

Passover Service – pages 1-2: preparation

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PART 1 – PREPARING SPIRITUALLY AND PHYSICALLY FOR THE PASSOVER SERVICE

INTRODUCTORY comments before beginning:

The speaking part of the service will be on succeeding pages. But first, here are some instructions and reminders. I do not know who will be the ones eventually reading this, so I will be thorough, maybe even basic. I hope you understand.

Preparation

- The host of your group should be encouraging everyone to **spiritually prepare** before the Passover. It could be very helpful to encourage people to have a day of fasting or to be reading the Passover scriptures in the gospels and Exodus 12. This is a time to be sure we are appreciating what Yeshua and our Father have done for us in His sacrifice.
- Remind people that the Passover service is a joyfully solemn evening. That might sound contradictory. But Passover should not be like a funeral service! There should be quiet appreciative JOY that our Master sacrificed himself for us and was then resurrected for our life and eternity.

PHYSICAL PREPARATION:

- Host should have several dependable men and women helping out. Make a list of the things and supplies you will need to prepare and be sure you are ready ahead of time. You can conduct a Passover service with just 2-3 people, or with dozens.
- **We do a New Covenant Passover service** with footwashing, the matzah and the wine – ***and we do not do a Jewish Seder.*** (The present Seder often includes elements not even in the scriptures – like an egg, for example).
- Host should be ready to have some **Passover Matzah** or home-made unleavened bread. I like the Matzah because it is pierced and has “stripes” on it.
- Also be sure you have ample **good quality red wine** for the wine service; a Burgundy or Cabernet Sauvignon or something like that.
- **Have enough small vials for the wine.** You can order these online with trays that hold the small vials. You can purchase better quality glass vials or plastic ones. I prefer the glass ones.
- Be sure you either already have some basins for the footwashing, or have people bring their own. If they’re bringing their own, have some extras.

- Tell the brethren to come to services with **a basin, towel, hymnal and their Bibles**. Women should come in modest and proper attire, preferably long skirts or dresses, for the footwashing. Or perhaps you will provide the basins and a sheet of music for the final hymn.
- Host and helpers should arrive a couple hours ahead of time. Set up the table for the host to place the wine and matzah. The table should have a fine white linen tablecloth. Also provide fine white linen covers for the bread and wine.
- Host: do NOT break the matzah – YET. But **the wine should be opened** and poured out into the vials ahead of time and set into their trays.
- **Basins and tubs:** have 2-3 clean tubs. One each for the men and women **with clean water in it** to replace the water in the basins as the footwashing progresses. But have water in the tubs ready before the people arrive. Also have a tub or container for the used footwashing water. SO people will dump the used water into the empty tub. It may be good to have an overseer in the men's and women's sections (for larger groups)
- I recommend having separate footwashing areas for the men and women. Ideally there's some privacy separating the area for the men and for the women. Let women wash women's feet, and men wash men's feet. Be sure the footwashing area is prepared with chairs set up where people will be doing the footwashing.
- Of course be sure the main room for the church service should be set up with chairs. **I personally don't feel it has to be "theater style". You can make it a family style set-up. Why not?** If you end up in a "theater style" setting, try to have no spaces between seats – symbolizing our "one bread", our unity.
- It's OK to have a greeter at the door, but we do not have to have it be like a morgue. In Yeshua's Passover, they were talking, conversing, and having a family time together. We DO want to have a high respect for the meaning of the evening in Remembrance of Him – but it is also a joyful time.
- Begin the Passover service at or soon after sundown on the appropriate date. Do not start it before sundown. I usually begin about 15 minutes after sundown.
- I prefer to ask a short prayer to begin the Passover service. Most groups do not.
- DO the Passover service. Then **Conclude with a hymn you've selected ahead**. The actual hymn Yeshua sang with his disciples was Psalm 118 and the psalms around that one. But notice the joy of Psalm 118. We are not bemoaning our lack of spirituality or all of our sins. NO, we are rejoicing that we have a SAVIOR! He's FREED us from the bonds of sin and its power over us. Our final hymn should be UPBEAT, not a "woe is me, a terrible sinner" type of song. NO, we've been washed. We are seen as clean and washed now by the time we come to Passover! So HAVE A SONG OF JOY with the brethren!
- Be sure you have 2-3 stay back to help you clean up, rinse out the vials, clean up, put things away - and dispose of any "extra" un-used wine or matzah that has been blessed. **What follows is the actual Passover service.** You can use these notes and the host can lead the service himself, or you can use the audio that comes with this on the website.

PART 2, THE ACTUAL PASSOVER SERVICE. (Have your final hymn ready, even if you have no pianist or music – just sing, if you have to, *a capella*.)

(Short blessing/prayer. Invite Father and Yeshua to come and be with you and your group and all Passover groups seeking to obey and please Him, all around the world.)

Good evening, brothers and sisters of the family of Abba, of God our heavenly Father. Tonight is the Passover service of the New Covenant symbols. The New Testament Passover was the biggest and most pivotal event in all of human history so far, when our Maker came to earth to live and die for us, so we could live and NOT die. It is so profound, so momentous, so universe-shaking in its consequences, that I pray Father will open our eyes to understand why we are here tonight.

The Apostle Paul tells us that it was reported to him that one of the things Christ said at His Last Supper with the disciples was to **“Do this in remembrance of me.”** So tonight is about the love of God.

- **It’s about the love of God our Father** who came up with the idea, and who was the one who sent His only Son to be violently beaten and then crucified so none of us would have to go through that for our own sins.
- **Tonight is also very much about the love of Yeshua, or Jesus Christ** – who willingly accepted the plan, just as Isaac apparently was willing to obey God’s command and was willing to be a sacrifice. In Yeshua’s case, however, there was no ram stuck in the bushes for him

We’ll be participating in some rituals, some emblems of the new covenant Passover bread and wine. I believe most of our studying and meditating about Passover – and preparing for Passover – is something we do long before this service, so I like to keep this service simple.

This evening is about Father in heaven opening the WAY and the DOOR into His kingdom. Hallelujah! All mankind has sinned and all of us were guilty of the death penalty because of our sins. But tonight, the chains and the doom that was over us all are lifted in the gracious love of God our Father – and of His firstborn Son, Yeshua the Messiah.

Let’s read just a few of the verses that apply:

John 3:14-17

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 **For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.** 17 **For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,** but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 1:10-14

10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, **to them He gave the right to become children of God**, to those who believe in His name: 13 **who were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God.**

14 **And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

At Yeshua's last Passover, as they were eating, our King realized that nobody had washed their dusty feet when they had come in. BE TURNING to JOHN 13. So He gets up to do this for his disciples for several reasons:

- To show them that nobody is above serving others
- But also to remind them that HE has washed them and he wants US having that awareness, that each of us has been washed by our Master. When we wash one another's feet, we're symbolizing that we see that other person, whose feet we're about to wash, as having been washed by the King himself, imperfect as that person might be. This means we're not judging, not condemning, not thinking about their sins or weaknesses – but thinking about what a great king we have who would get down and wash feet.
- And though we were washed in his blood when we repented and were baptized, we all have an imperfect walk and pick up some "dirt" along the way – and that is also pictured by this footwashing, as Yeshua explains in verse 10 of John 13.

The Footwashing service

John 13

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, 3 **Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5** 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. 6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."

8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!"

Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

9 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"
10 Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you." 11 For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean."

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? **13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16** 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. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

We will now do the footwashing. If this is a group, normally the men file off into another room and each washes one other man's feet. Women wash women's feet. IF this is just a small group or a married couple, it's possible a man would wash his wife's feet and vice versa. When you are done, please come back into your seats.

[The PASTOR – or whoever will be breaking the Matzah, should wash his hands with soap and water first before returning to the table.]

The MATZAH, THE UNLEAVENED BREAD OF LIFE EMBLEM

Jesus instituted new symbols for the New Testament Passover. Though the Passover was eaten with unleavened Bread, he elevated this to a higher level. It pictured HIM. We have a complete sheet of unbroken matzah here, but we will break it shortly to symbolize his body that was broken for us. No broken bones – but Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53 make it clear, that his body was savaged in the scourging.

The bread we're about to eat symbolizes his BODY, given for us for our HEALING.

Isaiah 53:4

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, **And by His stripes we are healed.**

If you're using Matzah, you can see the bread is baked with stripes and piercings!

Satan is totally defeated by Yeshua in this crucifixion. But you gotta believe Satan was inspiring those doing the scourging to be extra cruel and vicious in their actions. A chance for Satan, through his minions on earth, to WHIP GOD in the flesh, while bound ... imagine?

1 Corinthians 11:23-24

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 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.**"

Matthew 26:26

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Turn now to John 6:26. I will read out loud Yeshua's words, and just ponder them as you hear them, or follow-along in your Bibles. John 6:26. We must take in the bread of life – Yeshua. So we picture that by eating this unleavened bread tonight and during the days of Unleavened Bread.

John 6:26-40

26 Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. **27 Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life,** which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

28 Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?"

29 Jesus answered and said to them, **"This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."**

30 Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

32 Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, **but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."**

34 Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

35 And Jesus said to them, **"I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. 38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. 39 This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. 40 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."**

John 6:47-58

47 Most assuredly, I say to you, **he who believes in Me has everlasting life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."**

52 The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"

53 Then Jesus said to them, **"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. 56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. 58 This is the bread which came down from heaven — not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."**

We will now give thanks for this bread that pictures HIS body, beaten savagely for us – so he took upon himself all our pain and suffering and for healing. Then after the prayer I will break the bread and pass it to you to solemnly eat.

[PRAYER – BREAK BREAD... EACH ONE EAT A PIECE.]

THE emblems of the Master's Cup and the Red Wine

Matthew 26:27-29

Then He took **the cup**, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. **28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.** 29 But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

We know from Hebrews 9:22 that "without the shedding of blood there can be no remission of sin". Why? Because sin requires the death penalty and life is in the blood (Lev 17:11) and God himself says in Lev 17:11 that the blood is what makes atonement for the soul.

Prior to this, Jews seem to have drunk the wine at their Passover Seder more as a memorial or toast, to the 4 promises God made in Exodus 6:6-7 that He would relieve them of their slavery, rescue them, and redeem them – and they would become His people.

So in Jewish Passover services, even in Yeshua's day, they drank of 4 cups – corresponding to the 4 promises of Exodus 6. This was probably the 3rd cup of Redemption. The cup he did not yet drink was the 4th one – the one that ties to the 4th promise God made in Exodus 6 that He would be their God and they would be His people. They rejected Yeshua as their God and King.. but someday our Jewish brothers will have their eyes opened and WILL accept Him in a very emotional reunion. God speed that day. It will be in the kingdom when Judah will accept Him as their God and He will accept them as His people - in tight union.

We've covered before that there's a difference between cup and the contents of the cup.

- AS we drink of his cup, we are agreeing to go through whatever He sends our way. It's called "drinking of the cup".
- Remember also the wording here was very similar to what a man would say to his loved girlfriend he wanted to marry, **as he'd propose**. The man would hand her his cup, with wine in it and ask her to drink it as a symbol of going through their life together.
- **The RED WINE in the cup** pictures all the many things his blood does for us. Whole sermons are given on this. In summary, we know that it washes away all our sins. It redeems us, buys us back as now belonging to God. It reconciles us with our father. That in turn allows us to get close to the Most Holy being in the universe. Wow, what an opportunity. That opens the door to a relationship of Abba – and son or daughter. We are put into the new covenant in and by his blood.

AND the blood defeats Satan! It gives us the VICTORY over sin and sin's consequences. It removes any power, any claim, any accusation Satan can have against us –as ALL the condemnation, all the penalty, death itself – is paid in FULL by the blood of the lamb.

So tonight we drink from Yeshua's cup symbolically as we agree to his offer of entering the new covenant by and in His blood, we drink of his cup to say we agree to whatever He has in store for us and that yes – we accept His wedding proposal, and we drink of His cup to wash away all our sins in His blood. HE is the one taking the blood penalty FOR us.... We praise you, Master Yeshua.

[ASK BLESSING/PRAYER OVER THE CUP OF WINE... AND pass it out.]

Jesus' FINAL MESSAGE as they went to GETHSEMANE

We will now read most of Yeshua's final message to the disciples at His Last Passover. I will not make a lot of comments... but I hope you will prayerfully and lovingly and respectfully follow along with me.

John 13:31, 34-35

31 So, when he [Judas] had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him.

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 14

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you.** 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

The Father Revealed

7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip?

He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.

The Answered Prayer

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

Jesus Promises Another Helper

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever — 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Indwelling of the Father and the Son

19 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. **Because I live, you will live also.** 20 At that day you will know that **I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.** 21 **He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.** And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

22 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?"

23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

The Gift of His Peace

25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. **27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

Now v 30 --I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. 31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

John 15

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. **4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.**

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Love and Joy Perfected

9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. **12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.**

14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all

things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. **16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you** and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. **17** These things **I command you, that you love one another.**

The World's Hatred

18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. **19** If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. **20** Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

Let's pick up in John 16 now.

John 16:1-5

"These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. **2** They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. **3** And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. **4** But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.

"And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

Now v. 19

19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'? **20** Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. **21** A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. **22** Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you.

23 "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. **24** Until now you have asked nothing in My name. **Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.**

Yeshua (Jesus) Has Overcome the World

25 "These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. **26** In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you; **27** for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. **28** I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."

29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! **30** Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."

31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 **Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone.** And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 **These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace.** In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

We'll now read all of John 17.

John 17

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, 2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 ***I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.*** 5 ***And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.***

Yeshua Prays for His Disciples

6 **"I have manifested Your name** to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

9 **"I pray for them.** I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. **Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.** 12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, **that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.** 14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. **Your word is truth.** 18 **As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.** 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

Then Yeshua Prays for All Believers – and this next section is Yeshua praying for US!

20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous **Father!** The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 26 **And I have declared to them Your name,** and will declare it, that **the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.**"

We know that Name – it is “FATHER”. That’s how you best feel His love for us, as a warm, loving Daddy, our ABBA.

We will now conclude with a hymn -- I personally like psalm 103 or 118 to music speaking of our redeemer. You pick one... sing thankfully to our master, and then conclude for the evening.