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Dear Fellow Laborers,

The first Passover in Egypt as we know it would not have happened if Moses would have been killed in infancy. But Moses was saved by a series of miraculous events. Eventually he was brought to the point where he was used as God's instrument to save Israel and judge the gods of Egypt. But that was 80 years after his birth.

Moses was a chosen vessel to serve the Almighty God that had told Abraham many years earlier that He would bring Abraham's children – the Children of the Covenant – out of slavery and lead them back to the Land of Promise. God fulfilled His promise to Abraham by using Moses.

Satan targets the chosen of God and often while they are still children. He tried to kill the male children of Israel, including Moses, through the human government of the Pharaoh. Later Satan tried to have Jesus killed by the hand of Herod. Each time God made sure to stop Satan's plan and protect His own chosen ones, even while they were young children.

Why does Satan target children? I think I know. I believe God has a plan for each and every one of us. He is carrying out His Great Plan of Salvation and uses his human creation to do it. That means nothing that happens in our lives is just chance. God knows us intimately.

If Satan can, he will get us off track or even kill us before we have a chance to learn the lessons of life that lead to repentance and full commitment to Our Lord; then Satan can set God's plan back.

People have a choice in all this. Humans can choose to follow the calling of God, or they can choose to resist it and even deny it. But if Satan has his way, we would never get that choice. We would die in infancy or even in the womb.

God waves no magic wand. He uses human beings to further His strategic Plan. The battle between God and Satan hasn't ended. God is still on His throne; Satan is still The Adversary; and, we are on the battlefield engaged in spiritual warfare. That is why God admonishes us to put on the armor He provides:

Eph 6:11-12

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the Wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age...”

If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without God knowing about it,¹ what about the battles you and I must fight every day? What about the battles of the angels He sends on missions to the Earth on our behalf?² What about the political battles of ideology and the question of who is going to rule over God's people? All are transparent and visible from God's throne room in Heaven.

If Moses would have been thrown into the Nile, there would have been no rescue of Israel, no Passover, no Sinai, and no Torah - at least not as we know it today. God can and does shift gears and He can use others to fulfill His plan.³ But He wants to use you and me. That is why it is so important to renew our commitment to the Father and His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, every Passover. None of us want to become spiritual abortions and end the change to glory that is taking place in all who are baptized and committed to the Kingdom.

At Passover, we eat bread that symbolizes the body of Christ. Then we drink the wine that symbolizes Jesus' shed blood of the New Covenant. What do these symbols mean to the committed Christian? Jesus answers this in the book of Matthew:

Matt 26:26

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Matt 26:28-29

"For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

This first New Testament Passover, Jesus shared the symbols with the first disciples. This was a new ceremony. It represented the symbolic sharing of the flesh and blood of Jesus Himself. On a previous occasion He had explained just how important it was to share these symbols:

John 6:53-57

"...assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him."

It was difficult for many on that occasion to understand the meaning of Jesus' teaching. Most left Him as a result of their lack of understanding. The body of Christ is made up of many members.⁴ By sharing the body and blood of Jesus, we share His life - ETERNAL LIFE! Jesus is Yahweh God like the Father. This Hebrew name means "self-existing" or "ever-living." Someone who shares Yahweh existence has inherent eternal life and depends on nothing else and no one else for life. Not even the angels have this kind of life. They are NOT self-existent. They rely on God for their

¹ Matt 10:29

² See Daniel 10.

³ Luke 3:8

⁴ Romans 12:5

existence. Humans also rely on God for their existence. But once our change comes,⁵ we will possess Yahweh existence and will be self-existent. This self-existence is the nature of God.

Jesus said, "...unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you."

This is one of the great mysteries of the Bible. Most people think eternal life is living on after physical death in the form of some sort of angelic being or even a fleshly human being who just somehow lives forever in Heaven or somewhere else. That is NOT AT ALL what Jesus is talking about. No one can sustain life in themselves by themselves unless they possess Yahweh existence. That is what eternal life really means. Death is the absence of life. Unless you possess the Yahweh existence, you are subject to eternal death – *non-existence!* Only God inhabits eternity.⁶ So, we must have the flesh and blood of Jesus become our own "flesh and blood." We must let Jesus "abide in us."⁷ Otherwise we cannot exist. This is the great gift God holds out to us. He gives us the opportunity to share His Yahweh existence.

David knew this.

Heb 2:5-8

"For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels. But one testified in a certain place, saying:

"What is man that You are mindful of him, Or the son of man that You take care of him? You have made him a little lower than the angels. You have crowned him with glory and honor, And set him over the works of Your hands. You have put all things in subjection under his feet."⁸

"For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him."

The destiny of those who share the body and blood of Jesus on Passover evening share an eternal destiny that is incomprehensible to our weak and feeble minds. But our limited thinking doesn't change the words of King David.

It is important is to take the Passover symbols because our eternal lives are at stake. Every one who takes part in the Passover ceremony instituted by Jesus the night He was betrayed has eternal life guaranteed by the promise of Jesus. We can't ask for any higher assurance.

Gloria and I will be going to the mountains near the Burmese border to keep the Passover with our Church of God refugee brethren. Then we plan to be back in the U.S.A. in May. I think I have recovered enough to take that 17-hour plane flight. I really do not look forward to it, but we need to

⁵ See 1 Corinthians 15.

⁶ Isa 57:15

⁷ See John 15.

⁸ Ps 8:4-6

get back and see as many of you as we can who help us do this Work of God here in Asia. We will be in Texas, Ohio, and a short few days in California. I am not yet sure of the exact schedule, but will inform you as soon as I can.

We look forward to seeing you. Meanwhile, let's all be prepared to take the Passover symbols and join with Jesus our Christ, and with one another, in sharing the wonderful and exciting eternal existence of the Yahweh family. Every time we take the Passover, we are reminded of our family connection with our elder Brother and our Heavenly Father in the God family. And we are reminded about our fraternal connection with each other.

In The Passover Lamb's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Leon Sexton', with a large, stylized initial 'T' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

T. Leon Sexton

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