

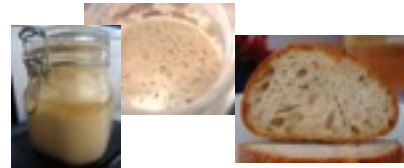


Topic: "YHWH's Appointments" Pt 13
 Scripture: Lam 3:40; 2 Cor 13:5; 1 Cor 11:23-29
 Definition: Unleavened Bread "Leavened for Us"

YHWH'S APPOINTMENTS

Last week we looked at the effects of leavening:

Leavened at work is a metaphor of sin. That being said it is very important to know that Leaven itself is not sin but is used metaphorically to represent the process and nature of sin!



Sourdough starter: Leavening is the process of a fungus that ferments sugars and is used to cause dough to rise.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 "Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens all the lump? Then clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are unleavened. For our Passover is Messiah who was sacrificed for our sake. Therefore, let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with leaven of malice and of evil, but with unleavened bread of purity and holiness."



The Bread of Life, Yahshua:

John 6:32
 John 6:35
 John 6:48
 John 6:51

Blameless/Without Sin:

2 Corinthians 5:21
 Hebrews 7:26, 27
 1 Peter 1:17-19

Better understanding of 2 Cor 5:21 For He who did not know sin, for your sakes made Himself sin, that we might through Him become the righteousness of YAHWEH. He takes our corrupt nature (sourdough starter) and takes the death penalty for us.

The Old Leaven....that which we bring into our lives. The effects of choices whether good or bad.

Without a doubt leaven clearly is used in the general sense as a type of sin. The process and properties of spreading and influencing everything around it is a great example of how, not just sin, but every choice we make effects our lives. A single choice can influence our whole lives in a very dramatic way.

Shaul speaks of a little leaven leavens the whole lump. There are five specific leavens in Scripture that we are warned of. Three are from Yahshua and two from Shaul.

Messiah Yahshua warns about the leaven in our lives:



1. The leaven of the Pharisees: Matthew 16:6 “And Yahshua said to them, Watch and take heed from the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” Luke 12:1 “At which time a multitude of many crowds being gathered together, so as to trample on one another, He began to say to His disciples First of all be wary inside yourselves of the leaven of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy.” The leaven of “hypocrisy.” Living outwardly in a religious show but inside you are far from YHWH.

2. The leaven of the Sadducees: Matthew 16:6 “And Yahshua said to them, Watch and take heed from the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” The Sadducees were known for their lack of belief in the spiritual and supernatural works of YHWH. Luke 20:27-38 “27 And some of the Sadducees coming up, those speaking against a resurrection, that it was not to be, they questioned Him,...34 And answering, Yahshua said to them, The sons of this world marry and are given in marriage. 35 But those counted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage. 36 For they are not able to die any more; they are as to the cherubs, and are sons of YAHWEH, being sons of the resurrection. 37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses pointed out at the Bush, when he calls YAHWEH "the Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Isaac, and the Elohim of Jacob." (Ex. 3:6) 38 But He is not Elohim of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him.” The leaven of doubt, disbelief and trust in YHWH.



3. The leaven of Herod: Mark 8:15 “And He charged them, saying, See! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.” Herod wanted to see this Yahshua and to get a sign from him. He had worldly power of a self-willed nature. He wanted to combine (contaminate the purity of YHWH’s plan) his ways with YHWH’s ways to make it convenient for himself. His logic superseded YHWH’s instructions. He thought he could do it his way and sought a sign of acceptance. Seeking signs and wonders in attempting to gain greater power or acceptance. The leaven of self-righteousness.

Shaul warns about the leaven in our lives:

4. The leaven of legalism: Galatians 5:7-9 “You were progressing beautifully! Who confused you to not obey the truth? Your persuasiveness is not from Him who called you. A little leaven leavens all the lump.” While the Galatians started out with the right way of belief, they were being influenced to add to the formula of salvation. It was first Yahshua and nothing else saves. Then came false teachers saying you need Yahshua Plus... to have salvation. The leaven of adding to YHWH’s plan...legalism.



5. The leaven of immorality: 1 Corinthians 5:1, 7 “1 Everywhere it is heard that fornication is among you, and such immorality which is not named among the heathen, so as for one to have his father’s wife...7 Then clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are unleavened. For our Passover is Messiah who was sacrificed for our sake.” Corinth in the 1st century was known as the “anything goes attitude.” They were a sexually immoral people and the conduct within the city was the normal lifestyle of those who lived there.



They pursued two things. Pleasure (largely passion) and wisdom. It was a Greek city and its inhabitants loved to philosophize. In modern terms it would be classified as a city of “intellectualism and sensualism”...sound familiar? It was a city that was devoted to worshipping the goddess ‘sex.’ It is the body of Messiah following the ways of the culture in which they lived. It was a slippery slope that only headed in one direction. Very rapidly. Sound familiar? The leaven of sexual immorality (which also implies us being spiritual adulterers going back to the ways of this world).

Lam 3:40 “Let us search and examine our ways, and turn again to YAHWEH.”



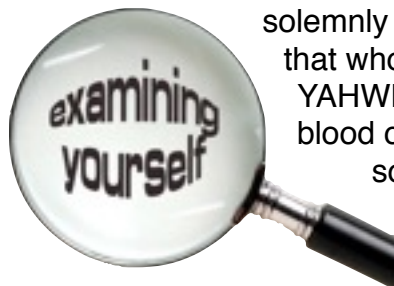
In light of the event of Abib the 14th, our Messiah died to redeem us, we are not to reflect on and examine our lives in comparison to His.

2 Cor 13:5 “Examine yourselves, whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Or do you not yourselves realize that Yahshua Messiah is in you (*the sourdough starter*)? If this is not true than you are rejected.”



1 Cor 11:23-29 “For I received from the Master what I also delivered to you, that the Master Yahshua in the night in which He was betrayed took bread and giving thanks, He broke and said, take, eat, this is My body which is broken on behalf of you, this do in remembrance of Me. In the same way the cup also, after supping, saying, this cup is the New Covenant in My blood, each time you drink it, do this in remembrance of Me.

For each time that you may eat this bread, and drink this cup, you solemnly commemorate the death of our Master, until His coming. So that whoever should eat this bread, or drink the cup of Master YAHWEH, unworthily, that one will be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Master YAHWEH. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and let him drink of the cup; for he eating and drinking unworthily eats and drinks to his condemnation, not discerning the body of Master YAHWEH.”



Next week: We will continue to see how we are to approach and celebrate Unleavened Bread.

