



God Wants Us to Remember—the Feast of Unleavened Bread

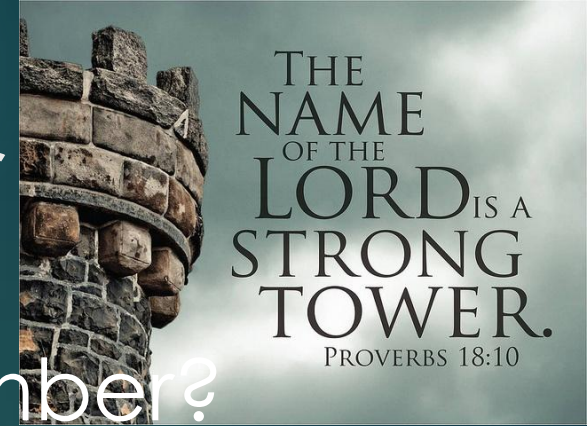
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Introduction—Memory



- ▶ Some people have better **memory** than others (better than mine 😊). Nevertheless, we all forget something sometimes. Sadly, we often forget the **most important things**. (i.e. love)
- ▶ Thanksgiving and worship is a part of **remembrance**. If we forget, we do not even give thanks (either to God or others).
- ▶ Have you forgotten something that you should not have forgotten?

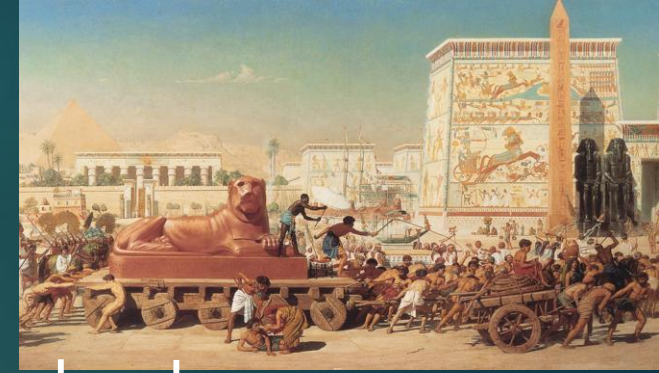
God Wanted Them to Remember



- ▶ What did God want the Israelites to remember?
- ▶ First, they are to remember God's **strength**—the way they were delivered (13:3, 9, 14)
- ▶ The **specifics** are important in remembrance (both for the heart and the mind)
- ▶ With a strong hand God has delivered us too—with **Christ's** death and resurrection.
- ▶ Note: God's hand is still **strong** today (Jer. 32:17)

God is Our Deliverer

- ▶ Second, God wants them to remember what they were being saved from—**slavery**
- ▶ (13:3,14; 20:2) This is a clear theme in both the feast of Passover and unleavened bread that God had delivered them from being slaves
- ▶ Even though we are no longer slaves to sin and to the world, let us not forget where we were (Eph. 2:1-3) lest we take our freedom for granted (Gal. 5:13).



Journey Toward God



- ▶ Third, they are to remember that God has prepared their **journey** of freedom
- ▶ The practical reason for unleavened bread was because they were leaving in a hurry (12:39). And the bread was their strength during the journey.
- ▶ Leaven is a picture of **sin** in the Bible. (Luke 12:1)
We are to leave our sins behind as we are on this journey toward God. (Phil. 3:7-8; 1 Tim. 6:11)
- ▶ What sins are holding you back?

Reasons to Remember

- ▶ But **why** do we need to remember?
- ▶ First of all, God did not want them to forget as **time** passes (13:10) (Deut. 6:10-12)
- ▶ (Psalm 63:6) We cannot praise God and draw closer to Him if we forget **what** He has done for us, or forget **who** God is (Psalm 105:1-5)
- ▶ Do you remember what God has done in your life? How has God delivered you in the past?



Reasons to Remember



- ▶ (12:26) Moreover, they were called to pass this knowledge to the **next generation** (13:8-9, 14)
- ▶ This is our responsibility as well (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4)
- ▶ We are not only called to pass on the knowledge of the truth, but our **experience** of trusting in God as well (Deut. 6:7, story matters)
- ▶ But how do we as New Testament believers remember God regularly?

How to Remember

- ▶ God wants us to **gather regularly** to worship Him (Col. 3:16; Heb. 10:24-25), and to **share** with one another what the Lord has done for us
- ▶ Also as we are gathered together we are to **break bread** together to remind us what Christ has done for us on the cross. (1 Cor. 11:23-26)
- ▶ Our **Lord's Table** is very much like Passover, only that one was looking forward to Christ's salvation and the other is to look back for us to remember.

Conclusion

- ▶ Do you remember God's strength and what He has done for you?
- ▶ Do you remember where you were and how God saved you?
- ▶ How is your journey toward God today? Anything holding you back?
- ▶ How are you passing your faith to the next generation?
- ▶ Are you going to church and Bible studies regularly to help you remember God?

