

Sermon ~ Sunday, August 1, 2021, by Pastor Dwight Benoit

Text: Luke 22: 7-13

Title: "Precious Memories!"

KJV ~ "Then came the day of unleavened bread, when the Passover must be killed.

-An **HE** sent Peter and John, saying, **Go and prepare us the Passover, that we may eat.**

-And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare?

-And he said unto them, **Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house where he entereth in.**

-**And ye shall say unto the goodman of the house, The MASTER saith unto thee, Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the Passover with MY disciples?**

-**And he shall show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.**

-And they went, and found as **HE** had said unto them: and they made ready the passover."

"Precious Memories!"

Memories are integral parts of our human cognition.

Memories help us to recall, to draw on past events.

Memories help to frame our understandings, our behavior, our present positive thoughts.

Memories help us make sense of the present and the future.

*Precious are my (our) memories of **The Church...**

-Pastor Herman Henry High... Pastor C. B. Baily... Pastor D. C. Coney...

-Brother... Deacon... Sister... Mother... Missionary...

*Saturdays were preparation Day for Sunday, **The LORD'S Day!** On Saturdays...

Clean the house, wash laundry (hung them on clothes lines),

Ironed clothes, mowed the yard,

Went to the Barber and you got your hair pressed

To some degree, cooking was done

Sunday—Church

*Songs sung – Glory, Glory, Hallelujah... when I laid my burdens down!

How Great **THOU** Art! What A Fellowship...

Children song – **JESUS**, Be a Fence All Around Me, Everyday...

*Deacon' Song and Pray during Devotion – (Repetitious)

Song: "Guide Me O **THY** Great **JEHOVAH**, I'm A Pilgrim Through This Barren Land"

Prayer: "**ALMIGHTY** and **ALL-Wise GOD**, our Heavenly **FATHER!**

"Tis, one more and again, just a few of **YOUR** handmaid servants,
come knee-bent and body bound.

We come as an empty picture before a full fountain. Please **LORD**, fill us today!

We don't come for any outside show, form, or fashion, as in this unfriendly world.

We come to worship **YOU** in spirit and in truth and to give **YOU** some humble Thanks.

So glad last night **YOU** watched over us, while we slumbered and slept. And our beds was not our cooling board, and our sheets was not our winding sheets.

Ooooh **LORD**...

Protocols...

- You did not play in The Church-house.
- Never enter the Pulpit without being invited by The Pastor.
- If you are seated in The Pulpit, you stood when a guest Pastor entered it.
- You never address the Pastor by his first name.
- You did not speak disparagingly about another Pastor or Church in front of lay members and surely not in front of children.
- Children are not allowed to run or play in the Pulpit.
- You obeyed the Usher' direction.
- The LORD Supper Table is Holy Furniture.

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Text... **JESUS**, said Luke 9: 51, "steadfastly set **HIS FACE** to go to Jerusalem." Knowing full well what would happen to **HIM** there. **HE** had an "appointment;" it was not "accident."

No matter what, we must remember, **JESUS**, did it for us (me)!

Text... it's the Passover Celebration... it commemorates, deliverance, out of Egyptian bondage. Deliverance from Pharaoh, to **The Promised MESSIAH**... It had strong political overtones, that's why King Herod and Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, were in Jerusalem instead of being at Tiberius and Caesarea. They knew **JESUS—The Promised MESSIAH** would be there. They wanted to keep (Peace)...

They and the religious leaders had cleansed their houses but not their hearts...

Judas, "being of the number of the twelve", vs. 3 said, "Then entered Satan into him..."

V. 4, "And he went his way, and communed with the chief priest and captains, so he might betray **JESUS** unto them." [This shows how close a person can come to **GOD'S KINGdom** and still be lost]. Why did he do it? I know it wasn't for thirty pieces of silver. Judas saw in **JESUS** the salvation of the Jewish nation, and he followed **JESUS** because he hoped to hold an office in **The KINGdom**. But when Judas understood that **JESUS** would not establish **The KINGdom**, but rather surrender to the authorities, he turned against **JESUS** in bitter retaliation. "Beware of who you become, in your pursuit of what you want!"

When we cooperate with Satan, we pay dearly. Judas went out to hang himself!

JESUS knew about the plots/plans. So, **JESUS** prepared for the Passover! Only **JESUS**, Peter and John, and the man in the city, knew where **The LORD Supper** would be instituted.

If we only *follow JESUS instruction* [advice] the location is settled... 'the man (an *anonymous* disciple) bearing a pitcher of water (a woman task) JESUS said, *follow* him... you want to have to ask, "say unto the good man of the house, **The MASTER** saith, Where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the Passover with **MY** disciples?"

While their Peter and John purchased and approved lamb and took it to the Temple to be slain and there made ready, the Passover.

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At that table **JESUS** said, "This Do, in remembrance of **ME**."

HE gave **HIS** *body* (suffering *sin's* penalty)

HE gave **HIS** *blood* (our only Redemptive price—**HIS Life**—to forgive us of our *sin* (*past*-penalty), *Sinning* (*present*-power) and out of *sin* (*presence*-future))

Our *memories* our be 3-fold...

JESUS *died* on **The Cross**—*Past*

JESUS *is* my **LORD** and **SAVIOR**—*Present*

JESUS *is* Coming Again—*Future*