

Numbers Chapter 9

V: 1-5 The Lord speaks to Moses and reminds him and the people to keep the Passover according to all that they've been instructed.

- They had been given the commandment which means it's their responsibility to remember; yet in His grace and mercy He brings the reminder.

This is one of the ways that the Holy Spirit ministers to us.

John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

- The Passover is 1st detailed in Exodus Ch. 12, it is referred to as the "Lord's Passover".
- This commemorates the mercy of God when He passes over the first born of Israel who would otherwise have been killed during the plague of the firstborn.
- The blood of the Passover lamb upon the lintel and door posts being the sign recognized by the death angel – the indicator that the price had been paid and those inside had been redeemed.
- All of this was done as a memorial:

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Deuteronomy 6:1-7 "1Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: 2That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. 3Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey. 4Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord: 5And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

- Unless parents remind their children of what the Lord has done, it won't be long before the next generation will drift from the faith.

V: 6-8 Some men come to Moses with a practical question, born out of a seeming contradiction in God's word.

- As it is described in the Passover, everyone is to participate.

- As we get into Leviticus we learned about the things that defile or make a person unclean – among which is the contact with a dead body.
- Here these guys are trying to figure out what to do.
- God's word never contradicts itself; it is only through our limited understanding that we can't reconcile some of these things.

Isaiah 55:8-9 “⁸For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

- If we could figure everything out we would be like God – and have no need for Him.
- There are those who in misguided arrogance think that they have no need for God, but they too according to **Philippians 2:10-11** will in the end bend their knee and confess that Jesus is Lord, with real understanding.

V: 8 Whenever we come across a situation that we don't understand, where we don't know what to do or what to think even, we must always fall back on what we do know, what we do understand to be true.

- #1 God is good! #2 God is wise, and powerful, and He loves me. God has the answer!
- He has our best interest at heart, He is for us!

Jeremiah 29:11 “I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

- Moses tells them to wait that he may inquire of the Lord.
- This is wisdom, when we don't know it's always good to ask the Lord what to do.

James 1:5 “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”

V: 9 We can assume that Moses asked God, and that God responded or answered. But the way the text reads, Moses tells the men, I'll hear what the Lord will command. The Lord then speaks the answer to Moses – meaning that the Lord already knew the question – because He's been listening the whole time.

- A practical demonstration of His “omnipresence” and His “omniscience”.
- One of the first clues for us is that if you want to hear God's voice, or need wisdom in some area – simply ask! (Form a question.)

Psalm 34:15 “The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry.”

V: 10 Bottom line: any of you or your descendants be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be travelling on a trip – you are still to keep the Passover.

- (V:11) But it is delayed by one month to the 14th day of the 2nd month instead of the 1st month.
- The Passover is a “remembrance” – as in “do this in remembrance of Me.”
- Communion is the NT equivalent of the OT Passover; and it is important that we partake.

1 Corinthians 11: 26 “For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till He come.”

- It is important that we partake of this remembrance; the particular day or location isn’t so important – just that we do.
- Testimony: working on Wednesday nights.

V: 11-12 A brief synopsis of the Passover requirements, emphasizing that even if it is delayed a month to accommodate those travelling or previously defiled – the requirements are the same.

- Un-leavened bread: the bread of haste, bread symbolically without sin (leaven being symbolic of sin) – as our Lord Jesus, the bread of life was and is without sin.

2 Corinthians 5:21 “For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”

- Bitter herbs: a reminder of their rigour and the bitterness of their hard bondage.
- Completely consumed: none left unto the morning, it needs to be finished.
- Nothing left to do, it is accomplished because God’s redemptive work on the cross is complete.

John 19:30 (tetelestai!) “It is finished.”

- Nor break any bone: Roasted intact, none of it’s bones to be broken.

Psalm 34:20 “He keepeth all His bones: not one of them is broken.”

John 19:33 “But when they came to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not his legs:”

John 19:36 “For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, a bone of Him shall not be broken.”

- There is more that is spoken of with regard to the Passover, a review of Exodus Ch. 12 is a good study. (MP3 & notes are available on our web site.)
- The bottom line is that they aren't to cut any corners, the requirements are the same.

V: 13-14 One rule, everyone keeps the Passover.

- This precludes someone from choosing one or the other observance of Passover based on “convenience”. If they aren't defiled or on a long journey they are to celebrate the Passover in the first month.
- Failure to do so would result in being cut off.
- Worshipping God, being obedient to God isn't always convenient; that is why they call it a sacrifice of praise!

Hebrews 13:15 “By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.”

- Stranger; foreigner; a non-Jew – can partake in the Passover, but only on the same terms, in the same way as the Jews – through the covenant – circumcision.

John 14:6 “I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by Me.

V: 15-23 One of the ways in which God will direct Israel: [red light](#), [green light](#).

- A pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night; each easily observed, their training is to be progressive, as is ours.

Psalms 123:2 “Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that He have mercy upon us.”

- When the cloud or fire moves; then the people move. When it stays, the people stay.

Isaiah 63:9 “In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the angel of His presence saved them: in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bare them, and carried them all the days of old.”

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Isaiah 30:21 “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, this is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”

Romans 12:2 “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Psalms 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

- **God's word will guide us!**