## LESSON 5

# FEASTS (PART 1)

### **Worksheets**

- Bible Discovery Worksheet, Pages 1 and 2: Passover
- Life Application Worksheet #1: A Gift Without Blemish
- Life Application Worksheet #2: Keep Ourselves Free of Leaven
- Homework

#### **P**ASSOVER

Part 1

1. Since the Passover lamb had to be without blemish, that meant that Jesus Christ, the New Testament Passover Lamb, also had to be without blemish. In what ways was the Lord Jesus without blemish?

2. We have learned that in order to please God, we must offer the best that we have. What does this mean? What are some of the things that you can offer to God today?

Part 2

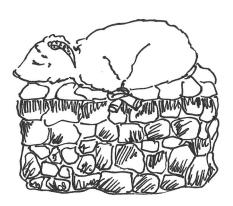
- 1. Jesus Christ suffered a great deal for us while He was in the world, experiencing a "fiery trial." Can you provide a few examples of the sufferings He endured?
- 2. Peter tells us that we need to share in the suffering of Christ in order to share in His glory to come. In what ways do we share in His suffering?



Part 3

1. The Jewish people continue to hold Passover every year, even today, to remember God's grace when He delivered them and brought them out of Egypt. Instead of Passover, we keep the Holy Communion on a regular basis. Why?

2. God commanded that only the circumcised were permitted to eat the Passover lamb. What are the restrictions we have for Holy Communion today, and why?



Part 4

- 1. Which characteristics do leaven and wickedness share?
- 2. Not only were the Israelites to avoid eating anything with leaven, but they were also commanded to clean their houses of any leaven during the feast. What does this represent in regards to how we should live our lives?

#### A Gift Without Blemish

Brother James got the opportunity to visit the church in UK for the first time. He was very excited to meet so many new brothers and sisters. When he arrived, the UK church members were very kind to him, bringing him around to sightsee and allowing him to live in the church for the duration of his stay.

James had always wanted a long wool coat, and he had heard from his friends that the UK sold coats that were very high quality, so, when he went, he prepared some money especially to buy such a coat. But after being so well received by the UK church, he was so moved that he wanted to offer some of the money that he had brought with him. At first, he was afraid that after offering, he would not have enough money to purchase the coat that he wanted, so he thought to himself, "Why don't I buy the coat first and offer the remaining money?" However, James thought about the teachings he had learned in RE class and about how the correct way to make an offering was always to put God first. So, he offered half of the money that he had brought.

Later, James went out to look for the coat that he wanted, but with only half of the money he had prepared. However, he believed that God would find a coat that was suitable for him, even though he didn't have much money left. Soon enough, he found a coat that he liked very much, but when he saw the price tag, it was a little bit over the amount of money that he had. However, sure that this was the coat for him, James examined it carefully, and found a button that was a little bit loose. When he brought it to the cashier, they agreed to give him a discount, since it was not in perfect condition! In the end, had James offered to the church after buying the coat, he would have bought the coat at a higher price.

From this experience, James learned that as long as he put God first, God would reward him for his efforts and take care of him.

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. How did the UK brothers move brother James?

2. Why did brother James decide to make an offering to God?



3. What is the difference between buying the coat first and then offering the rest, and offering first and then buying the coat?

God gave us the best that He had: He gave us His one and only Son Lord Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. So, when we think of giving something to God, we cannot but give only the best that we have in return, the same way the Passover lamb had to be without blemish.

#### **Keep Ourselves Free of Leaven**

Read each scenario in the left column and answer the questions in the right column.

Scenario	How should you act?
You take a cup down from the cabinet so that you can drink some chocolate milk, but because you aren't paying attention, you accidentally knock your sister's favorite cup over and break it. You quickly clean up the mess so that no one gets hurt. When your sister gets home, though, you hear her calling you and asking if you have seen her cup. You feel a little scared, because you know your sister has a bit of a temper, and she really values the cup.	Instead of lying, what should you say?  How does it relate to what we have learned today about the Passover feast?

After a long and tiring day at school, you return home happily, thinking that you can finally drink some refreshing tea from your favorite cup. But you find it broken on the kitchen table, and when you ask your brother, he meekly admits to breaking it accidentally. He apologizes profusely, even offering



to use some of his own small allowance to pay for a new one.
However, you know that the cup is irreplaceable and cannot be bought anywhere.

After learning about Passover, how can you bring yourself to forgive your brother?

On the way to Spiritual Convocation, you have a huge fight with your little brother in the car. Before Holy Communion, your teacher reminds you that

you must examine yourself before partaking of the bread and cup. Immediately, you think of the argument that you are having with your brother.



What should you do? What should you pray for during Holy Communion?

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## **Homework Assignment**

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