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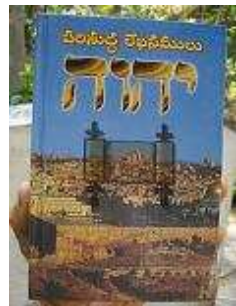
Pesach/Matzohs 2008

The festival of Pesach/Matzohs (Passover/Unleavened Bread) is commanded to be held in the first Scriptural month from the fourteenth to the twenty-first day, Lev. 23:5-8. The first visible crescent moon after the vernal equinox will be seen in Ysrael (and India) on the night of April. 7, 2008, thus making Apr. 8, 2008 the first day of the Scriptural New Year. (For a more in-depth study of the start of the year see newsletter #4 at: www.sevendayweek.com) Below are various places in the state of Andhra Pradesh that are keeping an eight-day Pesach/Matzohs festival.

Pesach/Matzohs dates for 2008 will be April. 21-28, (starting at the end of April 20, 2008).

1. Hyderabad, Pas. Y. Sunith Premanand, Medipally prayer Hall, 9866485304
2. Visakhapatnam, Br. G. Raja Prasad and family, top of house, 9-9-43 Mangapuram Colony, 9848112403, Pas. Premananda and G. Chiranjeevi
3. Kombatlapalem, W.G. dt., Br. Tony B. Suckla, Pas. M. Hariem, Pas. M. David, Pas. Karunakar, Pas. G. Samson, A.Y. Eng. Medium School, 9849154629, 9394501300
4. Reddy Polavaram, W.G. dt., Pas. MPS Raju, prayer hall next to his house, 08811-251274
5. Eathakota, E.G. dt., br. M. Madhu Babu, 9959683503, keeping at rented function hall on Highway NH 5, across the road from a prawns factory.
6. Rajamundry, Pastor D.S. Paul, Anandanagar, near Bakti Convent, Assemblies of Yahweh prayer hall, 08832476185
7. Kalakota, Khammam dt., Kalakota prayer hall, Pas. Y. Jeremiah, 9908421126
8. Khammam dt., Pas. M. Ranadhir, Illandu, Dhau number Basthi, Prayer hall, 9949397816
9. Kakinada, E.G. dt., Pas. N. Mani Kumar, Venkatapuram village, prayer hall, 9866952967

Shavout/Pentecost- June 15, 2008



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Pastor Highlight

Pastor K. Moses, lives in W.G. dt., Manchilli village. He has been in the ministry now for about 40 years. He was brought up in Vijayawada and in his twenties he ran a clothes business. But, יהוה called him into the ministry when he was about 30 years old. He first moved to

Narsapur, W.G. dt. and worked with the Assemblies of God, but eventually he moved to Manchilli and worked on his own. In Manchilli he was the only Christian witness when he first moved there, he prayed for many people who were healed of their diseases and so a local leader of the village was impressed and donated eight cents of land in a good location for building a prayer hall. However, before the prayer hall could be constructed the man died and his son objected to a prayer hall being constructed on the land, so for the last 27 years pastor Moses had possession of the land, but the land was not registered. So he built many paka huts over the years and today about 80 people attend for Sabbath each week.



Pastor Moses' wife died when he was about 30 and he never remarried, he contented himself to raising his two children and working for יהוה. Pas. Moses' son, K. John Babu, eventually married the daughter of G. Raja Prasad in Visakhapatnam. Through the influence of Prasad's family, Pastor Moses eventually accepted the true seventh day Sabbath and about three years back he took immersion in ישוע Mashiach's Name and several of his assembly members have followed. Over 600 people have taken baptism through his labors, through the years. Pastor Moses is now about 75 years old.

Recently יהוה worked it out that pastor Moses could get a free title to the land. So now they have laid the foundation and raised the walls for a 48 x 22ft prayer hall, this includes a room attached to the side of the prayer hall for the pastors living quarters. They now need to put a roof on the prayer hall but they do not have funds at present. A permanent asbestos sheet roof would cost about 75,000 rupees. If any is willing to help in such an endeavor do contact the address at the end of this newsletter.

Forget your Fathers house

The union of יהוה with His people is spoken of as a marriage in the Scriptures (see Isa. 54:5; Jer. 3:14; Eze. 16:8-14; Hosea 2:19; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:23, 27; Rev. 19:7; 21:2). Just at the husband is to become one with his wife (Gen. 2:24), so also יהוה wants to become one with his people.

In Ps. 45 we read of a marriage between a king and a princess, in verses 10-11 the princess is instructed, "Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear; forget also your own people, and your father's house; ¹¹So shall the king greatly desire your beauty: for he is your Lord; and worship him." This psalm is speaking more of the union of יהוה with His people. Why would the psalmist instruct the bride to forget her people and her father's house? The third of the Ten Commandments instructs us to honor our father and mother. Our love of our heavenly Father must exceed that of our earthly father and the society of people with which we associate. ישוע Mashiach said, "He who comes to me and does not put aside his father and his mother and his brothers and his sisters and his wife and his children and even his own life cannot be a disciple to me." Lk.14:26 (Lamsa translation from the Syriac). We are to honor our earthly father and mother, but the claims of our Heavenly Father are to have priority over any earthly

connection. Many times ones own family might be the very thing that is keeping them from following יהוה fully. Many times a person will desire to take water immersion in ישוע Mashiach's Name but the father, mother, brother, husband or wife will object; what is a person then to do? The words of ישוע in Lk. 14:26 would then apply. In some countries of the world, if one was to take water immersion in ישוע Mashiach's Name that would be reason for their own family to put them to death.

No sacrifice is too great in order to gain the kingdom of יהוה, not even the sacrifice of our own life, ישוע said, "whosoever he be of you that forsakes not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Lk. 14:33 Here in India if one would want to keep Sabbath day he will face a problem doing his schooling and finding a job as most schools have their exams on Saturday and most jobs require Saturday attendance. ישוע said, "He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he who has no concern for his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal" John 12:25 (Lamsa/Syriac).

In the days of the reign of king Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, he decreed that all should worship a big golden idol that that he had made, or else they would be thrown alive into a fiery furnace. But three Yahudim named Hananyah, Mishael and Azaryah told the king very plainly, "If it be so, our Eloah whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve your Eloah, nor worship the golden image which you have set up." Dan. 3:17,18. These young men were willing to die rather than sin. This is the attitude we must have if we hope to make it into the kingdom of יהוה. But, literally dieing is not as difficult as literally living the pious life that ישוע Mashiach lived. Dieing to self is something that we must do daily in the life that we live. ישוע said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. ²⁵What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?" Lk. 9:23-25

The apostle Shaul informed us, "Yea, and all that will live pious in Mashiach ישוע shall suffer persecution." 2Tim. 3:12. Persecution is the lot of all who truly follow the life ישוע lived. This world is controlled to a large degree by Satan, the enemy of mankind, and he is making war with those that keep יהוה's commandments and have the testimony of ישוע Mashiach, Rev. 12:17. We are to overcome Satan by the blood of the ישוע and being willing to die rather than sin. How is it with us brothers and sisters? Are we following יהוה and all of His commandments? Where is Satan making war with us? If we are willing to put away our life in this world, then only will we obtain the victory. We have nothing to fear for the future except we forget how יהוה has led His people in the past. "The world is passing away, and the desire thereof: but he that doeth the will of Elohim abides for ever." 1Jn. 2:17.

Biblical Marriage Laws

The Law of יהוה is to be a blessing to man, for it keeps him from many troubles and promotes a happy environment for his daily life and society. Marriage is a divine institution ordained from the beginning in the garden of Eden, it is also symbolic of our spiritual relationship with our Creator. In order to govern the marriage relationship יהוה gave certain laws that will bring peace, happiness and blessings if they are followed. Let us consider some of the laws of marriage.

When a boy and girl were to be married, if any dowry was to be paid it was the boy that paid the dowry, see Ex.22:16,17; Dt. 22:28,29; Gen 24:51-53; 29:18; 34:12; 2Sam. 12:3.

The current practice in mainland India of the girl paying dowry has brought untold misery to the society. It is directly opposite of what the Law of יהוה commands. Laks(100,000s) of girls have been killed over this practice through the years, and so many homes have been broken up or disturbed because of this greedy practice. This is a backward practice that many Indians have inherited from their fathers that they will need to forget if India is to have peace in their society. This custom will only stop when individuals will put away their greed and take a courageous stand for what is right by giving their sons without asking dowry and refusing to give dowry for their daughter's marriage. Not all Indians follow this practice of the girl paying dowry, in northeast India, amongst the people of oriental descent, it is the custom for the boy to pay dowry.

Spiritually we are to be the bride of Mashiach and there is no dowry which we can give, rather it is the Father that has paid dowry for us with the blood of His Son ישוע Mashiach. (See Acts 20:28; 1Cor.6:19,20; 7:23). All man has to do is accept the free gift that has been offered him in the life of יהוה's Own Son, and then we are considered betrothed to Mashiach. However, the wedding will not take place till the bride(יהוה's people) makes herself ready, Rev. 19:7,8. The marriage is symbolic of the return of ישוע Mashiach to this earth, this is the scene presented in Rev. 19.

Dt. 24:5 says, "When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken". A man is not to go far from his wife for the first year of their marriage. He can work at a job, but it must be close to home so that he is with his new wife each day. This will help the two people to learn to unite their lives as they have newly joined in marriage, יהוה said "a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh." Gen. 2:24. A man's wife is now to have his primary devotion rather than his father or mother.

"Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble." Ps. 119:165

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