

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – November 4, 2018

Announcements

- A care package will be sent down to Anaheim for Debbie Willey and the other trainees from the Puget Sound. Cards are on the table, please sign the cards to encourage the trainees.
- This Thursday night at 7:00 pm we will clean the meeting hall and set up chairs to prepare for the conference.
- The Puget Sound conference will be November 9-11 in Bellevue and Seattle. The schedule is as follows:
 - Friday evening, 7:30 pm in Bellevue
 - Saturday morning, 10:00 am in Bellevue
 - Saturday evening, 7:00 pm in Bellevue
 - Lord's day morning, 9:30 am in Seattle (Greenlake)
- We have hospitality requests for the Puget Sound conference; please sign up if you can take hospitality.
- We need help to take care of the children during the conference, please sign up if you can serve.
- Please return the service signup sheet to the box on the counter. Additional sheets are on the counter.
- Parents for children in grades 3-6 need to take their children to their classroom to sign them in. Also please be mindful to quickly pick up your children after the meeting finishes.
- We will cover week 21 in the HWMR in Leviticus; copies are available in the bookroom.
- We are reading messages 15 and 16 from the the Life-Study of Numbers. The reading schedule is on the table and posted on the church website.
- The Wednesday night ministry meeting webcast will 7:30 pm at the following locations:
 - Smith - South Bellevue, (206) 914-3447, in English
 - Chang - Overlake, (425) 830-3900, in Korean
 - Wang - South Bellevue, (425) 653-2249, in Chinese
 - Lu - Kirkland, (206) 696-2543, in Chinese
 - Miyake – Central Bellevue, (425) 451-7294, in English

Burdens for Prayer

- England Training Center
- Germany
- Meeting hall modifications (parking)

This Week: November 5 – 11		
Morning Revival: <i>Crystallization-study of Leviticus</i> , week 21		
Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – East Bellevue Upstairs – Downtown		
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Prayer meeting
Friday-Saturday		Puget Sound Conference Bellevue
Lord's Day	9:30 am	Puget Sound Conference Seattle
November		
9-11	Puget Sound Conference	

LIFE-STUDY OF NUMBERS

MESSAGE FIFTEEN - BEING FORMED INTO AN ARMY (14)

XII. KEEPING THE PASSOVER

Although Numbers chapters one through eight were spoken in the second month of the second year after the exodus from Egypt (1:1), the people were charged to keep the Passover in the first month. While in the second month Moses was busily recording all the divine provisions, God charged him to write something about what was to take place in the first month. These verses record what the Lord spoke to Moses "in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt" (9:1). This indicates the importance of the Passover.

A. At the Appointed Time

The children of Israel were to keep the Passover "at its appointed time" (v. 2). This appointed time was on the fourteenth day of the first month, at dusk (v. 3a).

B. According to All Its Statutes and All Its Ordinances

Numbers 9:3b says, "According to all its statutes and all its ordinances you shall keep it." Statutes are regulations without judgments, and ordinances are regulations with judgments. The fact that the Passover was to be kept according to all its ordinances and judgments indicates that the keeping of the Passover leaves no opening for man's ideas and opinions.

C. The One Who Was Unclean through Contact with a Dead Body or Who Was Far Off on a Journey Still Required to Keep the Passover

Verse 6 speaks of "certain men who were unclean through contact with the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the passover on that day." When Moses brought their situation to the Lord, He said, "If any man of you or of your generations is unclean through contact with a dead body, or is far off on a journey, he shall still keep the passover to Jehovah. In the second month on the fourteenth day at dusk they shall keep it" (vv. 10-11a).

D. Eating It with Unleavened Bread and Bitter Herbs, Leaving None of It until the Next Morning, and Not Breaking a Bone of It

"They shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. They shall leave none of it until the morning, nor break a bone of it; according to all the statute for the passover they shall keep it" (vv. 11b-12). Here we see that the children of Israel were to eat the Passover with unleavened bread. Unleavened bread signifies the Christ who is without sin. Whenever we receive Christ as our life supply, we receive a life that is without sin. Thus, to eat the Passover with unleavened bread means to eliminate all sinful things. When we enjoy Christ as our Passover, we must purge away everything sinful.

The Passover was also to be eaten with bitter herbs. The bitter herbs signify regret and repentance with a bitter sense regarding sins. To eat the Passover with bitter herbs means that we need to regret and repent, to experience a bitter taste regarding sinful things.

None of the Passover was to be left until the next morning. This indicates that we should enjoy the Passover in its freshness. This also indicates that we are to receive Christ in a full way, not partially. Instead of allowing anything of Christ to be left over, we should take Him in full.

Furthermore, the people were not permitted to break a bone of the Passover lamb. The unbroken bone indicates that Christ's divine life is unbreakable. When the Lord Jesus was crucified as our Passover lamb, His legs were not broken (John 19:33, 36). This signifies that in

Christ, the Passover lamb, there is something unbreakable and indestructible. This unbreakable and indestructible element is His eternal life. In Christ as our Passover lamb there is the divine life, the eternal life, the unbreakable and indestructible life, that can impart life into us.

E. The Man Who Was Clean and Not on a Journey Not Refraining from Keeping the Passover

Not Refraining from Keeping the Passover

"The man who is clean and is not on a journey, yet refrains from keeping the passover, that person shall be cut off from his people, because he did not offer Jehovah's offering at its appointed time; that man shall bear his sin" (Num. 9:13). This signifies that the redeemed believers are required to take the Lord's table (Luke 22:19).

F. A Stranger Being Permitted to Keep the Passover with the Sons of Israel

"If a stranger sojourns among you and will keep the passover to Jehovah, according to the statute of the passover and according to its ordinance, so shall he do; you shall have one statute, both for the sojourner and for him who was born in the land" (Num. 9:14). A stranger being permitted to keep the Passover with the sons of Israel signifies that the believing Gentiles have been destined to partake of the Lord's table.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Lord's Day, November 4 th	Acts 21:1-14
Monday, November 5 th	Acts 21:15-26
Tuesday, November 6 th	Acts 21:27-40
Wednesday, November 7 th	Acts 22:1-21
Thursday, November 8 th	Acts 22:22-29
Friday, November 9 th	Acts 22:30 – 23:11
Saturday, November 10 th	Acts 30:12-15