

2nd Cup, Cup of Judgement

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Source:

Host:

Rabban Gamliel used to say: Whoever does not discuss the following three things on Passover has not fulfilled his duty, namely:

Passover (the Passover-sacrifice),
Matzah (the unleavened bread)
and
Maror (the bitter herbs).

(Ex 12:8 and Num 9:11)

Reader 1:

Passover - Why do we eat the passover lamb?

As it is written:

"It is a Passover-offering to the L-rd, because He passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians with a plague, and He saved our houses. And the people bowed and prostrated themselves."

Reader 2:

Take the broken Matzah into your hand and say:

Matzah - Why do we eat unleavend bread, or Matzah?

As it is written:

"So the people took their dough before it was leavened, having their kneading bowls bound up in their clothes on their shoulders."

And

"They baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they had brought out of Egypt; for it was not leavened, because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves."

Reader 3:

Take the maror into your hand and say:

Maror - Why do we eat bitter herbs?

As it is written:

"They made their lives bitter with hard service, with mortar and with bricks, and with all manner of service in the field; all their service which they made them serve with rigor."

Host:

In every generation a person is obligated to regard himself as if he had come out of Egypt, as it is written:

"You shall tell your child on that day, it is because of this that the Lord did for me when I left Egypt."

The Holy One, blessed be He, redeemed not only our fathers from Egypt, but He redeemed also us with them, as it is written: "It was us that He brought out from there, so that He might bring us to give us the land that He swore to our fathers."

Cover the Matzah and raise the cup. The cup is to be held in the hand until the completion of the blessing, "Who Has Redeemed Us..."

Thus it is our duty to thank, to laud, to praise, to glorify, to exalt, to adore, to bless, to elevate and to honor the One who did all these miracles for our fathers and for us. He took us from slavery to freedom, from sorrow to joy, and from mourning to festivity, and from deep darkness to great light and from bondage to redemption. Let us therefore recite before Him Halleluyah, Praise Yahuah!

Reader 4:

Halleluyah - Praise Yahuah! Offer praise, you servants of Yahuah; praise the name of the Yahuah. May Yahuah's name be blessed from now and to all eternity. From the rising of the sun to its setting, Yahuah's name is praised. Yahuah is high above all nations, His glory is over the heavens. Who is like the Yahuah, our God, who dwells on high yet looks down so low upon heaven and earth! He raises the poor from the dust, He lifts the needy from the dunghill, to seat them with nobles, with the nobles of His people. He restores the barren woman to the house, into a joyful mother of children. Halleluyah - praise Yahuah.

Reader 5:

When Israel went out of Egypt, the House of Jacob from a people of a foreign language, Judah became His holy one, Israel His dominion. The sea saw and fled, the Jordan turned backward. The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like young sheep. What is with you, O sea, that you flee; Jordan, that you turn backward? Mountains, why do you skip like rams; hills, like a pool of water, the flint-stone into a spring of water.

Reader 6:

Blessed are You, Yahuah, our God, King of the universe, who has redeemed us and redeemed our fathers from Egypt, and enabled us to attain this night to eat matzah and maror. So too, Yahuah, our God and God of our fathers, enable us to attain other holidays and festivals that will come to us in peace with happiness in the rebuilding of Your city, and with rejoicing in Your service.

Reader 7:

We look forward to the day of the return of the Messiah, when your temple will be rebuilt and your services will again be performed in the earth. Then we shall eat of the sacrifices and of the Passover-offerings whose blood is a memorial to the sacrifice of your son Yehosuah; and we shall thank You with a new song for our redemption and for the deliverance of our souls. Blessed are You, Yahuah, who redeemed Israel.

All:

Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Drink the cup in a reclining position (if possible).