

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THIS SERVICE?

Text: Exodus 12:26

INTRO: In this lesson we will take note of a memorial service God gave His people in O.T. times, & compare it with the memorial He has commanded of His people in N.T. times.

In the O.T. Passover ritual, it became the duty of the oldest son to ask the question of our text & that of his father to reply, so that as each memorial service was conducted, each Israelite would again be reminded of the blessings God had bestowed upon His people.

I. SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE PASSOVER.

A. A memorial, vs. 14, 26-27.

1. A set time for observance, EX 12:18.
2. Provision was made for those who were hindered, but no provision for willful neglect.

READ NUMBERS 9:9-13

B. In the PLACE selected by God.

1. Initially, each home, EX 12:6-7.
2. Later, Jerusalem in the area of the temple.

READ DEUT. 16:5-9

3. Age-lasting, vs. 14.

II. AT THE END OF HIS MINISTRY, JESUS FULFILLED THE PASSOVER & INSTITUTED HIS OWN MEMORIAL SUPPER, 1 Cor. 5:7. **READ MATT 26:17-20, 26-29**

III. SOME PARALLELS BETWEEN THE L.S. & THE PASSOVER.

A. Memorial, 1 Cor. 11:23-26

1. A time for observance, MT 26:29; MK 14:25
 - a. First mention after inst, Acts 2:42; Lev 23:16
 - b. 2nd mention, Acts 20:7
 - c. 3rd mention, 1 Cor 10, 11, 16
 - d. churches of Galatia

2. There is no authority for another day. Many congregations provide opportunity for those who were hindered to partake later the same day. Not a 2nd supper. Let each examine self, motives.

B. L.S. should be observed in the PLACE where God put it.

1. At His table in His kingdom, LK 22:30; 1 Cor 10:21
2. "New" in My kingdom, MT 26:29; MK 14:2
3. Fulfilled in assembly of local churches, A 20:6-7;

1 Cor. 11:18-33.

C. To last till the end of the age, 1 Cor 11:26.

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