

Bad People

(Sermon Notes)

Last Day of Unleavened Bread

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These are trying times for the People of God.

Today is the Last Day of Unleavened Bread and it **pictures** our coming completely **out** of sin.

God's Church People have been shattered and scattered over the face of the earth for some time now.

We have some difficult challenges to face as a people.

We, as a Church People, have been segregated by doctrine, distance and division.

* **Division** has no place in God's Church.

Jesus prayed five times the night before He died for Unity among the brethren.

John 17:

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, **that they may be one**, as we are.

Throughout the Scriptures a universal theme is, "A Unity of the Spirit."

There are those of a different spirit with whom no unity is possible; tares, false preachers, false teachers, false ministers.

Yes, Jesus told us to be very wary of false teachers – especially in these latter days – men who would pretend to be shepherds of the flock – seeking a following after themselves.

False ministers desire the power and control and separate brethren from the greater flock which is the entire Spirit lead brethren of the Church of God.

If we are close to God, the false shepherds will reveal themselves by their **false doctrine of separation** and division of God's people.

Any minister who tells you to have no fellowship with the other brethren of God's Church is teaching the **false** doctrine of separation.

In today's sermon we will not be looking at that danger to the brethren that comes from without – but we will be looking at a **danger** that comes from **within us**.

There is another **division** within God's Church that has continued down through the centuries – and that is the division that comes when some brethren think they are **better** or more **privileged** than other brethren.

How many ministers are calling for the unity of the brethren – not of their group alone – but of all those members of the Body of Christ in the entire Church of God?

This problem of "**Us and Them**" is widespread among the people of God. There is an "Us versus Them" problem in the church.

Today we will be looking at the meaning of the Last day of Unleavened Bread with regard to some of those we consider to be "**bad people**."

Let's try to see the issue from God's perspective.

Today is the Last day of Unleavened Bread, when Israel passed through the Red Sea.

Today is a **solemn** assembly to the LORD thy God. (**Deuteronomy 16:8**)

The Biblical picture goes far beyond having been Unleavened for the last seven days – as far as bread is concerned.

The problem is that in these Laodicean times – far too many of our brethren have been more concerned with putting the **physical** leaven out of our homes – than in removing the **spiritual** leaven **within** our lives.

Unleavened Bread pictures the perfect righteousness of Sincerity and Truth – Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 5:

8 Therefore let us keep the Feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

These days picture – with precision – that it is Jesus who is leading us out of spiritual Egypt.

Rahab was a harlot.

We all know that prostitutes are bad people. They are not kinda' bad – they are real bad. So bad that we who are not prostitutes can all say, "hiss hiss" at them.

Joshua 2:

1 And Joshua [who had replaced Moses as God's leader of Israel] the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men [Joshua and Caleb] to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into a **harlot's** house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

Now, perhaps God has included this account of a prostitute in the Scripture in order to teach us that His perspective of people is not the same as our point of view.

Especially in the Church we had better be careful of looking at some others as bad people.

Josephus and other Biblical scholars describe her as an innkeeper.

She was also a business woman, very well known in Jericho, a woman of some means, a call-girl, hooker, streetwalker, lady of the night, courtesan, escort, concubine, or possibly a temple prostitute. Her profession seems to have been recognized and accepted by the Canaanites. Was she the madam of a house of ill-repute or was she business woman in a man's world?

She is called a harlot, and that is all we can see – until we look at her entreatableness; until we see her real character; until we see the actions that she takes; until we see her **belief**; until we see her **faith** in God!

Quite possibly, Rahab ran an inn frequented by lots of travelers where the spies would be little noticed and – at the same time they would be able to get the lay of the land.

One thing for sure – the spies was that it would be impossible to conquer Jericho's massive walls without the help of God.

But what possible use could God have for a Lying Gentile Prostitute? She is a "bad person." Why does God use her?

Joshua 2:

2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to night of the children of Israel to search out the country.

Joshua 2:

6 But she had brought the [spies] up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

She would help them to safety; they, in turn, had to spare her and her family.

Notice the Faith of Rahab. Rahab gave recognition to Jesus Christ – God of the Old Testament.

Joshua 2:

9 And she said unto the men [the spies], I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

Rahab harkens back 40 years to this self same day – the Last day of Unleavened Bread - the time that the children of Israel passed through the Red Sea as they were coming out of Egypt!

This is a picture of **deliverance** for the people of God.

Notice the Faith Rahab had in God's Plan – the absolute belief that it was a sure thing.

Joshua 2:

10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water [40 years before] of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

She knew about the parting of the Red Sea, and the destruction of the Egyptian army. It had been more than 40 years since God had led Israel out of Egypt, but the fear of the people was still fresh.

Rahab had even learned God's name YHVH.

Joshua 2:

11 And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD [YHVH] your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath. [This is a declaration of Faith.]

God had led the spies to Rahab's house. There is more being worked out here than meets the eye. Rahab was absorbed and fascinated by the victorious accounts of Israel and she believed in Israel's God.

She understood that these enemy spies were on a mission for the God of Israel.

Joshua 2:

12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have showed you kindness, that ye will also show kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:

"Please save us when God gives you the victory," she plead.

Joshua 2:

13 And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

14 And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

Rahab's establishment included the top floor where she hid the two Israelitish spies.

Joshua 2:

15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

Joshua 2:

- 18** Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window [red light district – and all Israel knew to protect the family that came out from that window] which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee.
- 19** And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.
- 20** And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear.
- 21** And she said, According unto your words, so be it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.
- 22** And they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, [the spies hid out till the coast was clear] until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought them throughout all the way, but found them not.
- 23** So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over [they crossed the Jordan River], and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all things that befell them:

The spies got back just in time – as Joshua was ready to come across the Jordan early the next morning.

Joshua 2:

- 24** And they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

Compare these verses with what is going to take place at the time of the Tribulation – Satan's wrath – followed by the Day of the Lord – the Wrath of the Lord. The world will not survive.

Joshua 3:

- 11** Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passes over before you into Jordan.
- 12** Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.
- 13** And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap. [Piling up – God with them.]

The Jordan River backed up as though it had been dammed up. It was a miraculous event – and at the exact right time and place.

The greatest series of earthquakes to hit in the history of the United States of America happened 200 years ago not too far from Little Rock, Arkansas. Some of the earthquakes measured 8.1 on the Richter scale. It was a momentous event – everyone was touched by it. One earthquake caused bells to ring in church towers in Boston, Massachusetts, eleven-hundred miles away!

The series of American earthquakes hit in late 1811 and early 1812. Specifically, a "thrust fault uplift" dammed the Mississippi River early on the morning of Feb. 7, 1812.

There were temporary waterfalls where the Mississippi River ran backwards. It happened when an earthquake fault line created a sudden dam 30 feet high near New Madrid, Missouri where Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas come together.

In the known history of the world, no other earthquakes have lasted so long or produced so much evidence of damage as the New Madrid earthquakes.

The Jordan drying up was a great miracle.

Joshua 3:

- 14** And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;
- 15** And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overflowed all its banks all the time of harvest,)
- 16** That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho.
- 17** And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

We have the same picture here as 40 years before when God opened the Red Sea for the Children of Israel to be delivered from Egyptian bondage.

1 Corinthians 10:

- 1** Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

This took place on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread!

1 Corinthians 10:

- 2** And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- 3** And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
- 4** And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock **was Christ**.

Joshua 4:

- 22** Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.
- 23** For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:
- 24** That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.

What use could God possibly have for a Lying Gentile Prostitute like Rahab? Brethren, we do not yet have God's perspective – do we? On this Last Day of Unleavened Bread – many who are self-righteous forget that it is Jesus Christ who **delivers** and **saves** us out of sin.

***1 John 2:**

- 2** Jesus Christ is the propitiation [payment, compensation, expiation, atonement] for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

- * Brethren, let me warn us of a **dangerous smugness** that is pervasive within the Church of God – that believes that God is excluding everyone who is not in their particular clique or group.
- * This is our “Red Sea” that must be crossed on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread – coming completely out of Sin.
- * This is our “Walls of Jericho” that must be knocked flat on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread – coming completely out of Sin.

We, as individuals are growing according to how much God is daily involved spiritually, in our lives. A personal relationship with God is what matters.

But, we must be careful and not say, “My Father,” but “Our Father.” People sometimes think, “I’ve got a relationship with God – it’s you and Me Lord.” “I’ve got no use for some brethren in my congregation and especially in the other groups.”

In effect, they are saying, “If I don’t have any use for those people – then God must not have any use for them either.”

Matthew 7:

1 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

When brethren have a problem, brethren, we are our **brother’s keeper**. Cain was lying!

Galatians 1:

4 Jesus Christ gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

Again, Today is the Last day of Unleavened Bread, when Israel passed through the Red Sea.

Hebrews 11:

29 By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.

30 By faith the walls of **Jericho fell down**, after they were compassed about seven days.

That sounds like **all** the walls fell down...

But not the section where Rahab and her family were holed up, remember **Joshua 2:15**: Rahab’s house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

Rahab is one of only two women named in the Book of Hebrews as examples of Godly faith. Rahab believed in God.

* **Hebrews 11:**

31 By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them **that believed not**, when she had received the spies with peace.

James 2:

24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise also was not **Rahab the harlot** justified by works, when she had received the messengers [*aggelos* - angels], and had sent them out another way?

Notice that James calls the spies by the same word that is used for ‘angels,’ – and ‘messengers’ is the correct translation.

While the identity of the two spies is not specifically given, we can surmise that one of them was Salmon, the son of Judah's tribal leader, Nahshon. (**Numbers 1:7; 2:3**). Nahshon had died in the wilderness, and his son Salmon would have taken his place.

Rahab married Salmon. From David would descend the Savior of all mankind, Jesus Christ. Rahab was a mother in the lineage of the Messiah.

Salmon of the princely line in Judah, the royal tribe of Israel, became the husband of Rahab as we shall see in Matthew 1:4-5.

Chapter 5 of Joshua is about circumcision before taking possession of the Promised Land. What are we to gather from this account of the circumcision of a nation?

* Unless we truly have an active, viable, on-going covenant with God we will not enter into His Kingdom.

Joshua 6:

3 And ye shall compass the city, all ye men of war, and go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do **six days**.

That was up to yesterday. Six days of unleavened Bread have passed. Six thousand years of history are completed – virtually over with. Now only the millennium remains before us...

Now we come to today: the Last day of Unleavened Bread.

Joshua 6:

4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven trumpets of rams' horns: and the **seventh day** [That is today – the seventh day of Unleavened Bread] ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets.

Here is the **Shout of the Lord** that will be heard just as we go into the World tomorrow.

Joshua 6:

5 And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a **great shout**; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend up every man straight before him.

Look at what this day pictures:

1 Thessalonians 4:

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Satan's system crumbles before the Shout of the Lord.

God's people are spared:

Joshua 6:

15 And it came to pass on the **seventh day**, [today] that they rose early about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city **seven times**.

16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city.

17 And the city shall be accursed, even it, and all that are therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers [spies] that we sent.

There is **Nothing** in this world that is worth keeping – this is Satan’s world.

Joshua 6:

18 And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing, lest ye make yourselves accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it.

Joshua 6:

* **20** So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the **wall fell down flat**, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

23 And the young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them outside the camp of Israel.

24 And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: [I’ve seen very old burnt remains at Jericho and archeologist confirm this] only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD.

25 And **Joshua saved Rahab** the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwells in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

‘Joshua’ is the exact same word as ‘Jesus.’ Thirty-four hundred years ago **Jesus saved Rahab**.

God was working out so much on this LDUB that could not be seen... And Yet Rahab saw it – she believed that God was working out His tremendous Plan – and that it was sure to come to pass.

Deuteronomy 16:

8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on **the seventh day** shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work therein.

The seventh day pictures a prophetic event – so big – people will forget the exodus! On this day the Israelites crossed through the Red Sea.

1 Corinthians 10:

6 Now these things were our examples.

1 Corinthians 10:

11 Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

Unleavened Bread pictures coming out of sin – getting away from this World. Israel could not see where they were going. Can we? We cannot remain in sin – and – go into the Promised Land.

Israel relied on their numbers and strength and military. Do we rely on men, organizations, special knowledge and wisdom? Or do we rely, totally and completely on Jesus Christ.

There is not going to be any place to hide – like we saw in Jericho. This time is coming soon!

Ezekiel 33:

28 For I will lay the **land most desolate**, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.

Think of the USA. Picture the World Trade Center Towers on the morning after 9/11 – just a heap of useless rubble – not one person left alive in either building.

Consider Jericho on the morning after the Days of Unleavened Bread – nothing but ash and ruin – not one left alive. None of the accursed thing will be carried over into the World Tomorrow.

Ezekiel 33:

29 Then shall they know that I am the LORD, when I have laid the land **most desolate** because of all their abominations which they have committed.

Ezekiel was not taken seriously, like God's true ministers are largely ignored.

Ezekiel 33:

31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but **they will not do them**: for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goes after their covetousness.

They are all too comfortable. Are we also too comfortable?

Ezekiel 33:

32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, **but they do them not**.

Don't you know that before they perished they were telling themselves all the usual things: We can't all be wrong. We are God's people – and we are much better people than the Pagans.

We want our church leaders to think highly of us. We are Abraham's children. We are the children promise.

As we saw in verse :31 with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goes after their covetousness. As we saw in verse :32 for they hear thy words [Lord], **but they do them not**.

In the parable of the Ten Virgins we can see where the Church of God is today – in the time just before Jesus returns to establish His Father's Kingdom of the earth.

Matthew 25:

- 6** And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.
- 7** Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
- 8** And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
- 9** But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
- 10** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
- 11** Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
- 12** But He answered and said, Verily I say unto you, **I know you not**.
- 13** Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man comes.

1 Corinthians 11:

- 27** Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily [irreverently], shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.
- 28** But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.
- 29** For he that eats and drinks unworthily [irreverently], eats and drinks damnation to himself, **not discerning the Lord's body**.

This phrase is most important – because we are going to decide, “Who’s **Bad people**, and who’s **Good people**.”

- * When we look around the congregation – especially at Passover – we had better be considering **everyone** there the same way that God regards them.

The phrase “not discerning the body” is not a reference to the tortured body of Jesus, but a reference to “body” of Church brethren who constitute the Body of Christ.

“The body” is a reference to the spiritual Body of believers. When we partake of the bread that symbolizes His body, we become a part of the **spiritual** Body of believers who are also “in Christ,” and who also have the Father and the Son dwelling in them.

Now the question becomes, what does it mean to “discern” the body. The word “discern” means to separate or distinguish.

“Discern” means to see the difference between two or more things and be partial to one.

The Greek word here, '*diakrino*,' means essentially the same thing - it means to make a separation or a distinction; or to **evaluate** between two or more things, and become partial to one.

'*Diakrino*,' means to differentiate and decide.

1 Corinthians 11:

- 29** tells us that if we do not discern, or make a **correct distinction with regard to the spiritual Body**, we will partake of the Passover in an irreverent manner.

So the way that we “discern the Body” is to distinguish it in our minds from what is **not** part of the Body, which is the rest of the uncalled, unconverted humanity of the world.

'*Diakrino*' here, means to show partiality to the Body as a whole, rather than making distinctions within the Body.

- * The problem in the Corinthians congregation was that they were making distinctions about people **within** the Body, and thus some people were **highly esteemed**, and others were **despised** and looked down upon – as **Bad People**. That is absolutely wrong and improper.

*So what Paul is saying here is that when it came time to take the Passover, they were in danger of eating and drinking **judgment** [condemnation] **to themselves**, because they were **not** being partial to the Body as a whole. There is no more sacrifice for anyone who does not repent of that attitude (**Hebrews 10:26**).

Those were God's people – those are our people – our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Corinthian congregation was **not** being partial to the brethren as a **whole**. Some of the Corinthians were holding some in high esteem while looking down and despising others as **Bad People**, when God did not value them differently – they were **all** very important to God.

Here is the problem. Some were looking around the congregation to see who was **most worthy** of their attention and they were **dismissive** and rude to those who did not measure up to their own high evaluation of themselves.

“I don't want to have anything to do with them, they are not worthy of my attention, I don't want to sit by them, I don't want to eat with them, and I don't want them washing my feet – let alone me washing their feet.”

This is a problem because God does not evaluate people as carnal men do. Note the example of Rahab.

In the world, an object's **value** is largely determined by what someone is willing to pay for it. Bubble gum is cheap – diamonds are expensive.

What is your value? You are a Christian. Think about the value that you have, **based on** what the Father and the Son together were willing to **pay** for you. What are you **worth** in the eyes of God? What is your value?

Think about the incomparable worth of the **life's blood** of the perfect and sinless Son of God, Jesus Christ. That is an inestimable price – paid for us!

Think about the Creator's supreme act of self-condescending in stooping to take on the form of a flesh and blood human, and then giving up that life as a payment for our sins.

His Life for ours – shows our value – what we are worth to Him.

His inestimable, infinite, Life given in payment for the debt of your sin... it is impossible for a man to even consider but, it should give us at least some idea of our value to Them.

So Paul is telling the Corinthians that they are treating some of the brethren shamefully and shoddily **whom** God **esteems and cherishes** very, very highly.

If that is how they normally conduct themselves, when it comes time to be in fellowship with Jesus Christ through the Passover, they were in danger because they were not truly appreciating Christ's sacrifice.

They were not recognizing the God-given and tremendous worth of all of the others who were in Christ.

* There are large church groups who **will not** instruct their members to highly value all the other members of the Body of Christ. They are not recognizing the tremendous worth of all who are in Christ. By their actions they are not discerning the Lord's Body. Christ's Body is the entire set of Spirit led brethren all around the earth.

It is a contradiction, and an impossibility, to deeply appreciate and value the sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Savior, while at the same time devaluing parts of His spiritual Body - the brethren.

* This is our “Red Sea,” this is our “Walls of Jericho” that must be overcome and conquer them. Jesus desires His people be one – why do we resist? We have all got to reach out to all the others.

We have got to get out of our comfort zone of “my church group, my friends, my people, my choir, my pot lucks, my leading men,” to the exclusion of all the other brethren.

- * Simply put, if there are spiritual members, church brethren, who we think they we are **too good** to fellowship with, we are not holding Jesus Christ's sacrifice in proper esteem and reverence.

1 Corinthians 11:

- 30 For this cause many are **weak** and **sickly** among you, and many **sleep**.
- 31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

Too many of God's people have let down. Let's go over to Jeremiah 23 in closing – this is going to happen.

The world doesn't know it yet.

Jeremiah 23:

- 5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.
- 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR **RIGHTEOUSNESS**. [Unleavened Bread pictures the perfect righteousness of Sincerity and Truth – Jesus Christ.]

In these Days of Unleavened Bread we are always reminded of the Children of Israel coming out of Egypt – crossing the Red Sea and heading for the Promised Land.

God says that the soon coming deliverance of the seed of the house of Israel will cause that event to pale into insignificance.

Jeremiah 23:

- 7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall **no** more say, The LORD lives, which brought up the **children of Israel** out of the land of Egypt;
- 8 But, The LORD lives, which brought up and which led the **seed of the house of Israel** out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

This is speaking of the soon coming **Future Exodus** – Exodus #2 at the time of return of Jesus Christ.

Joel 2:

- 28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

How many more days do we have to come out of the World – and be prepared to follow Jesus into the Kingdom of God?