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From a Christian Friend



COMFORT IN AFFLICTION

Some people feel guilty about their anxieties and regard them as a defect of faith, but they are afflictions, not sins.

Like all afflictions, they are, if we can so take them, our share in the passion of Christ.

C.S. Lewis



From the Vege-Kitchen

VEGETABLE BARLEY SOUP

2 c. broth, 1 c. barley, 2 chopped carrots, celery, 14.5 oz. can diced tomatoes, 1 chopped zucchini, 1 chopped onion, 1 15oz. can garbanzos, 1 tsp. garlic, sugar, salt, parsley, curry powder, paprika, Worcestershire sauce, ½ tsp. pepper

Pour broth into large pot, add all ingredients plus 3 bay leaves, bring to a boil, cover and simmer over med-low heat for 90 min. Thin with broth!



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MAKING SENSE OF THE EMPOWER MINISTRIES

What We Do

Empower Ministries began as a simple attempt to show people how to study the Bible for themselves, relying entirely on God. Within a year, however, we expanded the ministry to include small groups, revival, and discipleship—ministries and experiences enriched by in-depth Bible study.

Between requests, suggestions, and prayerful stimulation from the Spirit, Dr. Lee and Jolynn realized that the ministry needed to cover these additional areas of service.

Today, Empower Ministries is an umbrella for nine forms of spiritual outreach, each with its own website, as follows:

1. Touch the Sky prayer and counseling ministry, @ the empowerministries.org site
2. Bible Study Bookshop, Bibles, study aids, and materials at the biblestudybookshop.org site
3. KBSC our 24/7 Internet Radio station, the Bible Study Channel @ the kbcradio.org site
4. CuppaJ(esus) Café, online morning devotions @ the cuppajcafe.org site
5. WebStudy the Bible, online weekly in-depth inductive studies @ the webstudythebible.org site
6. Bread of Life Training Centers, complete training for ministry @ the schoolsforministry.org site
7. Virtual Home Church, New Covenant worship for New Testament people @ the virtualhomechurch.org site

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8. Disciple Junction, our personal and group Christian social network @ the disciplejunction.org site
9. Empowerment Team, our hands on helping ministry to churches, homes, and groups @ the empowermentteam.org site.

All of these ministries are interrelated, working together to accomplish the same goal: *To equip people to connect with the God of the Bible and stay connected until they are ready to meet their king.*

- CuppaJ Café, WebStudy the Bible, and Disciple Junction meet many needs as they feed people into our Virtual Home Church services and outreach
- Bread of Life Training Centers equip people with end time skills and the Empowerment Team shows them how to use them, so they can finish the work
- KBSC offers daily programs, and Bible Study Bookshop materials that empower people to carry out what we teach and show them
- Touch the Sky offers counsel and comfort to those who need healing and relief from end time pressures and troubles.

Putting It All Together

To intertwine these ministries into a single vision and mission takes funding. So, we just organized a finance committee from those who attend our meetings to explore ways to create prosperity and generate a better budget to carry out this work of God!

The LORD's Supper Revisited

Studies from the **Book of Exodus** served at CuppaJ Cafe



The symbolic OT points to and finds its fulfillment in the NT. As symbols always point to someone or something greater than themselves, so Jewish festivals point to later editions of their earlier truths. Passing through the cross of Christ to enter the NT, each one reaches its redemptive peak in and through Christ or His church. Symbols that find their fulfillment in and through Christ are called "types," and their fulfillments, "antitypes," from the Greek word, "anti," that means "in place of." So, *antitypes* replace their *types*, and make them no longer necessary. The LORD's Supper derives from the Feasts of Passover and Unleavened Bread. To understand it better, let's retrace its development from the OT feasts that point to its grander NT truth.

Moses told the whole community of Israel that the Passover was a domestic institution, a milestone family event. "Every family must choose a lamb or a young goat for a sacrifice, one animal for each household" (Ex. 12:3). He worked with Israel, one home at a time, expecting each household to function as a unit:

- To drive home the responsibility of each family, as a family, to make the firstborn's welfare—their own
- To look together at the Passover lamb, as their *family's* salvation
- To teach His people, that instead of—as a nation (or a church), He delivers them one family at a time, because deliverance depends on the faithfulness of each household

Moses also taught some interesting lessons about eating the Passover. He said that, "If a family is too small to eat a whole animal, let them share with another family in the neighborhood. They should divide the animal according to the size of each family and how much they can eat" (Ex. 12:4). From this we can infer that:

- Families are to work directly with each other, based on neighborhood rather than national ties. They, not some higher authority decide with whom they shared the Passover lamb.
- Though a sacred celebration, the Passover is a real meal—with full-size portions—to experience it more fully and to prevent wasting any part of it.

Moses even applied an important standard to the Passover. "The animal you select must be a one-year-old male, either a sheep or a goat, with no defects" (Ex. 12:5). To point to the coming Savior, the one-year old animals matched firstborn children. A sacrificial substitute, the male animal paralleled Pharaoh's son as it symbolized the future Savior and His perfect sacrifice. That's why it also had to be "defect-free," a sacrifice in its prime, whose tragic death will spare lives rather than some flawed, reject from the flock or herd.

Moses developed the need to eat the whole animal, two ways:

1. *The whole animal—including the head, legs, and internal organs—must be roasted over a fire*" (Ex. 12:9), and
2. *"Do not leave any of it until the next morning. Burn whatever is not eaten before morning"* (Ex. 12:10)

The sacrifice pointed to the coming Savior. So, the whole animal—inside and out—must be roasted over a fire, just like a burnt offering was barbecued over the flames of the brazen altar at the temple. The animal must also be completely consumed like a burnt offering to show abandonment of self and complete trust in the sacrifice. All this pointed to the sacrifice of Christ whose life was consumed on the brazen altar of the cross that calls for complete trust in Him.

As with all of it's festivals, the LORD intended for Israel to remember the original event. So, He said: "From now on, this month will be the first month of the year for you" (Ex. 12:2). The LORD established a model for all generations, complete with step-by-step instructions, so future members of Israel could personally experience the thrill of that first Passover. Just as Israel periodically renewed the covenant to give each generation a sense of direct involvement, the LORD aimed at the Passover at uniting all of His people, for all time. More than merely helping them to recall what happened in Egypt, He wanted them to relive it, to keep alive, fresh, and as powerful as ever, the impact of that first deliverance.



THE LORD'S SUPPER

In a similar way, early Christians celebrated the Lord's Supper that replaced the feasts of Passover and Unleavened Bread, at home:

- To teach the people the LORD delivers one family at a time and strengthen the core of each of the Savior's house churches
- To encourage house churches to work directly with each other along family and neighborhood lines
- To make the Supper a real meal, with meal-sized portions, based on practical guidelines to avoid wasting any part of it

Thus, the home became the place to celebrate the ultimate feast, personally instituted by the Lord Himself. The Supper provided parents with a regular opportunity to instill religious values, train children to cherish their spiritual heritage, and build a lasting desire to live for Jesus.

Jesus established the Supper as a perpetual event for His people. Whether He referred to *eating the bread* or *drinking the wine*, He told us "do this to remember me." The key to understanding the significance of the Supper is found in the two key words "do" and "remember." It is in the doing that we remember the LORD's death. Participants in the Supper do not merely recall what the LORD did at the cross—they relive it.

In complete abandonment of self and in total dependence upon Christ, Christians *act out* the events at the Last Supper. That's why 1 Cor. 11:26 says: "For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup [that is, every time you repeat what they did at the Supper], you are announcing the Lord's death until he returns." So, instead of recalling what He did 2000 years ago, we should fully relive the undiminished power of His cross today.

Feasting on the LORD Jesus is a supreme act of faith, building ourselves up on the One with whom we have died to give us new life (Rom. 6:3, 4). Add His pledge to eat the Supper in the future Kingdom (Mk. 14:25), and the Supper becomes a celebration of our past, present, and future with Him.

Like the feasts it replaced, the Supper celebrates what the LORD has done, is doing, and promises to do. Just imagine the lessons you could teach your children about the spiritual past, present, and future from the time Jesus said: "I have been very eager to eat this Passover meal with you before my suffering begins. For I tell you now that I won't eat this meal again until its meaning is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God." At that point, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. Then he said, "Take this and share it among yourselves. For I will not drink wine again until the Kingdom of God has come" (Lk. 22:14-18).

Grace in time of need Prayer Journal



Praises

- A generous donor came through for us
- Great-Grandparenting finally launched
- Kent is doing lots better on new meds
- Lyall needs divine guidance
- Doctors can't find spots on Alicia's lungs
- Liberty Mutual is preparing a bigger settlement offer for Billy

Petitions

- Tina's son Danny needs to take his meds
- Dennis needs approval of 2 accepted offers
- Noelle needs spiritual guidance to find a job
- Alicia in the Philippines has neck tumors
- So many are struggling financially
- Judy's health and finances
- Richard still can't walk on artificial knee
- Unspoken request for Lisa
- Donna needs strength to keep up with her job

