nice suggestion, it's a good symbol of who you are. Hallelujah.

We've lost sight of this truth of our own personal sacrifices at Passover. Passover's supposed to be the most solemn night of the year for you as a child of God. It's for you and I. I've given to it now for six years to help make this happen for people. And it's been a struggle. It's been a journey I tell you. Because people don't get it. They do not get it! They think it's communion (just come together and take communion). NO!

You're coming together to imitate Messiah! Satan's biggest lie to the church. Some of you watching me now have believed it, you preached it, and you followed it. Do you know what? I love you anyhow because I used to believe the same lie. Here it is. Look at the screen. Yahshua did it all.

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Satan's LIE – Yahshua did it all

- We have lost sight of this legal requirement today. We are not properly taught The Law and we simply say “*Jesus did it all for us*” and then go about keeping pagan celebrations. When what really happened, was Yahshua paved the way, tore the Veil, and we all are to bring our own lives (*by Law*) and lay them down at his Altar every Passover!
- In this next verse we will see Three Requirements for Passover that we have not seen before.
- Ezekial 36:26 -27 – Eph 5:25

Yahshua did it all. Have you ever heard of the finished work of the cross gospel? It's made very popular by Brother Swaggart and various others. And I love all these people. I love everybody. But when you preach the finished work of the cross gospel, you turn the church into the laziest group of ineffectiveness. Why do you think they didn't turn the world upside down? Because we're worshipping one lamb instead of becoming a multitude of lambs.

That's right. We depend on his sacrifice while making none of our own. We're told that God requires no sacrifice. Jesus did it all. Keep believing it. Keep believing it. There's coming a day very soon. You see, some of you are just worried about being saved. If you just want to be saved, you're fine. But if you want to be seen among the 144,000, overcomers, the governors of the kingdom of God—of course you don't care about that, you don't even understand the kingdom of God. You think the kingdom of God is here now!

Well all you've got to do is look at the Passover story. Read it in the book of Luke. Yahshua knew better than that mess. He said to the disciples he was not going to eat that or drink that until his Father's kingdom comes. Well if the kingdom came when he came, what's he waiting on? He knew better than we know that the kingdom of God is a future event. We have the earnest right now, but we do not have the kingdom. It's coming! But because we don't understand that we don't care about being living sacrifices because we're all going to heaven when we die. Not true. That's all I'm going to say. NOT TRUE. There's a link below to this lie in the footnotes to my teaching on that.\* Get rid of that lie out of your mind.

What happened is that Yahshua paved the way for us. He tore the veil and we are all to bring our own lives and lay them down at his altar every Passover. *Brother Vaughn, I don't believe we have to do it over and over and over again.* Ok. Then why do you take communion over and over and over again? Do you see the madness of the Christian world? They will mock us for doing Passover every year. And they'll do communion every week!

It's because you don't want to believe in it. You like the lies of Babylon. I don't blame you. They're easy. They're much easier than this crucified way. I promise you that. This narrow path—few there's going to be that find it because you've got to squeeze through that gate of Passover every year to stay on this path. If you're not keeping the holy days, if you don't understand them—let me repeat that—you may still be keeping them. That doesn't mean anything. If you don't understand them and incorporate them into your experience with God, it's nothing but sounding brass and a tinkling symbol to you.

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In the next verse we're going to see the 3 requirements for Passover that we have not seen before. Turn with me to the book of Ezekiel. I want to show you in the book of Ezekiel something we've been missing in the Passover message, in the holy day message. Now there's another custom on Passover night that we do that a lot of people don't understand. It's our big baptismal night of the year.

And I'm so heartbroken. This is the year 2020. You may be watching this teaching 10 years, 20 years after I'm dead. But in 2020, we had a coronavirus outbreak in the world. Everyone had to go into isolation. A terrible time. And we are living through that as I preach to you tonight. We had to cancel our Passover convention. It should be two weeks from now. We had to cancel that much to my chagrin because it is my favorite night of the year.

But it's very important to us because on that night we have baptism. Many people would wonder why we would do baptism on Passover night. But there's a reason for it. The truth is everyone in our meetings get baptized on Passover night. Now they don't all go down in the big pool behind me here, but they do have a form of baptism which is foot washing. In the days of the Bible, people would walk down the road and take a bath, but they couldn't keep the dust off their feet. So when they would go into someone's home, they were re-bathed. Not their entire body, but by the washing of their feet. It symbolized a bath.

Well every year when we come back at the Passover and have the foot washing, we are getting re-baptized on Passover night. Now if you're doing Passover and you're not doing the foot washing, you didn't do Passover. No, no no. You did the part you like. But Jesus, Yahshua, said if you don't do this, you have no part with me. You're not imitating what I did. Very important. Very important.

So let's see what we've been missing in Ezekiel 36 beginning at verse 26.

### **Ezekiel 36:26-30**

#### **26 A new heart also will I give you...**

Now when's this supposed to happen? In the New Testament with the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

**A new heart will I give you, and a new spirit (mind) will I put within you, and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.**

**27 And I will put my spirit (mind) within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and you shall keep my judgments, and do them.**

Now just a moment. This is a prophecy about the New Testament, the infilling of the Holy Ghost. It tells us when the Holy Ghost comes, I'm going to give you a new heart, and I'm going to put my judgments and my statutes inside of you. Now how could he do that if he did away with those judgments and statutes?

This is the purpose of the Holy Spirit. And it is there that he said I will cleanse you. Let's go down to the next verse.

**28 And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.**

**29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses, and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.**

**30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that you shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.**

And then he talks about all the things he is going to do unto them. Now the other thing he talks about here is sanctifying them or cleansing them. I want to talk to you about a Hebrew word called *Mikveh* (which means "gathering of waters"). Mikveh is really just water baptism. It's what it's called in the Old Testament. Let's go to Matthew 7:13-14.

**Matthew 7:13-14**  
**Enter ye in at the strait gate...**

The entrance into the pathway of God is water baptism. Repent and be baptized. This is the entrance. Turn your back from rebellion and be baptized. Passover incorporates all of this.

**...for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be who go in at that place.**

**14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads to life, and few there be that find it.**

So few will find this narrow gate. Why? Because it can only be entered into by your death and by your living sacrifice. The local church in town will tell you there's no sacrifice. But according to the word of God, you're to be a living dead man, dead to your own agenda, dead to your own desires. Every Passover we come to relive that death, to wash our feet for cleansing symbolically, to partake of the body and the blood, to experience his death again.



Why do we do baptism on Passover night? Because we are buried with him in baptism. Passover night is about our death. When we wash one another's feet, it's a re-baptism, a re-dying. Now listen, if you don't understand the purpose of it, you can do the symbols of it all day—doesn't mean anything. It won't save you, won't help you.

But if you grasp the spirit of the law more than the letter, then what I'm saying to you will release in you an entire new dimension in these experiences in God. Baptism is where we die with Christ. This is why before we take the Passover meal at our church, everyone's hands are washed. The water of mikveh is poured on our feet and our hands, causing us to remember to die right. If you don't die right you can't live right. Hallelujah.

The broad way is the way of the Gentiles and the pagans, and every denomination under the sun. They go down the broad Christian way, doing it their way. What is the broad way? It's your way. The broad way is the Burger King way—your way right away. It doesn't matter what day God said to do it—he loves you and knows the intent of your heart. You better believe he knows the intent of your heart, and he knows it by your works!

Believe what I just told you or believe the lies, but I'm preaching truth to you today. Live the sacrificed life and go through these markers every year with us so you won't fall off this straight path. Passover brings us back to death where we learn again to die! Don't go the way of the Gentiles. Don't celebrate what you love, celebrate what He loves! You're dead!!

Someone told me the other day...*Brother Vaughn, I'll never stop celebrating Christmas. It's my favorite holiday.* And I told them...you had your own self when you had the word *my*. I know it's yours. It was mine as well. But you see, I'm a dead man, ha, ha! It's no longer I that live, but Christ who lives in me. And he always kept the holy days. He obeyed his Father. He was a commandment keeper. And if I'm going to be one of those lambs, I've got to be JUST LIKE HIM! He's not your copout, he's your example. I wish somebody would write that quote down and put it on your window.

Yahshua is not my copout. He's my example.

He didn't come as a reason for you to disobey God. He came as a reason for you to learn how to obey God.

The gate that leads us out of the bondage of sin into the promise land of eternal life is when we drink that blood and eat that body. When we wash our feet, we go back through that narrow gate again every year. *Oh brother Vaughn, I don't think*

*we need to do it every year.* Then quit having birthdays for your children every year. Why do we do it every year? So we remember the value of their life. Many of you that do celebrate it, that's why.

We're not to just sit back and have a Seder meal. When people come to our Passover meetings here at First Harvest, they're a little surprised that we don't do it the Jewish way. We don't have a Seder meal. We do the spiritual application and the principles of Passover. Because I'll go to some of these Passover meetings where they're all sitting around eating a piece of lamb. And I see anything but the lambs of God. I see a bunch of goats eating lamb. The Seder is not what it's about. It is the spiritual application of what Yahshua said.

Yahshua changed the elements of Passover when he gave them the bread and the blood. There's your new Passover. *Oh but brother Vaughn, God said do it that way.* I know. But that's when you were a child. Now he's brought you to the next level of understanding. If a Seder meal would obey God, then he didn't need to die for the Jews because they did one every year.

We follow the steps of the Good Shepherd. Yahshua is the shepherd of all the Passover lambs. He lead the way through the narrow gate on Passover. I'm not going to read this, it's lengthy. But I want you to go in your study time and read Saint John, especially during this Passover season. John 10:1-11. I want you to see our Lord, the Good Shepherd, leading the way for all of us other lambs to follow.

### **John 10:1-11**

**1 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.**

**2 But he that enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.**

And then he goes on and talks about how he is the Good Shepherd. He gave his life for the sheep. Until you give your life for the Shepherd, you're not a lamb of God. It's just that simple.

**3 To him the porter opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out.**

**4 And when he putts forth his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.**

**5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him, for they know not the voice of strangers.**

**6 This parable spake Yahshua unto them, but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.**

**7 Then said Yahshua unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.**

**8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.**

**9 I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.**

**10 The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I came that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

**11 I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep.**

Now let' go read 1 Corinthians 1:20-23.

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**20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? Has not Yahweh made foolish the wisdom of this world?**

**21 For after that in the wisdom of Yahweh the world by wisdom knew not Yahweh, it pleased Yahweh by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.**

**22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom,**

**23 But we preach Messiah crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness.**

You see, the apostle Paul kept the Passover. Every, every, every year he taught his church to do it.

Now Hebrews 5:7-8, let's read that.

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**Hebrews 5:7-8**

**7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.**

**8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.**

This was the circumcision of Yahshua's heart. Obedience is what our circumcision is. In days gone by we thought circumcision was of the Holy Spirit, but the truth is the proof of your circumcision is your obedience from your rebellion. Your flesh, your rebellion, has been cut away from you. When you decide to obey Yahweh and walk in obedience to his commandments, that's when you can say that you have been circumcised.

Now go to Colossians 2:8. I want to show you in the book of Colossians what Paul has to say about this.

**Colossians 2:8**

**Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Messiah.**

Let's go to Hebrews 10:22-24.

**Hebrews 10:22-24**

**22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.**

**23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).**

**24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.**

Did you read that part about our bodies being washed with pure water? The reason that is because all the lambs had to be washed, clean, presented without spot or blemish on them. This is what Yahweh wants to do in our lives. Passover can be found in the Old Testament and the New. And it required mikveh because mikveh prepared us to receive him. That's when we inwardly reflect on our own

Passover offering. Circumcision—circumcising our heart in submission to the will of God and that of an offering.

These three things happened during the Passover season in the Old Testament at Passover. And we still do that today at First Harvest Ministries. We come through mikveh, washing our hands, washing our bodies. There's no power in the water, but there's power in the symbolism. And then we obediently take his body, drink his blood. And then we make our own soul an offering at that table. And then we go to the foot washing which is where we give our offering yet again, baptism where we die.

All three of these must be part of the true principle of Passover. The cleansing, the offering, the circumcision of our heart. These things create for us the true principle of Passover.

As I close today I want to commend every one of you who have decided to keep the Lord's Passover. But I want you today to let this lesson forever change your understanding of the plural principle of Passover. And that is...

### Every man a lamb

Every man who gathers on Passover night comes in as the lamb of God. This is so important. It's vitally important that you hear what I'm saying. If not, you will turn Passover into no less than a religious tradition than a Catholic mass. It will mean nothing, it will work nothing in your life experientially. But there's something about Passover when it's done right with a right understanding. It sets you back that year on that straight and narrow path.

And then shortly thereafter, the next day actually, is when the first feast begins. The Feast of Unleavened Bread. It's when symbolically we search through our homes and remove all leaven for seven days. And then after that comes Pentecost. And then Trumpets and Atonement, Tabernacles and the Last Great Day.

By the time you've walked through those seven signposts, it's kept you that year on the straight and narrow, pointing you to the end of the journey from the beginning of the journey. Without these in your life...*Are you saying that I'll go to hell if I don't do them brother Vaughn?* Grow up. Grow up and quit asking childish questions. This is about so much more than hell and heaven. This is about being one of those lambs on Mt. Sion, the government of Yahshua!

I realize that's foreign to many people. But when you get it, your life changes forever. Your life with God changes forever! You must take this journey every Year.

If you're watching me and you've never kept Passover or the holy days, I want to ask you something. Can you point to a verse of scripture, anywhere in your Bible, for any of the holidays you celebrate? It's an honest question. I'm honestly asking you—can you find me one scripture where you should celebrate pagan holidays? Did you know I can open this book, this beloved book—I can open it right now and point to you every “holiday” that I keep commanded by God.

You see, when you're a living sacrifice, you lay down everything that Yahweh did not institute. You don't throw your hands up at the Mardi Gras float. *Oh brother Vaughn it's for fun!* That's right. Dead men wanting to have the wrong kind of fun. Fun is setting your family on a righteous pathway!! Bringing your children out of the curses of this world!

If I could live my life over...that's my biggest regret...that I brought my children up in church, but I didn't bring them up on the righteous path. The lawlessness that was in my personal life. When you get on this path every year and you understand it, it works a change in your life.

Listen folks. Did this teaching help you at all? Have you ever said...what could I give to First Harvest to help get this message out? It's going to shock you to know that we don't need money even though people tithe regularly and give to our ministry. It's not money we need. We need for you to push that share button. So easy. And it will reach another part of the world we could never have reached. Help us do it.

If you want to get some of our booklets, they're free of charge. Go to [thefirstharvestministries.org/e-books](http://thefirstharvestministries.org/e-books)\*. And I pray that this Passover season will be like one no other for you. May Yahweh bless you and keep you, that's my prayer.

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