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GOD'S INVITATION TO DINNER

From the Passover to Jesus' Last Supper

"I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God." (Exodus 6:6-7, NIV)

The first cup:

I. Kadaysh: The cup of sanctification.

The Promise: *"I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians."*

They would begin reciting the blessing of God. *"Blessed are you, oh God, the maker of the heavens and the universe and the giver of the fruit of the vine."*

- A. Sanctification means: To be set apart for what God has for us in His plan.
- B. One of the things He wants to set you free from is yourself.
- Jesus sets us free from our tears.

II. The breaking of the bread.

- A. The bread was broken into three pieces and the center piece torn in half and hidden in the room.
- B. The Passover story would be told.

Question: Why is this night different than all other night? (Ref. Exodus 12:12-13)

The Passover Dinner was about how God saved the firstborn son. The Lord's Supper is about how God gave His one and only Son, so all people, not just Israel, could have eternal life. So we could live the abundant life now and have heaven for all eternity. Jesus said, *"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my Word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."* (John 5:24) Now that's Passover!! You are born again unto eternal life. *"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives our fear, because fear has to do with punishment."* (1 John 4:18)

- Jesus sets us free from our fears.

III. The second cup: The cup of plagues.

- A. The Passover Meal.
- Jesus sets us free from sin and guilt.
- B. The Lord's Supper.

IV. The third cup: The cup of redemption. *"I will redeem you with an outstretched arm."*

- A. The word redemption means to buy freedom.
- B. This love will never be diminished.
- C. There was a final cup: A cup of praise.
- Jesus sets us free eternally.