

SPRING HOLY DAYS
DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD
SIN, PART 1
SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

- Say - Welcome to Sabbath School and welcome to the Feast of Unleavened Bread! Let's bow our head and ask God for understanding as we study today.
- Say - Would anyone disagree how needful our nation is for the lessons learned through the Days of Unleavened Bread. How needful are our institutions of our great land, the universities, our government, our friendships for that matter or our families of the lessons learned through the Days of Unleavened Bread? But how many of these institutions have even HEARD of the Days of Unleavened Bread?
- Say - When God delivered His people out of Egypt, and after a 3-day journey, they arrived at the foot of Mt. Sinai. God made an agreement with them, or a covenant. He said, "If you obey my laws and ordinances I will make you a holy people, a holy nation..." Exodus 19:1-6.
- Say - One of those laws was and still is "... on the fifteenth day of the first month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days you must eat unleavened bread. In the first day you shall have a holy (Sabbath) convocation: you shall do no work therein. ... In the seventh day is a holy (Sabbath) convocation: you shall do no work. Seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. "You shall eat no leavened bread with it; it is the bread of affliction; for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste: (and you are) to eat it that you may remember the day when you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life", you shall do no work therein", Leviticus 23:6, 7; Deuteronomy 16:3. It is a statute forever throughout your land, Leviticus 23:31.
- Say - How about it, is our world obeying God in keeping His seven-day feast of Unleavened Bread or is there another celebration they are about to celebrate in the land called Easter? The Bible says, "They have turned back to the iniquities (lawlessness) of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they went after other gods to serve them (Ishtar, the Babylonian goddess of fertility, love and war, was one of them): behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not listen to them" Jeremiah 11:10-11.

Say - How does God's law make us holy? Remember, "Sin is the disobedience of God's laws" I John 3:4, and it was the obedience (not disobedience) of God's laws which would make them and us a holy people. The Bible says, God's laws are holy meaning divinely inspired, and righteous. "There is none holy as the LORD: for there is none beside Him: neither is there any rock like our God" I Samuel 2:2, Psalm 119:172.

Say - Read how important His holy, perfect laws are. "And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, and I will send grass in thy fields for your cattle, that you may eat and be full".

Say - "Take heed (beware) to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and you turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; Therefore shall you lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes".

Say - "And ye shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And thou shall write them upon the door posts of your house, and upon thy gates: That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth".

Say - "For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and you shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves" Deuteronomy 11:13-23.

Say - Remember God's people were in slavery, in bondage or held against their will in Egypt where they were not under the perfect laws of God. Bondage is wrong, it is sin and that is why Egypt, in the Bible, is symbolic of the land of sin. Moses and Aaron had told Pharaoh, "Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness" Exodus 5:1. This "Feast" was the Feast of Unleavened Bread; it was a time of great celebration of their release from bondage.

Say - Unleavened bread was also called The "Bread of affliction". It was symbolic of a life in bondage to sin and God never wanted His people to forget those afflictions. That is part of the yearly memorial of the Days of Unleavened Bread as a reminder of this former life. The "unleavened bread" was symbolic of the one (Jesus Christ) who "Took them by the hand and led them out of Egypt" and called us out of sin, Exodus 3:7-9.

Say - Just as the Israelites celebrated in the wilderness, so we celebrate being called of God and delivered out of sin by repentance and baptism. And just as God had told the Israelites to beware that they be not deceived and turn to other Gods, He repeated the message to His disciples and followers of today. He said, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?"

Say - Why did Christ outwardly make this statement? Because there were false leaders who were bitter enemies of Jesus and His teachings just as there is today and their "leaven/sin" could influence many with the wrong doctrines" which would lead to death not life, Matthew 16:5-12.

Say - Remember Christ said, Enter in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction (death), and many there be which go in thereat: because strait (difficult) is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few (not many) there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves", Matthew 7:13-15.

Say - We must ask ourselves how many times have we heard leaders say God's laws are done away. Does our nation promote God's laws as the "laws of the land". God's holy laws are laws of love; would anyone deny our nation could use a lot of love and not throw the source away, Romans 13:10.

Say - Are our children taught that God loves righteousness and fairness, another characteristic of God's laws, and that God says, "Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight" Isaiah 5:21, Psalms 33:4-5.

Say - How many children are taught in our educational systems of our nation to covet "earnestly the best gifts", I Corinthians 12:31 or do they learn to covet money, popularity and material things. Do our educational systems promote, "The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" I Corinthians 1:25.

Say - Are the nation's educational systems and our leaders encouraging all to "Put on the ...kindness, mercy, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering...of our God", all the lessons our nation, cities, homes are so lacking which could be learned if our nation were doing the Spring Holy Days as instructed by God, Colossians 3:12. Or how about how "God resisteth the proud (the bullies) but gives grace (mercy) to the humble, another lesson revealed from the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Say - I repeat, remember Christ said, "Beware of the leaven..." We can go on and ask, do our leaders honor God's Sabbaths, His holy days or do they honor false God's; are the conversations in the halls at school and in the classrooms discussing the upcoming Spring Holy Days of Unleavened Bread. Are our children being taught to humble ourselves and make Christ our example of the true "Unleavened Bread"?

Say - What about Friday night, the very beginning of God's Holy Sabbath. Friday night is the biggest night of the week for sporting events, games etc. thus smashing, disrespectfully the very rules God gave us to come before Him, to dwell with Him and worship.

Say - The Bible says, "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity (lawlessness the very thing which would make them holy), a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One unto anger, they are gone away backward" Isaiah 4:1.

Say - Why does it provoke Him to anger, because their way of life, their laws, their theories, pull our children AWAY from God to other gods and distort His teachings and separate the families. God says, "Beware of the leaven", now we know why.

Say - It doesn't take long to see how desperately our nation needs the wonderful lessons of the Days of Unleavened Bread. The need is so great in any direction we may turn. Surely we can see even more clearly why we need to stay true to God and His ways and the importance of being a willing worker and example for Him in all we do and say.

Say - As God's people focus on removing leavening/sin from our lives, growing towards a sinless life, the Bible says, "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That you may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a

crooked and perverse nation, among whom you shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life; ... Philippians 2:14-15.

Say - God's people must remain steadfast for some day we will have the opportunity to teach the lessons of the Days of Unleavened Bread to all in His soon coming Kingdom. We will be able to tell them, "This is the way, walk there in..." Isaiah 30:21.

Say - "For the grace of God that brings salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity (lawlessness), and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" Titus 2:11-18.

Say - Days of Unleavened Bread make us stop and realize how important it is to "Come out of Babylon" symbolic of deception and religious confusion. It is a reminder, "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things comes the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience" Ephesians. 5:6-8.

Say - The Feast of Unleavened Bread also teaches us to that we are to feast daily on unleavened bread, "... and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve you the LORD, Joshua 24:14, I Corinthians 5:8.

Say - In part two, we will "Feast on that Bread" and the unleavened ways from the "The Bread of Life", Jesus Christ.

MEMORY VERSE

"PUT ON THE ...KINDNESS, MERCY, HUMBLENESS OF MIND, MEEKNESS, LONGSUFFERING...OF OUR GOD" COLLOSAINS 3:12

MEMORY VERSE FOR TOTS

"PUT ON THE KINDNESS AND MERCY OF OUR GOD" COLLOSAINS 3:12

BELOW IS THE SABBATH LESSON FOR TOTS

OUT OF THE WORLD AND THROUGH THE RED SEA, WE'RE OFF FOR
THE PROMISED LAND

(Can be read or sung to the tune of "Over the River and Through the
Woods")

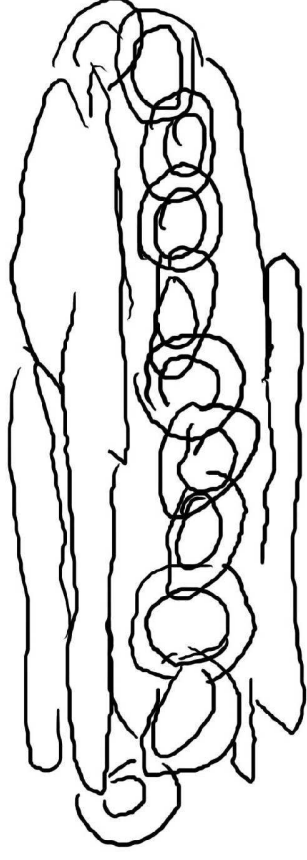
Out of the world and through the Red Sea; we're
off for the Promised Land!
Oh God knows the way; He'll lead us each day
through the wilderness of s--in.
Out of the world oh we must come; there'll be
resistance for everyone.
We must say NO to sin; that's when the fun
begins,
Oh we're off for the Promised Land!

Out of his homeland came Abraham;
by faith he took God's hand.
He looked for a city whose builder and maker
was God's almighty ha--nd.
Abraham died in faith you see; oh his promise
is yet to come.
We are a stranger, a pilgrim upon this earth
as we wait for Christ's return.

By faith Isaac and Jacob and Joseph and Moses
all endured afflictions many.
Their treasures were not in Egyptland as they were
led by God's own ha--nd.
God's people passed through the Red Sea; God
made it dry land you see.
But when the Egyptians came down; there was
no turning round and soon they all did
drown.
Oh, out of the world and out of sin; there'll be
resistance for everyone.
We must say NO to sin; that's when the fun
begins.
Oh we're off for the Promised Land.

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UNLEAVENED BREAD WAS
"THE BREAD OF AFFLICTION"
DEUTERONOMY 16:3



JESUS CHRIST, THE DELIVERER,
"BY THE HAND TOOK THEM OUT OF
EGYPT"
EXODUS 3:7-9