

THE ANGELIC CONFLICT
Lesson 413 – January 13, 2013

/WELCOME TO BARAH MINISTRIES

Good Morning!

**Let's Make a Mental Shift **

In preparation for the study of the Word of God, your first shift is a mental shift. The Word of God Gives You Rest. For unbelievers, it is the rest of salvation. In Matthew, Chapter 11, Verses 28 to 30, the Lord Jesus Christ says...

/MAT 11:28

"Come to Me, all (you unbelievers) who are weary and heavy-laden (by sin), and I will give you rest."\

For believers in Christ, it is the rest of deliverance.

/MAT 11:29-30

Take My yoke upon you (believers) and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.//For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."\

When you study the Word of God, you experience rest in your soul. It is God's will for you to enjoy this rest, His rest, so that you will relax in your soul regardless of circumstance...so you will use His promises to calm your mentality. A mental shift invites you believers in Christ to relax, and to take advantage of all God the Holy Spirit has prepared for you to learn today.

/INVITATION TO RESTORATION

Make a Spiritual Shift

The second shift, before you study the Word of God, is a spiritual shift. During this spiritual shift you offer control of your soul to God the Holy Spirit. As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are commanded to allow the Holy Spirit to fill up our deficiencies in Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verse 18...

/EPH 5:18

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but (keep on) be(ing) filled with the Spirit...

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Thus we have a choice...to be controlled by the thinking of the world, or to be controlled by the third member of the Triune Godhead...God the Holy Spirit...during this bible study. Now is the time to make your choice and to announce it to your God.

/SILENT REFLECTION

Be Occupied with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ\

Please take a few moments in silence, to reflect, to open your heart to the truth, and to fix the eyes of your soul on the author and perfecter of your faith, the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

/OPENING SONG

When You Suffer\

/OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray...(0:30)

We're grateful Heavenly Father for the privilege of studying the absolute truth...the Word of God...

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We ask this through the power of God the Holy Spirit...in Christ's name...Amen.

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Pastor Rory Clark\

My name is Pastor Rory Clark. You're listening to lesson four hundred and thirteen of the Angelic Conflict series. Welcome to a ministry designed for serious students of the Word of God.

/TODAY'S STUDY

The CREATOR'S Will is that You Know the Ritual and the Reality of the Cross

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PLEASE STAND

/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

In gratitude for all who defend our freedom, especially in gratitude for military victory from our front line military personnel and in honor of law enforcement officers all over the world, especially those in our own congregation, we recite the Pledge of Allegiance.\

/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge allegiance to the flag
Of the United States of America
And to the Republic for which it stands
One nation under God
Indivisible
With liberty and justice for all.\

/ANNOUNCEMENTS

/Mark Your Calendars!

The next Lord's Supper Celebration is February 10, 2013\

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“God Cares for You”\

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inconsistent at staying up to date...so we post the radio show on our website along with the lesson notes for your listening pleasure.

/Happy Anniversary
Pastor Rory Clark
January 12
Five Years as an Ordained Pastor\

Next, let's take the offering. Let's welcome up Deacon Caleb Alburn.

/THE OFFERING
Deacon Caleb Alburn\

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/OFFERING VERSE

1PE 4:10
As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

/Remember to be in fellowship with God when you are giving

OFFERING SONG
Great is the Lord

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Let's begin our celebration of The Lord's Supper.

/Preparation for the Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The ritual of the Lord's Supper is a reenactment of a portion of the Feast of the Unleavened Bread ... the Passover Celebration. It is a table of

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fellowship designed by God for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. We have a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ by choice...we are in union with Him by a single act of free will...and the Lord's Supper is a chance for us to remember, if only for a moment, the wonderful, amazing, magnificent, beyond belief things the Lord Jesus Christ did for all mankind at the Cross.

In our Last Lord's Supper, you were introduced to the elements of the Passover...remember the words of Dr. Richard Freeman of Chosen People Ministries, a group of Messianic Jews who evangelize to the Jewish Race? Dr. Freeman says...

/Dr. Richard Freeman
Chosen People Ministries

"It's impossible to not see the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, through the elements of the Passover Celebration."

During the Age of Israel, the ritual of the Passover Celebration pointed the Jewish race ahead to the Reality of the Cross. The CREATOR'S will is that you Church Age Believers know the Ritual and the Reality of the Cross.

<PASSOVER CELEBRATION DIAGRAM>

The Feast of the Unleavened Bread, the Passover Celebration, was divided into three parts. Part One is called "The Haggadah," a story of Passover... Part Two is called The Passover Meal, a dinner celebration...and Part Three I call The Reality, a look back at the Cross...it's the celebration we have every month, the part we call, "The Lord's Supper." Let's look one more time at the parts, this time with the real elements of a Passover Seder for you to enjoy.

/PART ONE
THE HAGGADAH – A Passover Story

In the Passover Celebration, the Passover table has several elements that teach about the Messiah.

<PASSOVER TABLE DIAGRAM>

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The Basin – For the Washing of Hands

This is a ceremony teaching fellowship, sometime involving the washing of hands...sometimes the washing of feet...as Jesus did with His apostles before the Last Supper...in John, Chapter 13, Verse 8, the Lord Jesus Christ said...

/JOH 13:8

“If (3) I do not wash you (maybe you will let me and maybe you won’t), you have (absolutely) no part with Me.”

John, Chapter 15, Verse 5 says...

/JOH 15:5

“...for apart from Me (the Lord Jesus Christ) you can do nothing.”

The Candles

A woman brings light to the celebration, because it was through the woman that the Light of the world, the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, became flesh. In John, Chapter 8, Verse 12 Jesus says...

/JOH 8:12

...“I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me (the Lord Jesus Christ) will not walk in the darkness...”

The First Cup of Wine - THE CUP OF SANCTIFICATION

It’s a reminder to the Jewish people that they would be brought out from their slavery to the Egyptians and set apart for the promises made to Abraham, the father of the Jewish race. The Jewish people know they have a promising future.

The Seder Plate

There is the Seder Plate...it contains six instructive items.

Karpas – The Green Vegetable

It’s a symbol of life. In Old Testament times, the greens were hyssop, an aromatic herb belonging to the mint family, and it was used to place the blood of the Passover lamb on the doorpost of a Jewish person’s home.

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/EXO 12:13

‘The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I (the Lord) will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt (killing all of the firstborn).’

The Salt Water

The greens are dipped in salt water, which represents tears, and it is eaten as a reminder that the Jewish experience in Egypt was filled with tears. It is also a reminder of the parting of the great salt sea, the Red Sea...two million Jews passed across the Red Sea...a symbol of Jewish salvation.

/EXO 14:21-22

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided.//The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

The Matzoh Tash with the Afikomen

A cloth pouch, called a Matzoh Tash, also known as a “unity,” has three compartments in one pouch. It is a picture of the Triune Godhead. In the Matzoh Tash are placed three pieces of matzoh, unleavened bread. In the Bible leaven represents sin... unleavened bread is a picture of sinlessness. To be the perfect sacrifice, the Lord Jesus Christ had to be sinless, a lamb without spot or blemish. The middle piece of matzoh is called the “afikomen.” It is taken out, broken, and half is put back into the middle pouch of the Matzoh Tash. The other half is wrapped in a linen napkin and it is hidden, to be “resurrected” after the meal. Matzoh has holes in it, so it is pierced just like Christ at the Cross. In coloration, Matzoh looks like it has stripes, and it is a great picture of the crucified Christ. Isaiah, Chapter 53, Verse 5 says...

/ISA 53:5

But He (the Lord Jesus Christ) was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging (stripes) we are healed...

Afikomen means several things, “I have come” or “the coming one” or “He has come” or “that which comes after” a perfect picture of our Savior.

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The Second Cup of Wine - THE CUP OF JUDGMENT

It reminds the Jewish people of the Ten Plagues and of the suffering of the Egyptians when they hardened their heart to the Lord. In order not to rejoice over the suffering of their enemies, a drop of wine is spilled as a symbol of joy, as each of the Ten Plagues is reviewed. But it is also time to remember that joy is diminished at the suffering of others.

/PRO 24:17

Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles...

Maror – The Bitter Herb

It is eaten with Matzoh, and it brings a tear to the eyes. It is a reminder to appreciate the sweetness of redemption that comes after the bitterness of slavery. It also commemorates the bitterness the Lord Jesus Christ endured because of the betrayal of a friend at the Last Supper.

/JOH 13:21-22

When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me.”

The someone was Judas Iscariot.

Charoset – The Sweet Mortar

A sweet, pasty, brown mixture is symbolic of the mortar that the Jews used to build bricks in the land of Egypt. Even the bitterest of labor can be sweet when redemption is near for believers in the Messiah.

/JOH 16:33

“These things I (the Lord Jesus Christ) have spoken to you (the apostles), so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

Beitzah – Roasted Egg

To the Jews, sacrifices were life. Roasted daily temple sacrifices can no longer be offered because Solomon’s Temple no longer stands. The Jewish people are reminded that there is no sacrifice that can make them righteous before God except the sacrifice of their Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Shank Bone of the Lamb

The Lord Jesus Christ is the perfect Passover Lamb, and when we apply His blood to the doorposts of our heart, we go from spiritual death to spiritual life...from slavery to the sovereignty of the sin nature into the freedom of the redemption of God.

/BREAK

When I Think About Home

Welcome back!

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/Enjoying the Elements of the Lord’s Supper

The Search for the Afikomen

After the Passover Meal is finished, there is a hunt for the “afikomen,” the matzoh that was wrapped in a napkin and hidden before the meal is “resurrected.” Once the Afikomen is retrieved, it is broken and distributed... it is widely believed the “afikomen” brings a good, long life to those who eat of it. Maybe that’s why the Lord Jesus Christ encourages this remembrance, and we choose to celebrate it at least every month. First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 23 and 24 say...

/1CO 11:23-24

*...the Lord Jesus (Christ) in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;
//and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “This is (and keeps on being) My body, which is (broken) for you; (keep on) do(ing) this in (the purpose of) remembrance of Me.”*

When we eat the bread during this celebration, we remember the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please enjoy the element.

The Third Cup of Wine – THE CUP OF REDEMPTION

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It reminds us of the shed blood of the innocent Lamb. First Corinthians, Chapter 11, Verses 25 says...

/1CO 11:25

“In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.’”

The Cup of Redemption is a reminder that the Lord’s blood purchased the Jewish redemption from Egypt...the purchase from slavery into freedom. When we drink the communion cup, we remember the Work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please enjoy the element.

/LORD’S SUPPER SONG

Give Thanks

The Fourth Cup of Wine – THE CUP OF PRAISE

We see Lord Jesus Christ taking time to praise and thank His Father at the end of the Passover Seder, in John, Chapter 17, during His Last Supper. The spotless Passover Lamb had praise on His lips as He went to his death.

/JOH 17:25-26

“O righteous Father, although the world has not known You, yet I (the Lord Jesus Christ have known You; and these have known that You sent Me; and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

Elijah’s Cup

A place setting remains empty at every Passover Celebration for the honored guest, Elijah the Prophet, whom we know as John the Baptist. The Jewish people expect Elijah to come at Passover to announce the coming of the Messiah.

/MAL 4:5-6

“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.//He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”

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A place is set, a cup is filled with wine, and hearts are expectant for Elijah to come and announce the Good News. At the end of the Seder meal, a child is sent to the door to open it and to see if Elijah is there. Every year, the child returns, disappointed, and the wine is poured out without being touched.

/Dr. Richard Freeman
Chosen People Ministries

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The ritual of the Lord’s Supper points to the CHRIST.

/ROM 5:1

*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God (the Father) through our Lord Jesus Christ... *

The reality of the Lord’s Supper points to the CROSS.

/ROM 5:6

*For while we were still helpless, at the right time (the Lord Jesus) Christ died for the ungodly. *