

Week 22
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Transforming Daily
“ . . . this day shall be to you a memorial . . . ”
Exodus 12:14

Passover is the most revered and celebrated day in Judaism. It is the day that the Jews celebrate in memorial their ancestor's deliverance from the bondage of Egypt. Passover is a national, religious holy day. The Jews recognize the sovereign act of God according to His Word on their behalf.

The Jews faced bondage and oppression at the hand of the enemy of God. The nation of Israel was chosen to bring the name and awareness of God to all other nations. Through the Jews God brought a message regarding grace, redemption, liberty, justice and truth.

For the Christian community, through Christ, the assignment is the same. Our mission is to make all nations aware of God through Jesus Christ, His Son. The cross of Christ is our memorial for biblical grace, love, redemption, deliverance, justice, liberty and truth. Christ work upon the cross and His subsequent burial and resurrection is our victory over the enemy of God. The believer in Christ celebrates this victory, in memorial, corporately, every Sunday. It is further demonstrated through the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Today is Memorial Day in the United States of America. It is the holiday (holy day) that has been set aside to specifically honor all of the men and women who have given the ultimate human sacrifice of love by laying down their lives for others. Through their brave, courageous, selfless acts of love and service, you and I can live free and liberated from the bondage, oppression, and tyranny that many people of other countries live in everyday. I am proud to be an American, a citizen of the United States of America. I am proud of the men and women who have given their lives (and are presently serving) to secure that my family and I can live in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

God has blessed America, and for the time being, He continues to do so. The reason that He has blessed us is according to His good pleasure and sovereign purpose. The blessing continues in direct proportion to our regard for Him, His Word, His will and His ways. Other nations in the past have been blessed by His hand and ultimately turned from His grace. As a result, He turned from them. May that never be the testimony against the United States of America.

This nation was established by God fearing men and women who loved Him and His Word. Their desire was to honor Him in terms of righteous freedom, liberty and justice for all. The Bible was their guide, prayer was their first offence, humility was their confidence, faith was their assurance, and Christ was their strength. This is the basis for our heritage as citizens of the United States of America. It is also why this day shall be to you a memorial.