

PREPARATION FOR PASSOVER

PART 1

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Alright, Passover is twelve days away. Now why do I take two weeks preaching on Passover? Because on Passover night, when we actually go to Passover, I really don't spend any time preaching on Passover. That is a somber, solemn night and I really don't preach that night. So, all of my preaching about Passover has to take place before Passover. That way we're all ready for it when it comes. So tonight we're starting with part one of the Passover preparation.

If I were to conduct a survey among Christians and I were to ask them about Passover, I wonder what percentage of them would struggle to answer basic questions about Passover. About 90%. Most of them would say it's not a Christian holiday so it's not relevant to me. Amen? But nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, Passover is not only relevant, but without a correct understanding of Passover, you don't even understand your Christian faith.

Now, tonight we're going to have to undo a lot of things and redo a lot of things. One of the biggest mistakes we make in studying the Bible is called eisegesis. It's a fancy, theological word. It means you isolate one verse and build a doctrine on that one verse that's totally isolated. Brothers and sisters, I can take your Bible and make it say anything I want it to say. Okay? I promise you, I can do that. As a matter of fact, there's one verse of scripture that says Judas killed himself, and then there's another verse that says do thou likewise. So I could take the Bible and tell you to go kill yourself if I wanted to.

That's the danger of a cult leader that will take one verse of scripture without a full *exegesis*—which means they've taken the whole Bible and lined it up. What this ministry strives to do is not to be a one-verse church. There are many churches that are known for being a one-verse church. The Baptist church is known for what? John 3:16. The Pentecostal church is Acts 2:38. And those are marvelous and amazing verses.

But, there's a whole lot more to the Bible. And if you don't line the scripture up with the whole Bible, you can take that one verse and make it say anything that you want it to say. That's called "sound bite doctrines". Sound bites.

It's important that we understand when it comes to Passover, Yahshua called himself three things. He said "I am the way, the truth and the life". Tonight I want to talk about the way. Now, why would Yahshua say he's the way? What does way mean to you? What does it say to you? A path? A direction?

So Yahshua said I am the *direction*. I'm the *path*. I'm the *way*. Now I've heard people preach that he's the *life*, but I really don't hear people preaching about the *way*.

Passover is all about *The Way*. There are two directions in this world. There is the right one, and there's the wrong one. There's two ways you can go...the right one and the wrong one. You can go the way of the world, of Babylon. Or you can go this other way. But how is this way different than the world's way? What's one word that describes this way? Narrow. This is the narrow way. What's the other way? Broad. The other way is easy.

How many know that driving down a dirt road or an 8-lane interstate is a total different experience? That broad way is easy. That way is called *Christianity*. That's the easy way. There's another way that Christianity knows nothing about. And it is the hard way. Now why do I say that? Because I'm going to prove to you tonight that if you're not keeping Passover, you have no idea about the Way.

You're seeking the way that leads to eternal life. Let's read in John 14:6. I want you to eyeball this verse, highlight it in your Bible because it's so important. I'm not doing any preaching tonight. I'm preparing the sheep for Passover. This is serious business and it must be dealt with on that level.

John 14:6

Yahshua said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man comes to the Father, except (this way) by me.

He said I am the way that leads to life. This is important. He said I am the way and if you get on the way, you can only do it by truth. And when you find the way of truth, that will lead you to life! He didn't say that when you just say I'm your savior you have found life. I'm the way to life! I'm the path to life. But, I'm not life unless you find the way! I am the life, but only for the way-finders and the truth-seekers. The only way you get to life is if you find the way.

What we're seeking in Passover is the way. Yahshua's example is the way that leads to eternal life. There are three things that Yahshua taught us about Passover. We are one or two, that I'm aware of, of the few ministries that understand the three elements of Passover. It is not only about the blood.

Passover is the narrow gate to the narrow way and it entails three things. In order to become an Israelite, there were things you had to do. To come out of Egypt, you had to have the Passover or the death angel would not even pass over you.

#1 Baptism (Hebrew=*mikveh*) Water baptism is not a suggestion. I can't just take Acts 2:38 and make a salvation scripture out of it. I've got to go back to Torah and see if the Father always demanded baptism. And he did. It's called mikveh. You have to be baptized to get on the narrow way.

#2 Circumcision To join Israel, you had to be circumcised.

#3 Offering Bring an offering and sacrifice it.

So to join the House of Israel, there were three things you had to do. This is the narrow way. Now I realize it's quiet in here, but if you'll hang with me, your eyes will become open. These three things make up the narrow way. Many of you that come to our Passover meetings are going to see things you're not going to understand.

#1 - All the saints will be dressed in white.

#2 - There will be vases of water as you come up to take the Passover. They will pour the water over your hands.

#3 - You will see an Elijah chair.

#4 - There will be foot washing.

Now, these things are so much more important than you realize, and if you're not careful, you'll go through them as a religion rather than a relationship.

Now, I want to talk to you tonight about this word: *Idiom*. How many of you know what this word means? What is an idiom? We have euphemisms, parables, but what is an idiom? If you don't know what an idiom is, you can't understand your Bible. And I want to teach you how to understand your Bible.

Let me tell you why I'm going to teach you what an idiom is because many people tell me when it comes to Passover that it's just about the blood of Christ. And they get that from a scripture in Revelation that says where he washed us with his blood as if all that's necessary is the blood of Christ.

Ladies and gentlemen, the blood of Christ is an idiom. I want to explain what that means. There's four types of idioms. There's a pure idiom. There's a binomial idiom. There's a partial idiom. There's a prepositional idiom.

The blood of Christ is a partial idiom. You need to understand. For example, when preachers in the Christian church get up and say...all you need is the blood of Christ...that's a lie. Because you need baptism. You need to be circumcised. I'm speaking euphemistically. That's a euphemism. And you've got to bring an

offering. Without those three things, you don't become an Israelite. You're not a member of the House of Israel. So when someone says it's all about the blood—no it's not. If that were the case, then everybody today would be saved because that blood was shed for all.

Here's what an idiom is. It's very simple. It is shortened into one part. I'll give you an example. "When in Rome..." (do as Rome does). But we never say that second part. We only say "when in Rome" ... then we walk off. We don't have to say the second part. Why? What's understood need not be explained. Now when you say "when in Rome" ...we know there's more to that, but you don't have to say the rest of it—you can say it all by saying the idiom "the blood of Christ".

Because the word "the blood of Christ" actually when you say it, is saying what you're saying is "the New Covenant". And there's more to the New Covenant than the blood. It's important that you get this because when you read your Bible and you see *the blood of Christ* ...well that's like this—somebody walks around living like you-know-what, and they say "I plead the blood". You don't have any authority to plead the blood. Now that part's understood, we don't have to explain it. So you need more than the blood, you need a life to back it up!

So an idiom is basically whenever you say "kill two birds with one stone" —that has nothing to do with birds, it has nothing to do with stones. How would you translate "kill two birds with one stone" into Spanish? Take care of two things at the same time. But now how do you translate the meaning into Spanish? If a Spanish person doesn't understand that idiom, all's you can say is "kill two birds with one stone" ...and they're like, okay, give me a stone and I'll try. You cannot translate meaning. You can only translate words.

So whenever we understand this, when you say "the blood of Christ", there is so much more than the blood. For example, I tell you brother, I went and closed on the land. That's an idiom. It sounds like I just went and signed my name and the land was mine. No, there was a way. When I say that I closed on the land, the rest is understood. Here's the truth. Do I need to tell you...I was sitting on Facebook one night on Marketplace and I saw this property, and then I tried to find out if I could find the owner. Do I need to tell you all of that? When I say I closed on the land, I don't have to tell you how much I paid for it. I don't have to tell you it cost me a lot of money, I just tell you "I closed". But there's a lot more to "I closed". But I don't have to say it because it's understood.

Now this is why when you talk to Christians about the narrow way...well all I need brother is the blood! You don't even know what the blood is. It's not a liquid that flows from a body. It's an idiom for the New Covenant—the narrow way. That way is sealed by the blood. I sealed that closing today with a signature! The blood

sealed the covenant. But within that contract sitting over there that I signed, was terms and conditions. Yes. We wrote in that contract that he was leaving the four-wheeler, he was leaving the bush-hog, he was leaving the zero-turn mower, he was leaving the house fully furnished. Everything's written down. But I don't have to tell you all that. All I've got to tell you is that we closed. Because the signature contains within it all of that!

The blood is the *signature* of the New Covenant! But it is *not* the New Covenant. Why is that important? Because when we get to Passover and you go and take this blood, you need to understand there's so much more that's involved. Amen. Let's go to John 13:15. It's going to require you to really think tonight or you're going to be bored I can tell you because I've got a lot to teach you and I've just got to do it.

John 13:15

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

I'm not your cop-out. I'm your example of what you now have to duplicate. Yahshua was the passover lamb. And now you have to duplicate that every year. Let's read it again—I want you to get that. I have given you a path, a way. The Christian church said he gave me grace and he gave me an excuse and he gave me a go-to-heaven free card. But that's not what he said. I've given you an example to imitate. I've given you the way that you now must walk. I've walked it.

Now I didn't come to set you free from walking it. I came to show you how to walk it. Folks that's so important that you understand that. Because when we come to Passover Tuesday night, you are going to begin walking the same path that he walked. Let's go to 1 Peter 2:20-21. Praise Yahweh.

1 Peter 2:20-21

For what glory is it, if, when you're buffeted for your faults, you shall take it patiently?

In other words, what good is it if you get what you deserve and you endured it? There's nothing to brag about. You went out and stole something, you went to jail, you endured it, nothing to brag about, you brought that on yourself.

But if, when you do well, and suffer for it, you take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

But if you do right and you suffer for doing the right thing, and you take that patiently, this will make you acceptable to Yahweh. I thought the blood of Christ made me acceptable to Yahweh. You see, Yahshua walked a path where he did good, and was buffeted, and was patient. I've given you an example! He said in

that verse—this is acceptable to God. You know, when you've got to eat crow for something you didn't do, and you're not willing to do it, you're not acceptable to God. I eat crow all the time. Oh yes, I love eating crow, it's my favorite meal. Because contained within that crow, contained within that meal, is a blessing you don't understand. It's acceptable to God.

Brother Vaughn, they were wrong. The Bible says just take the wrong. That's acceptable to God. Now brother Vaughn how can I do that? Because your elder brother showed you how. He left you an example. Not a cop-out, an example that you would follow that. Now that is the narrow way. It's not easy. No, the broad way is to get back at everybody. But read this next verse. I love this.

21 For even hereunto were you called...

What? You were called to suffer like Christ. Now I know that's not what Copeland will teach you. He tells you to be on the top not the bottom. But my Bible said if you go to the bottom you'll be acceptable to God. I'm just trying to help you. He said if you suffer for doing good—which means giving your own life—this is what you've been called to do. Why?

...because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps.

You were called to be walked on. That's why everybody can't hang out with us. You were called for them to attack you on Facebook. You were called for them to lie on you and you can't defend your own self. This is your calling because you said you wanted to be like Christ. Yahshua said you'd be hated of all men for my namesake. You're called to this!

You weren't called to just claim the blood and claim what Christ did and act like you're now free. No. You were given an example to follow after. If you don't get anything I've ever taught you, you listen to me, that example is the way. I AM THE WAY. I am the truth and when you get on that way, you'll find the life. Only the way will bring you to my life. Why? Until you learn the way of death, you can't find the way to life.

Yahshua leads you to death!! What did he do? He lived his whole life to die! He leads you to die to your emotions, to your feelings. Somebody hurt your feelings. He taught you how to die to that. He taught you how to die. Why? Because if you'll follow him to death—the next step right after it—is life. I am the way, the truth and the LIFE.

Find this way and it will lead you to death. You'll die a thousand deaths if you're living for God. You'll be hated by people and they won't even know why they hate you. You'll be talked about, lied on, cheated, everything in the book. And how you respond will determine if you're on the way!

See there, all of you so excited. You've done bought all your little white dresses for Passover. But I've come to tell you tonight that Passover is the door into The Way. But whenever you take that cup, you have come into the Way. And brothers and sisters, the Bible said, and many of you are sick because you have drunk this cup unworthily. Many of you have died because of it. Do you know what that means? Because you didn't understand the gravity of this way.

The Passover is far more than just telling the story like the Jewish people do about coming out of Egypt. It's more than Yahshua suffering on a cross. Listen to me now. Here's what you do not understand about Passover that I've got to get into your head tonight...

YAHSHUA IS NOT THE ONLY PASSOVER LAMB!

That's why we wear white on Passover night! We've always been taught...Yahshua is the passover lamb, but there's something you're forgetting my dear friends. There's something you're not remembering, and it's in the book of Exodus. And we're going to read it. Exodus 12:1-6. And this is the thing about Passover that everyone seems to forget. But I'm going to remind you of it tonight.

Exodus 12:1-6

1 And Yahweh spake 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.

3 Speak unto the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, 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.

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

6 And you shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month, and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

How many people were to kill it? All. Now, how many lambs were sacrificed that night, one? No. Every house had to present themselves a lamb. Your problem is you thought Yahshua was *the lamb of God*. Ladies and gentlemen, the 144,000. He said I looked and saw a lamb on Mt. Zion. And then I saw 144,000 other lambs!! Hallelujah!

The problem we make is we don't understand...Passover night...you're not coming to remember his death!! You're coming to remind yourself to die !!! That's what you've got to remember about Passover !!!

EVERY MAN, A LAMB !!!

You come and get the little cup, and you drink the little cup, and oh we're going to remember the death of Christ. He doesn't need you to remember his death because his death is well remembered. He needs you to remember *your* death! And the only way you remember it is at Passover every single year when you walk down the same path that he walked down.

If the Christian church can convince you that Jesus is the lamb, you'll forget you're a lamb. You'll forget your path you must walk. The Christian church gives you no path to walk...they give you Jesus. Sister if Satan can convince you Jesus is the lamb, then you don't have to be the lamb. That's why he doesn't want you keeping Passover. He wants you keeping Easter.

When you begin to get the depths and the revelation of Passover, you will prepare for weeks for that night when you bring *your* sacrifice to the table of the Lord. And drink the blood of *your* death! Satan loves for you to just talk about the lamb. But brothers and sisters, here's what Yahshua said...I set an example for you—I died—I kept Passover before I died. I left you an example of the narrow way.

We've left sight of these many lambs at Passover night. Now brothers and sisters, do you know why I ask the saints to dress in white? You're coming to die. Do you understand? You're presenting yourself on Passover night as the lamb of Yahweh. You're the lamb yourself! If he's the elder brother, and you're the brothers, then he's the elder lamb and you're the lambs! Is it making sense to anybody?

What we don't know about Passover—it has less to do about Yahshua than it does you. That's why the church doesn't keep it. They believe Yahshua is the only lamb. Yahshua paved the way, tore down the veil so we could all walk that same pathway, and lay ourselves down at the altar every Passover.

Now brother Vaughn I don't believe that I need to come Passover night and go through all of that ceremony and do all of that. I don't believe it's any longer required. Then why did you get baptized? Why did you get baptized then? That is ceremony. I'll explain how important baptism is to Passover night. There's a reason we pour water over your hands on the way up to the Passover table. Because we're rebaptizing you every Passover.

Go to Ezekiel 36:24-26. I'm going to show you the three things required for Passover.

Ezekiel 36:24-26

24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you...

That's why you must be baptized. We're in the Old Testament now. This is talking about the New Covenant. The New Covenant is not just sealed by blood, but by water.

...and you shall be clean...

What does water baptism do for you? It cleanses you. You come up a new man. All things are made new. That's not New Testament doctrine. That's Old Testament! I'm going to call you out of Babylon. I'm going to baptize you. I'm going to put that water on you and you will be clean.

...from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

26 A new heart (or new mind) will I give you (a new way of thinking), and a new spirit will I put within you...

When he says I'm going to give you a new heart, or a new mind, the first thing he just talked about was what? Baptism. But what is the cutting away of the old, bringing in the new? That's circumcision. I'm showing you...when you say the blood...it entails all of this.

...and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

What is that? Circumcision. You can't join Israel without baptism, circumcision, and bringing an offering.

Now, that prophecy right there is literally fulfilled in Yahshua. Because Yahshua himself went down to the water and was washed cleaned by John the Baptist, and then he went to the desert to be circumcised, and to offer a living sacrifice. Brothers and sisters, I see you're starting to get one and two.

But this offering, part three, is where you've got to get now. When someone says I'm saved by the blood, that's an idiom. Because the blood is the *signature* after you've done all these things. It's the signature on the New Covenant. Let's read it in Matthew 7:13-14

Matthew 7:13-14

13 Enter through the narrow gate...

What is the narrow gate? What is the first festival of the year? Passover. If the way is all the holy days we're suppose to walk, what's the gate to the way? Passover. Passover's the gate.

...for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.

Broad is the road that leads to destruction and many spirit-filled, Bible-believing Christians will enter through that Christian way.

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

Hold on. How does that fit into Christian theology...a road that *leads* to life? I was told when I came to Christ I was *given* life. But I'm reading in my Bible that says that there's a narrow road that will lead you to eternal life. The road that leads to eternal life—all your life that's the total opposite of what you've been taught. You were taught come up here, sign the card, and you've got eternal life.

But my Bible said find the gate that'll lead you on the path that will lead you to eternal life. Somebody said brother Vaughn, what is eternal life? John 17:3.

John 17:3

This is life eternal, that they might know you Yahweh, the only true God, and Yahshua, whom you have sent.

But you've got to know him. Whoa whoa. This is eternal life. What is eternal life? Brother Vaughn, I've got eternal life. How do you have it? The blood of Christ. Okay, how did you do that? I accepted Christ—I've got the blood. But according to this verse, that's not eternal life. YOU HAVE TO KNOW.

You have to know. Adam knew Eve and they had a child. Depart from me, I never KNEW you. Come on now! You didn't care to know about my Way! Eternal life is knowing Yahweh and Yahshua whom he has sent. How do you know Yahweh? By following the path Yahshua laid down and then you'll know your Father! You've got to show up at Passover! You've got to know him. You've got to say here am I!

The narrow gate is how we keep Passover. We've got a lot to learn still about Passover. Let's go over to John 10:1-5, 7, 8, 9, 11.

John 10:1-5, 7, 8, 9, 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 (the gate)...is the shepherd of the sheep.

What is the gate? Passover! The one who comes through the gate. What he's saying here is that everybody is saying they're in the sheepfold. But you didn't come through the *narrow way*!! You came through Easter! You came through the easy way! Oh I want to preach so bad, but I'm going to keep teaching.

But if you climb in some other way, you are a thief and a robber. But the one that enters by the gate—LISTEN—that is the shepherd of the sheep. How? Yahshua said watch me...I'm the shepherd...I entered through the gate! I kept Passover. I went down the WAY.

I've heard people talk about the ancient landmarks. Do you know what the ancient landmarks were? The Sabbath day and the holy days. They keep you on the narrow path. Yahshua said even I had to come through the narrow gate to find life !!! Oh God! He said I had to lay down my life. And if you think you're coming into this sheepfold talking about you claiming the blood without dying a bloody death, you're a thief and you're a robber.

If you think you're coming in through the door of Christianity rather than the House of Israel, you're a thief and a robber!!! Depart from me, I never knew you.

Yes you did! We went to your church! We casted out devils! We healed the sick! I want to tell you how messed up this church age really is. Are you ready? I'm not going to call her name because people are watching me that would get mad at me. They don't like when you do stuff like that. But if I get made enough I'll say the name. I'm not going to say her name, but I'm going to make it so plain you're going to know who it is.

There is a woman prophetess (not the pink-haired one)...there's another one that's more popular than her. She was Doug Mastriano's prophetess. She prophesied, and I've got it where she did, that Nancy Pelosi would be dead by the 2020 mid-term elections. It didn't happen. And still she's the most popular prophetess in the conservative movement. Do you know why? This church age is so drunk on the wine of Babylon that when they hear the message of truth, they call this a lie. But when they hear the lie, they call it truth! And I've got about 20 other clips where she missed it—one after the other. Her name is the opposite of yellow, and red, and purple—Green. Now the reason I'm saying this is to prove a point to you of the day we're living in! That truth is despised. If you come in another way, you're a thief and you're a robber. Let's continue reading.

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

4 And when he puts 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.

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him and who? The sheep. Wait a minute. Who's the gatekeeper? Yahweh! He opens the gate for the shepherd. Yahshua is the shepherd. But he not only opens the gate for Yahshua, but he opens it for the sheep that hears his voice—that follow him down the same path. He went to church on the Sabbath day folks. Yes, as his custom was.

He opens the gate for the shepherd and the sheep. And the sheep listens to his voice, or they follow his example. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he, the shepherd, Yahshua, has brought out all of his little lambs, he goes on ahead of them. Oh, did you hear that? He goes ahead of us and shows us how to do it. He's that pattern son.

He goes ahead of the sheep. And what does he do? He lets them watch people spit on him. They're watching. And they watch as he answers not a word...and he keeps walking to Calvary. Why's he doing it? The sheep are watching! They need to know how to die! Because they chose to come through the corral of death so they could find LIFE! Hallelujah!

If you want to find life, find enemies that hate you without a cause. They follow him. They know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger. In fact, they will run away from false teaching !!! They won't know why they can't listen, but it doesn't sound like the narrow way! Because they will not recognize a strange message. Hallelujah.

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

Truly, truly, I am the gate. I am the Passover lamb for the rest of the sheep. I'm the gate. You've got to follow this example for all the other sheep.

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

The true sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate. If you've ever wondered, brother Vaughn, why does God allow these false prophets that you just talked about? He just told you. Because if you refuse to hear their voice, it proves that you are the true sheep. How would he know who you were if they were not there trying to deceive you?

That was more powerful than you got, so I'm gong to try it one more time.

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.

Yahshua said I tell you I'm the gate. All that have come before me are thieves and robbers, but whoever entered through *me* will be *saved!!* But not that they *are* saved, but that they *will be* saved! Hallelujah.

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

The good shepherd lays down his life as an example for the sheep. I've tried to live my whole life letting people run over me. I get pleasure out of it. It's a pleasure I can't explain. Oh, does it hurt? It used to. It doesn't hurt anymore. It doesn't. When people turn on me that I have helped, it doesn't hurt anymore.

Because every time it happens, I feel a little bit more like him. I'm just on a narrow path. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

You've got to learn this path. Quit talking about...it's all in the blood...I got the blood!! That is an idiom for meaning you've got the Covenant—the New Covenant. And that covenant entails three things!

I Corinthians 1:20-23

20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer (debaters) of this world (age)? 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 through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

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

23 But we preach Christ crucified, (which is the Passover. We don't preach Easter. We preach the Passover) to the Jews a stumbling block, and to the Greeks foolishness.

These are all good scriptures you need to study later. Now we're getting ready to talk about this third thing which is the offering. We've talked about the mikveh and circumcision. We've got to talk about the offering now.

Hebrews 5:7

During the days of Yahshua's life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one God who could save him from death, and was heard in that he feared.

Boy I could never understand that verse. If you came to die, why are you begging not to die? Why are you praying to the one true God not to die when supposedly the reason you came to earth was to die? He did it his whole life. He begged...I don't want to die! But yet we were taught that's the only reason he came here. Folks we've got to learn truth.

That man was scared to death. He prayed to the one true God who could save him from death and he was heard by that God because of what? His reverent submission. Ladies and gentlemen, why did God hear him? Because of his reverent submission!

1 Samuel 15:22

And Samuel said, does Yahweh delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as much as obeying Yahweh? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to be submitted than the fat of rams.

Psalms 51:16-17

16 For you do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it to you, you do not delight in burnt offerings.

17 The sacrifices of Yahweh are a broken spirit. A broken and a contrite heart, O Yahweh, you will not despise.

The sacrifices of Yahweh are exactly what Hebrews just said. A reverent submission, a broken mind, a broken and a contrite mind. Yahweh will not despise you if you develop that reverent submission!!

I'm starting to show you part three of Passover. Go back with me to Hebrews 5.

Hebrews 5:8-9

8 Son though he was, he learned obedience (reverent submission) by the things which he suffered.

Now you understand earlier when I talked about suffering and that scripture said ...hereunto are ye called to suffer. Why are we called to suffer? Because it's only in our suffering that we learn obedience!

There's a reason people don't want to be part of a ministry with a strong pastor. Because they don't want to obey man. And they'll tell you...I don't want to obey man...I obey God. And the Bible says you're a fool. How will you learn obedience to God until you first learn to obey mommy and daddy? Ma'am, how do you obey God when you don't obey your husband?

How do you learn obedience if not to those who are over you in the Lord? Brother Vaughn? He's too strong for me. Of course I am. Because you know I'm not going to back up for you no matter how mad you get at me! You've got to learn obedience!! How do you do it? By the things you suffer.

9 And once made perfect...

Ok, I was taught he was born perfect. His suffering made him perfect! Hereunto were ye called. To suffer. That you might present yourself on Passover night, as a lamb without spot or blemish—perfect! Oh, don't go to the Christian church,

they'll tell you nobody can be perfect. Well then you've got a problem with Yahweh. He told the devil Job was a perfect man. Because your intent makes you perfect, not your mistakes! The intent of your heart to serve Yahweh in spite of your mistakes, in spite of your failures, in spite of your shortcomings.

It's not your fall, it's your rise !!!

It's not perfect actions that make you perfect—it's a perfect intent. But that perfect intent on the inside will begin bringing perfection. But how does it happen? You have to do what Yahshua did. Learn what? Obedience, the very thing you don't want to learn. Anyone with me? It's the last thing you want to learn. A dog doesn't want to learn obedience. They don't want to, but they finally do. And finally you will if you stay on this narrow path, showing up for Passover, showing up for Unleavened Bread.

Why? Because right when you start to get a little rebellion in your heart...my Lord it's time for Passover all over again, and you've got to remember to be obedient. That's why he does it every year—lest you forget! These are the ancient landmarks that the church has removed! There ain't nobody worried about being right with God for Easter Sunday!

But if you know you're getting ready to drink the blood, and walk through the narrow gate, and you know if the Bible says if you drink it unworthily, you could die. Your Bible says that. The Bible says there's many sick among you because they drank that cup not knowing what it meant. You're not just drinking what you think you're drinking. Listen. God is calling us to the narrow way to learn to be perfect by obedience, and the way we learn obedience is by the things we suffer.

I don't know about you all, but I really didn't sign up for all of that when I came to the altar. I sure didn't. I was coming for that little bless-me club. I was coming down there to get a little-dab'll-do-ya. All I wanted was a ticket on a train—that's all I wanted. Nobody told me about a narrow way—that I was really getting into the Holocaust cars going to the gas chambers—nobody told me that! I'm like—hold on, this ain't looking like Creflo Dollar told me it was going to look (ha ha!). I got people hating on me, people lying on me—oh I didn't sign up for this!

But I know one thing, the man that stands before you tonight is more obedient than the man you would've known nine years ago...from the things that I have suffered. He is perfecting his sheep. Preparing us for Passover! He learned from what he suffered. Let's keep reading in Hebrews 5:9.

9 And once made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him.

Once he was made perfect, he became the source, or the gate, for eternal salvation...for all that accept him as their savior. No, that's not what he said? To those that obey him. It's so simple. He became the *source* of salvation. Before that, Yahweh was the source. And now he earned that right to be the gate. And if we come through him, and obey, then we can get that— the way, the truth, and the life. Only those who obey him. The Bible says he only gives the Holy Spirit to those who obey him. I'm going to try and close now.

Paul is teaching us about the Passover sacrifice, about leaven being sin. He uses unleavened bread to talk about our own need to get without spot or blemish. I'm going to read to you a few final verses. Brothers and sisters, you are the lambs of Yahweh that will present yourself on Tuesday night. You will come as a houseful of sheep following your shepherd to the same meal that he ate. And I promise you, after he ate it, *he died*. After you eat the Passover, *you must die*.

Romans 12:1

Therefore I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of Yahweh's mercy, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Yahweh, which is your reasonable service.

Now what is number three? An offering. I urge you to offer your own bodies as a living Passover sacrifice. You didn't get that one. I urge you. You've got to get baptized. You've got to be circumcised. And then you've got to bring yourself to Passover as a *living sacrifice* and lay your life down on that Passover table when you drink that blood and eat that body—it's not his death—you must now present *your death* in the symbols of his death.

That's why we tell you to dress in white, brothers dress in a touch of red. Both symbols are the symbol of death. The sheep died! But if you get off this narrow way, you go back to Babylon. Here's what will happen next year around this time. You've already started backsliding a little bit, and you just get your Easter eggs out. Forget Passover.

I'm going to say something. I don't know how anyone can walk this narrow way if you don't understand the importance of these holy festivals. What did Paul just say? I urge you to present yourself. Don't come up here talking about... Jesus is my sacrifice. But what about yours?! You watched him die, now it's your turn.

We've got to remember. Yahshua...we cannot just look at him on a cross and say that's our faith, that's our religion...no, no, no. We've got to stand at the foot of that cross and ask him, now how do I get up there with you? How do I die with

you!?! The Bible says if you die with him you'll live with him. We do this on Passover night.

I want to say this to anybody in this church...if you have a problem...the way you handle the sheep in this ministry...this ain't like no regular church...there are people here that are God's choicest. And how you deal with the sheep in this church tells me everything I need to know about you. This is the sheep of Yahweh. And if you dare come to the Lord's table with anything in your heart against one of these sheep, you have crucified Christ and made an open shame out of him.

The Bible said, don't come up here with an ought in your heart against anybody! If you do, you are the biggest fake on the planet! You cannot drink his blood while despising his people. There's nobody in this church, this ministry, that I wouldn't lay my life down for—nobody. Because I realize how I handle you is how I handle God.

You are the salt of the earth. You are the segullah, the treasure of Yahweh! You're not just humans. You're a bunch of transformations taking place under my care. I'm the under-shepherd. And I watch for your soul! That's why I have to correct you sometimes. That's why I say simmer down—you're turning back into your old self. God's looking for gentle lambs that are willing to be walked on.

How many of you have heard somebody say...you don't talk to me any kind of way. That's not a sheep. You can talk to me any kind of way. You're going to respect me. Why, who are you? Why do I have to respect you? You're going to die...or you're still alive. No. You coming this narrow way...you'll bless them as they curse you. You'll do good to them as they do bad to you.

And what will happen is one day you'll get so much favor with Yahweh. What did the Bible say in the first verse we read? That this is acceptable to God. You'll be scrolling through Marketplace one day and see 30 acres of land that you don't even have enough money to buy one acre. And you'll say, Father, I believe that's what you want us to have. And he'll wake somebody up in North Carolina and say, send that boy some \$300,000 real quick. When your ways please the Lord, the heavens will open up for you!

But it wasn't always like that. I spent years not able to have that kind of blessing and favor. Suffering. You've got to learn to die children! Well they get on my nerves. Well you get on theirs. Get over it. And realize when you talk to people in this church—I hear the way some of you talk—I don't like it. You all snap at each other like a bunch of old church ladies. We don't do any of that around here. If you can't talk sweet to these people, don't come back.

If you can't talk sweet to one another, how are going to take the Passover? People come up behind you in the Passover line—you can't even speak to them. You all are a bunch of jokes. I'm talking about anybody in that line (not talking about you all here, but anybody in that line). How are you going to come and drink the cup when you can't even drink a glass of Coke with them at dinner? Learn to die good and you'll live good. I said, learn to die good and you'll live good.

I want to show you in closing John 13:2-8. This is a serious time of the year, the new year. It's when we reflect and make things new. I want to show you why we do what we do. We are the offering. We are the sacrifice.

John 13:2-8

2 And the supper was ended, (the Passover meal. Tuesday night after sunset, the supper has ended) **the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him.**

Isn't it something? They were at the supper and Satan was in one of their heart's against their brother. You know what wound up and happened to him...he killed himself. He drank to himself damnation. He was there—give me a cup! And he's sitting there with something in his heart against a brother. He was dead three days later. Better be careful how you handle this supper.

3 Yahshua knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God,

4 He rises from supper, (the Passover meal) **and laid aside his garments, and took a towel, and girded himself.**

That he might mikveh everyone in the room. He baptized everybody on Passover. Now you know why we have foot-washing. It's *baptism*. And what are the three requirements for Passover? Baptism, Circumcision, and an Offering. You're the offering. And that's why we wash your hands, we wash your feet...that is a re-baptism. And then that night you present yourself clean as an offering every year. Every single year.

5 After that he poured water into a basin...

What blows my mind is I don't know any Messianic congregation that obeys Passover. They're so worried about an egg on a Seder plate, none are washing each other's feet. You're not even keeping Passover. Seder meal is not Passover. We don't do one here and there's reasons for that.

...and began to wash the disciples' feet, (that's a baptism, a mikveh) and wiped them with the towel that he was girded with.

6 Then came Simon Peter and said, Oh Lord, why do you wash my feet?

7 Yahshua said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now, but you will know hereafter.

8 Peter said to him, you will never wash my feet...

I'll never submit myself. I'll never allow me and you and...no, no, no. Yahshua said I want to wash your feet. Not me! It wasn't long after that he was messed up too.

...Yahshua answered him, If I don't wash your feet, (if you're not mikvehed at Passover) you have no part with me.

Wait a minute. Did he just tell the chief apostle...if you don't keep Passover, you have no part with me?? Or did I misread that? If I don't mikveh you on Passover night, you have no part of me. Here's what that means. I know you'll say that you're my disciple, but I'll have to say I never knew you, you had no part with me. But I'm the chief, I'm the Rock, I'm Peter. I know who you are, but if you don't get mikvehed on Passover. I claim the blood! The blood isn't enough. You must be baptized. And every year, re-baptized! Why? It's very simple.

In the days of the scriptures, everybody wore sandals. They may have had a bath. They may have gotten baptized. But as they walked on their journey their feet got dirty. Many of you have been baptized, but your feet have gotten dirty. You've got to be re-baptized every Passover. Every Passover! Stand on your feet and give Yahweh the glory for what he is doing in our lives! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

There's much more to come in part two on this subject. We've just got started. Hallelujah.

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