

## Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread

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We have entered into another Holy Day season. The annual Holy Days that Mr. Armstrong came to understand by the revelation of God to Christ to Mr. Armstrong outlines God's plan of salvation for mankind. It is through annual Holy Days we can come to completely understand what God's purpose is for mankind. With the obedient observance of the annual Holy Days, we can move one step away from the deception that Satan has showered on the world and into a clearer understanding of who and what God and His purpose is for mankind.

Satan has used a false religion to expand his deception into the world. It can be referred to as false Christianity. The early Church taught and kept the Holy Days. Today, we have a better understanding of God's plan because God's truth is progressive, meaning it is always moving forward. We know more today than the early Church, and we should always be thankful for that.

The annual observance outlined by God starts with Passover that we just observed. The Passover is not a Holy Day, but it is the beginning, the beginning of God's plan of salvation, and nothing is possible without observing it. If we do not observe the Passover and understand what it means then we will not be able to understand the other annual Holy Days. It is through Christ, our Passover, that all things are possible.

Immediately following the Passover observance, we are given the Days of Unleavened Bread. The Days of Unleavened Bread are for seven days, with a holy convocation commanded on the first day and on the last day. Prior to observing the Days of Unleavened Bread, we are commanded to remove all products with leavening in them from our homes. We observe all seven days by not eating anything with leavening in it, and we are commanded to eat unleavened bread every day to remind us of what it represents to us – the putting of sin out of our lives.

The title of today's sermon is *Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread*.

As we start today's sermon, let's take a look at some of the scriptures that talk about the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread, both in the Old Testament and the New. God's word gives specific instructions and specific times; God leaves nothing to chance or accident.

Let's turn over to **Exodus 12:1—Now, the Eternal spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons. According to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb.**

The Israelites were still in Egypt, and slaves, when God told Moses when the new year was to begin. At the time that God is revealing this to Moses, He is letting Moses know the month they are currently in is the first month of the year. God then goes on to let Moses know that on a specific day, the tenth day, the Israelites are to take a lamb or goat for their household, and if necessary, they are to combine households so that all of the lamb is eaten. God shows great attention to details, and He is very careful and precise in what He is explaining to Moses. This is a representation of part of God's character; everything God does is perfect and done in perfect timing.

Let's now drop down to **verse 6**, and this tells us how the Passover is to be kept. **Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at sunset.** This is referring to the lamb or goat. The Israelites were to keep the lamb or goat until the 14<sup>th</sup> day, and at sunset, the lamb was to be killed.

God had further instructions for the Israelites. Going on in **verse 7—And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat.** We now see that God has told the Israelites that they are to take some of the blood of the lamb and put it on the doorposts and the support across the top of the door.

We now read in verse 12 why they were to put the blood on the doorpost and the lintel. **Verse 12—For I shall pass through the land of Egypt on that night and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment. I am the Eternal. Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and then the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.**

It was to be a sign to God that the household that applied the blood as He had commanded was being obedient to His instructions. By doing so, the plague that was pronounced by God to destroy all the firstborn of Egypt, would not harm the firstborn in the houses with the blood. This is a great lesson for us. God protected the household from death for obeying Him. God also protects us today if we obey Him. We are protected physically according to His will and what is best for us, but more importantly, we are protected spiritually. If we obey God, we will not lose His truth.

Now, let's notice in verse 5 of Exodus 12, God not only tells the Israelites when this is to be done and why it is to be done, but He explains exactly what type of lamb or goat. It is to be a male in his first year, to be without blemish (to be without flaw). **Verse 5—Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.** We know that Christ was born to be the Passover. This was the part of God's plan so that all mankind could have the opportunity to be born into the Family of God. Christ was the lamb without blemish.

Let's turn over to **1 Peter 1:18—knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious**

**blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish, without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world but was manifest in these last times for you.**

Before the world as we know it was created, God had a plan. God was going to produce a Family, the Family of God, Elohim. Those whom God calls will have a chance to be born into that Family, but unfortunately, we are filled with human nature, and we sin. God cannot be around sin, so God made a way to take away the sins of mankind. God gave mankind the Passover, His only begotten Son, Joshua the Christ.

The Passover would be the first step in His plan of salvation. Joshua was conceived by Mary, flesh and blood, and by God through His holy spirit. He was born of Mary, flesh and blood like you and I, yet he did not sin. Joshua the Christ was without blemish, without spot. His character was impeccable. Other words you can use for “impeccable” are “flawless, faultless, perfect, ideal, pure, moral,” and “sinless.”

On Christ’s last night, he kept the Passover with the disciples, and he instituted new symbols for the Passover. Christ was to fulfill the role of the lamb, and he taught the disciples new symbols that going forward the Church would keep.

Turn over to **John 13:2—And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him. Joshua, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside his garments, took a towel, and girded himself. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded.**

Joshua, by his example, was showing the disciples what they were to do on Passover going forward. The Church today continues to do as Joshua taught the disciples, and that is why we have just observed and kept the Passover in this manner.

The washing of each other's feet is to show a state of humility. God desires we be of a humble and contrite spirit, loving each other and not being ashamed to wash each other's feet. It is a demonstration of our love for one another. And for those who physically cannot get down to wash someone else’s feet, whether it be because of health or age, you are demonstrating your love for one another too. It is love for each other to not want to fall and possibly hurt self and cause others to be concerned.

Let’s drop down now to verse 12. Christ tells us why he washed the disciples' feet. **Verse 12—So when he had washed their feet, taken his garments, and sat down again, he said to them, Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.**

Christ is telling the disciples how they are to treat each other – just like he treated them. We know that later Christ tells them that one of the greatest things that they can do is to give their lives for each other. We are to do the same thing and have the same heartfelt attitude.

There were two other examples Christ gave this same night following the foot washing that we are to observe on Passover. He was establishing how the Passover was to be kept going forward.

Turn over to 1 Corinthians 11:23. We will read the instructions given by Paul. **1 Corinthians 11:23—For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you. And the Lord Joshua on the same night in which he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of me. In the same manner he also took the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.**

Today, the Church does not kill a lamb and roast it. Today, the Church does as Christ did on his last night. We wash each other's feet, we eat unleavened bread, and drink wine in remembrance of our Passover, Joshua the Christ.

**Verse 26—For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till he comes.** We are to do this every year at the time God had designated to Moses.

**Verse 27—Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.**

Before Passover, we are to reflect on self. This is a time to make sure we are right with everyone in the Body. We are to make sure that you have no animosity towards anyone. We know that we are to love each other with an unconditional love, God's love, agape. We are to be reminded that everyone who is baptized and repenting of sin is in the Body of Christ. If we are not loving each other and everyone in the Body, we are not loving God and Christ. We are then not worthy to take the Passover. If we do it with the wrong attitude and the wrong spirit we are taking it in vain.

**Verse 30—For this reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.** Brethren, before Passover, we are to judge self and not each other. We all stand individually before God. To examine ourselves before Passover is a must, but it does not end there. We should be examining ourselves every day, and the Days of Unleavened Bread is seven days to focus on just that.

As we are reflecting on Passover before we reflect on the Days of Unleavened Bread, we should be remembering if we did not have the Passover and what it means; we could not move on to the Days of Unleavened Bread and the other annual Holy Days that follow throughout the rest of the year.

Turn over to **Hebrews 4:14—Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Joshua the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

Joshua was flesh and blood and was tempted like us, yet he did not sin. He was the lamb with no blemish. Joshua the Christ, the Son of God is the reason why we can go directly to God the Father and obtain audience in the Holy of Holies, to confess our sins and ask for forgiveness, to ask for the help to come out of this world of chaos and deception, and to stay focused on why we are here – to become a part of Elohim. Any time we are in need we can go to God through Christ.

Turn over to **Romans 8:31—What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?** That verse right there is everything, because God Almighty is for us. He is there for us and protecting us and guiding us if, and that's a big IF, we are working with Him. We have to do our part too. We have to examine self just like the Days of Unleavened Bread teach us, and when we find sin repent of it quickly.

God leads us by giving all to Joshua, the Passover, who then gives it to the Church through His apostle. If God is the one giving all to us to be able to achieve what He gave us to do, then who can possibly be against us? We cannot be defeated with the help of God. And that includes self, because we truly are our own enemy.

**Verse 32—He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall He not with him also freely give us all things?** God gave His only begotten Son to be the Passover so He could freely give us all things. God wanted to give us His plan and He wanted us to share in it, and it starts with the Passover and then goes directly into the Days of Unleavened Bread and so on.

**Verse 33—Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.** Joshua the Christ died and was in the grave three days and three nights exactly. Another example of God's perfect timing. He now sits at the right hand of God as our intercessor. He intervenes on our behalf with the Father.

Dropping down to **verse 38—For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Joshua the Christ our Lord.** It

is because of the love of God that we are able to go from the Passover to the Days of Unleavened Bread and to start to come out of sin. The only thing that can separate us from God is our unrepented sin.

We are to keep the Passover every year at its appointed time. God wants us to be reminded of His plan for mankind. By observing this every year, we have a new opportunity to reflect and meditate on it, and I can guarantee you, grow in it.

As we start to reflect on the Days of Unleavened Bread, we know we start by removing the leaven out of our homes prior to the days of Unleavened Bread, and then for seven days by eating unleavened bread every day we are learning in greater detail why.

Let's turn over now back to **Exodus 12:15—Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day, you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel. On the first day, there shall be a holy convocation, and on the seventh day, there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them; but that which everyone must eat—that only may be prepared by you.**

We are reminded every year that we are to have a holy convocation, a gathering with those of like mind to hear about the Days of Unleavened Bread. Every sermon we hear may be a little different but all giving us food in due season exactly as God has commanded it be done.

By keeping the Days of Unleavened Bread and the other Holy Days each year, we are showing our obedience to God and showing Him we are in complete agreement with what He has given to us. We are reflecting by action that we want to be in agreement with God's government.

**Verse 17—So you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for this same day I will have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore, you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance.** The keeping of the Days of Unleavened Bread does not end. We know that Christ and his disciples kept the Days of Unleavened Bread. We in God's Church know that we are to keep God's Holy Days forever.

**Verse 18—In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at sunset, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at sunset. For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses since whoever eats what is leavened that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or a native of the land. You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.**

The Israelites were cut off from the congregation of Israel if they ate leavening. This was physical. Today, the leavening represents sin to God's Church. If we eat the leavening, if we sin and do not repent of it, we are cut off from God. We also see that we are to eat unleavened bread. This is to remind us that we are to be without sin.

Let's turn over to **Leviticus 23:1—And the Eternal spoke to Moses, saying, Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, These are the appointed times of the Eternal, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations; these are My appointed times.** These appointed times given by God belong to God. It is God who gives the instructions of when and how. We, the Body of Christ, are to be assembled together before God. This is a commanded assembly just like the weekly Sabbath.

Dropping down now to **verse 6—And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the Eternal; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. On the first day, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. But you shall offer an offering made by fire to the Eternal for seven days. The seventh day shall be a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it.**

We have established when we are to be keeping the Days of Unleavened Bread, and we have established we are to be together being taught on the first and last day. The first and last day are Sabbaths. But what does the Days of Unleavened Bread mean to us? We know that the Days of Unleavened Bread are talking about bread that does not have leavening in it.

Turn over to **Deuteronomy 16:3—You shall eat no leavened bread with it; seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, that is, the bread of affliction (for you came out of the land of Egypt in haste), that we may remember the day in which you came out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life.** We are told that we are to remember coming out of the land of Egypt all the days of our lives.

We in the Church know that Egypt spiritually represents sin to us. As the Israelites were to remember coming out of Egypt where they were held in bondage, we too need to remember all the days of our life that God brought us out of sin. It states the Israelites left Egypt in haste, and we too should leave the sin we see quickly and without reservation. We do not want to be in bondage to sin.

As we reflect on God bringing us out of sin we need to remember a couple of very important things about that. Let's turn over to a very familiar scripture, John 6:44.

**John 6:44—No man can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.** We were called by God Almighty; only God can do the calling. This calling was calling us out of sin. The life we lived prior to God's calling was one of giving into human nature that we were born with, "the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life."

Because of our calling, we understand Romans 6:23, the other important thing we need to think about. I'll just read it to you. So, that's **Romans 6:23**, another very familiar scripture – **For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Joshua our Lord.** This is talking about unrepented sin and a spiritual death, not being able to become a part of the Family of God, Elohim.

The unleavened bread is the representation of putting sin out of our lives. By not being able to eat products with leavening, we have to make ourselves think about it. It takes a real effort to make sure

when we are out and about not to eat anything with leavening in it. This is how we should approach sin as well. We need to think before we act. We need to think before we speak.

Let's turn over to **1 Corinthians 5:6—Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?** Leaven represents being puffed up with pride. God cannot work with someone with pride. The examples of how leaven works have been discussed many times in the past. We know that the smallest amount of leavening when baking with it can give you a very clear picture of how a small amount of leavening can puff up a whole batch of dough. This example is to show us that even the smallest amount of sin can affect the whole body.

**Verse 7—Therefore, purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.** So, brethren, how do we become unleavened? Joshua, our Passover, was beaten and hung on a pole to die. He died for your sins, he died for my sins, he died for everyone's sins.

Hold your finger here and let's turn over to **1 Peter 2:21—For to this you were called—remember again, we were called by God Almighty Himself—because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow his steps.** Joshua the Christ was our perfect example, and while we are not perfect, we can strive every day to try to become more like our elder brother.

God has inspired so much in the pages of the Bible of what to do. We have been blessed to live in a world where sharing information is so easy. We have so many publications from God's two end-time apostles to read and learn and grow. We have much to help us become more like our elder brother. We can take all we have to God and ask for the help we need.

**Verse 22—Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in his mouth; who, when he was reviled, did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but committed himself to Him who judges righteously; and who himself bore our sins in his own body on a pole that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.**

Being very human and filled with human nature makes it virtually impossible for us to grasp that even when Christ was being beaten beyond recognition he did not even have a wrong thought about those who were beating him. Christ fulfilled his role obediently and righteously. Brethren, think of some of the stupid things that rile us up. Yes, just as I said, we are not perfect and we are far from it, but we need to be striving a little harder, especially as we reflect during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Returning now back over to **1 Corinthians 5:8—Therefore, let us keep the Feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.** Let's break that down.

What is malice? One definition is “the intention or desire to do evil or ill will.” It can mean being “spiteful, deliberately trying to hurt someone.” Sometimes we do this when we are being passive-aggressive. It can be having bitterness or wanting revenge because of jealousy.

And then, what is wickedness? One definition is “the quality of being evil or morally wrong; being filled with evil, iniquity, dishonesty, immorality, etc.” Both words defined, and the words that define them, are examples of unchecked human nature, the nature that so easily sins and transgresses God’s law. Those things, we are not to be. We are told to keep the Days of Unleavened Bread with sincerity, being free from deceit, being honest, and having integrity and truth, God’s truth, the truth that sets us free.

Let’s turn over to **Genesis 4:1—Now, Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, I have acquired a man from the Eternal. Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of the sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.** Cain and Abel were the first two humans to be born of parents, the first two children of Adam and Eve.

Going on now in **verse 3—And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Eternal. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and their fat. And the Eternal respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the Eternal said to Cain, Why are you angry? Why has your countenance fallen?**

Cain was angry and his countenance fell because he was jealous of Abel and his offering to God. He was jealous of the relationship that Abel was developing with God. Cain could have developed the same relationship, but he made the choice not to, yet he blamed Abel for it. He was not taking any self-responsibility for his attitude. There is no evidence of a broken and contrite heart, no evidence that he could be corrected.

**Verse 7—If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.** We know the outcome of this. God warned Cain that he needed to get his attitude right, but he chose not to do as God instructed. Cain gave into his human nature of selfishness and ignored Him. God warned him if he did not get it right sin would consume him because our human nature naturally wants to sin. It wants us to choose wrong and not choose God. Remember Paul tells us why in Romans.

Let’s turn over to **Romans 8:7—Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.** The only way our carnal mind can become subject to God is to repent of sin, which means to put sin out of our lives like we reflect and concentrate on during the Days of Unleavened Bread. When we repent we can have the flow of God’s holy spirit and that helps us to conquer the carnal mind. The human spirit in man can be helped by the spirit of God Almighty.

What can we do to come out of sin? That answer is personal to each one of us. Our sins, our weaknesses are just that, ours. We are the ones who have to truly examine our lives and find the sin that wants to take us like Cain's did him. We have been told that we are to work on our numbers one, two, and three, etc. That is up to you.

We know we have tools to help us. We have prayer. Our communication with God is everything. We need to cry to Him that we want His way of life. We know what we are, and so does He. But guess what? He wants us to change, and He wants to hear from us personally that we want to change, too.

We have fasting. We can use this tool to go to God in humility, asking for a contrite spirit that can be taught, that is willing to look in the mirror and say, "Yuck!" We can draw closer to God, and then He will draw closer to us.

And while we fast, we have many things to turn to. The Church website is full of things to read and study. We have several posts filled with God's inspired teachings. We have several books written by God's apostle to gleam through. And we all know the 57 truths are how we can learn more about our God.

We know that repentance is key in our success. To repent is to change. It is to admit that God is right, and we are wrong. We need to cry out to God every day for the help to overcome self, to overcome the world. We need to remind God we know that we need His spirit to change and that we must want to die before we sin. That does not mean a physical death, but the death of the old man we buried at baptism. Keep him under the water.

Tell God daily you love Him, and thank Him for our Passover, Joshua the Christ. Without our elder brother, we would not have the tools we have. We would not be able to admit our minds need to be healed. We would not be able to work on number one, number two, number three, and so on and so on. And when you tackle one, open your mind to the fact that a new one is coming. We will be working on ourselves until our last breath or our change. But that is okay, because after that, if we have done what we are supposed to do and given it our all, God will bless us with being born into the Family of Elohim.

Let's turn over to **Colossians 3:12—Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.** We are chosen by God, and we are loved. We are to be an example of the right way we should be living in this world. We are to be compassionate and kind to those we meet. We are to always be humble and wanting to seek change. We need to be gentle and patient with each other and ourselves. We need to be a representation of God. We are to reflect on this during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

It does not matter if you are listening to this on the first day of Unleavened Bread or the last. Remember as we keep the Days of Unleavened Bread we need to really reflect and remember this is not just one week out of the year that we repeat each year. If the week has passed and you did not reflect on this, start now.

What we do during this week (or the weeks that follow) we should do every day of our lives. We are to build upon it daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, our whole life. It is so very important to understand that every day is to fight our selfishness. We must fight to love one another the way God wants us to love each other.

God revealed to us His plan of salvation for mankind that starts with Passover, Joshua the Christ, who died so that we could be forgiven of our sins. Once baptized and forgiven of our sins we must continue to move forward and fight for this way of life. By keeping the Days of Unleavened Bread, we are reminded that sin puffs us up.

We know that we can become prideful if we choose something other than God. To continue our fight to the completion of God's plan of salvation we must have a humble and contrite spirit that can be corrected and forever changed. We must be as king David was so that God can work with us.

I'd like to turn over to Ephesians 6:10. The Days of Unleavened Bread reminds us for seven days we are to come out of sin. We know sin is what cuts us off and keeps us from having the relationship with God that we need. God does not leave us on our own. God gives us His help; He gives us His armor to wear.

**Ephesians 6:10—Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** You will note we are not told to put on some of the armor of God, but the whole armor. That is because every piece of God's armor is protecting something.

Living God's way of life is not half of something. It is all of something. We must give it our all, or as anyone going into battle with partial armor knows, you take the chance (and it is a big chance), you will die.

**Verse 12—For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

We are fighting things we cannot see. We are fighting Satan and his demons. We are fighting our stinking human nature that makes us like Satan, a selfish human being with a very sad existence. We need the full armor of God to fulfill the keeping of the Days of Unleavened Bread.

As we finish the Days of Unleavened Bread and leave our spiritual Egypt behind, we must look to the next Holy Day in God's plan of salvation. We look to fulfillment of the return of Joshua, our Passover, and the 144,000 to rule this world with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. We want to be a part of that, and the only way to do that is keep the Days of Unleavened Bread daily and keep the sin out of our lives. Put your whole trust in God. He loves you. We all will have all the strength we need to see this through. Fight until the fight is over.