

Praise-making, More Wine-drinking & Cup #4

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Give thanks to God, who is good. Give thanks to the God of gods. Give thanks to the one who alone does great wonders, who made the heavens, who spread out the earth upon the waters, who made the great lights and the sun to govern the day, the moon and stars to govern the night; who struck down the firstborn of the Narrow Places and brought Israel out from among them with a mighty hand and outstretched arm; who divided the Sea of Reeds asunder and brought Israel through the midst of it, but swept Pharaoh's army into the sea; who led the Israelites through the wilderness; who struck down many great and mighty kings... who remembered us in our low estate and freed us from our enemies; who gives food to every creature. Give thanks to the God of heaven: God's love endures forever . – *Psalm 136*

I am God - and I will take you as my own people *and* I will be your God
– Exodus 6:7

(This is why the rabbis couldn't agree on if there should be four or five cups at the seder as there are two promises listed in this verse)

Prepare to drink the fourth 3.5 to 4.5 oz cup of sweet red wine (white only if you really have to). While drinking or eating this evening, liberally leaning to the left is a reminder of royalty from ancient times.

בְּרוּכָה אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ רוֹמֵם הָעוֹלָם בּוֹרֵאת פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן

Blessed are you, God, ruler of the universe: who creates the fruit of the vine.