

Passover Preparation:

The Humble Act of Footwashing



Why do we wash each other's feet at Passover? Let's learn more about what Christ did with His disciples.

Read John 13:1, 4-6, 12-17.

13 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

¹⁶ Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

¹⁷ If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

What does it mean to be humble?

Circle other words for “humility”.

haughty	showy	contrite
simple	lowly	modest
proud	meekness	respectful
submissive	arrogant	unassuming
boastful	conceited	gentle

Imagine the Creator of the Universe washing the feet of His creation! He served with humility and not long after that, gave His life for us.

Read I Peter 5:6-7.

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

⁷ Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

We are to come before God on Passover with great respect and humility. We are also to be humble with one another. The footwashing part of the Passover ceremony depicts this.

Why humility?

- **So God can _____ us. Read Matthew 18:4 & 23:12**

Matthew:

⁴Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

¹²And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

People who are not humble cannot be taught.

- **So He can prepare our _____ to be in covenant with Him. Read Psalm 10.**

Why standest thou afar off, O LORD? why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?

²The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.

³For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.

⁴The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.

⁵His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight: as for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.

⁶He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved: for I shall never be in adversity.

⁷His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

⁸He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages: in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor.

⁹ He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.

¹⁰ He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall by his strong ones.

¹¹ He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it.

¹² Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble.

¹³ Wherefore doth the wicked contemn God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it.

¹⁴ Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless.

¹⁵ Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none.

¹⁶ The LORD is King for ever and ever: the heathen are perished out of his land.

¹⁷ LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

¹⁸ To judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress.

Preparing yourself prior to Passover is essential for coming close to God in entering into covenant with Him for another year.

- **So He can create in us a _____ heart & renew a proper _____ within us. Read Psalm 51:10-19.**

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹ Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

¹² Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

¹³ Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

¹⁵ O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

¹⁶ For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

¹⁸ Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

¹⁹ Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

What kind of heart does God desire?

- **So He can give us _____ & unmerited pardon. Read James 4:6-7 and Prov. 3:34.**

⁶ But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

³⁴ Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

What are we to do to stay close to God?

- So He can give us _____ life. Read Proverbs 22:4.

⁴By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

What does God promise in return for fear & humility toward Him?

As we wash one another's feet, it as is Jesus were washing our feet. We become one with Christ through His spirit as we wash one another's feet. That is how important footwashing is.

What is your attitude before God?

What do you need to do before Passover to properly prepare your heart, mind, & attitude?



Footwashing Humility

Find the words in the puzzle below.

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HUMILITY
LOWLY
CREATOR
PREPARATION

FOOTWASHING
SERVICE
RESPECT
EXAMPLE

SERVICE
PASSOVER
COVENANT
CLEANSE