

The Power of Passover: Participant Response Packet

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AFTER THE FOUR QUESTIONS: THE REPLY

We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, and the LORD our God brought us forth from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. And if the Holy One, blessed be He, had not brought our forefathers out of Egypt, then we, our children, and our children's children would still be slaves in Egypt. But the LORD our God with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm brought plagues upon our oppressors.

So, even though all of us wise, all of us full of understanding, all of us elders, all of us knowing the Torah, we should still be under the commandment to tell the story of the departure from Egypt. We would all be obedient in recounting the story of our own salvation. The more one tells of the redemptive power of the blood of the Lamb, the more praiseworthy is he.

That is why this night is different from all others.

DURING MIDRASH ON DEUTEORNOMY 26:5-8

[All participants lift their cups of wine and say, but do not drink]

And it is this promise which has stood by our fathers and by us. For it was not one man only who stood up against us to destroy us; In every generation they stand up against us to destroy us, and the Holy One, blessed be He, has saved us, and will continue to save us from their hand..

DAYANU

[After Each line of Dayanu spoken by the Leader, participants repeat this together]

Dayanu (We should have been content)

IN EVERY GENERATION

[All participants lift their cups and say, but do not drink]

Therefore, we are bound to thank, praise, laud, glorify, exalt, honor, bless, extol, and adore Him who performed all these miracles for our fathers and for us. He has brought us forth from slavery to freedom, from sorrow to joy, from mourning to holiday, from darkness to great light, and from bondage to redemption. Let us then recite before Him a new song. Halleluyah.

[The cups are placed back on the table]

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THE HALLEL: PART ONE

[All participants recite the following psalms]

PSALM 113

Hallelujah! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!
Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!
the LORD is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!
Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,
Who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
To make them sit with princes, with the princes of His people.
He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Halleluyah!

PSALM 114

When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
Judah became His sanctuary, Israel His dominion.
The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.
The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.
What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?
O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob,
Who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

[The participants raise their cups and say, but do not drink]

“A tower of salvation is He to His king, and He shows mercy to His anointed, to David and to His seed, forevermore (2 Samuel 22:51). He who makes peace in the high places, He shall make peace for us and for all Israel, and say Amen.

[The participants lower their cups. The leader continues alone until the meal]

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THE MEAL

AFTER THE MEAL: GRACE

[Leader]

Friends, let us say the blessing.

[Participants]

May the Name of the LORD be blessed from now unto eternity.

[Leader]

Let us bless Him of whose food we have eaten.

[Participants]

Blessed be He of whose food we have eaten, and through whose goodness we live.

[All]

Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the Universe, who feeds the entire world in Your goodness, with grace and lovingkindness, and compassion. You give bread to all flesh, for Your mercy is forever. And through Your great goodness, food has never failed us, and may it never fail us, for Your great name's sake.

For You feed and sustain all, and You do good unto all, and You prepare food for all of Your creatures which You did create.

Blessed are You LORD our God, who feeds all.

Let us give thanks to You, LORD our God, because You have given our fathers to inherit a pleasant land, goodly and broad, and because You have brought us forth, LORD our God, from the land of Egypt, and redeemed us out of the house of slavery, and for Your covenant which You have sealed in our flesh; and for Your Torah which You have taught us, and for Your laws which You have informed us; and for Your Son through which You have atoned for us, and for the eating of food with which You sustain us continually, every day, at all times, and at every hour.

And for all this, LORD our God, we give thanks to You and give blessing to You. Blessed be Your name in the mouth of every living thing, forever continually.

[Leader]

As it is written: "And you shall eat and be satisfied, and bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you." (Deuteronomy 8:10)

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REDEMPTION

[The participants raise their cups once again and say, but do not drink.]

Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the Universe, who has redeemed us, and who redeemed our fathers from Egypt, and has brought us to this night, to eat thereon unleavened bread and bitter herbs. So, LORD our God, and God of our fathers, bring us to other festivals and holy days that come towards us in peace, happy in the building of Your city and joyous in our service. And now we eat of the Passover offering of our Messiah, whose blood has come unto the walls of Your altar for acceptance. We now give thanks to You with a new song, for our redemption and the liberation of our soul. Blessed are You LORD, redeemer of Israel.

[The cups are lowered back to the table]

[All continue]

Our God and God of our fathers, may there rise and come, and come unto, be seen, accepted, heard, recollected and remembered, the remembrance of us, and the recollection of us, and the remembrance of our fathers, and the remembrance of our Messiah Jesus, the son of David, Your servant, and the remembrance of Jerusalem, Your holy city, and the remembrance of all of Your people, the house of Israel. May their remembrance come before You, for rescue, goodness, grace, mercy, and compassion, for life and peace, on this the Festival of Unleavened Bread.

Remember us, LORD our God, thereon for good, and recollect us thereon for a blessing, and save us thereon to life. And with a word of salvation and compassion, spare us and be gracious with us; have compassion on us and save us – for to You are our eyes, for You are a God gracious and compassionate.

Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the Universe, God our Father, our King, our Mighty One, our Creator, our Redeemer, our Maker, our Sacred One, the Sacred One of Jacob, our Shepherd, the Shepherd of Israel, the King, Who is good and does good to all, He who every day, did, does, and will do good to us. You have favored, You do favor, You will favor us forever: for grace, for mercy, for compassion, and for ease, rescue and success, blessing and salvation, consolation, maintenance, and sustenance, and compassion, and life, and peace, and all that is good; May You not let us lack of all that is good.

THE COMPASSIONATE ONE

[The participants begin by saying “The Compassionate One” After Each line this phrase is repeated by all]

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PSALM 136

[After each line of Psalm 136 the participants respond with “**Ki LeOlam Chasdo**”]

The Fourth Cup

[Participants raise their cups and say]

Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the Universe, creator of the fruit of the vine.

[The fourth cup, the cup of acceptance is drunk] [Everyone repeats the following]

Blessed are You, LORD our God, King of the Universe, for the vine and for the fruit of the vine, for the yield of the field, and for the land, pleasant, goodly, and broad which You favored and gave to us as an inheritance to our fathers, to eat of its fruit and to be sated with its goodness.

Have pity, LORD our God, upon Israel, Your people, upon Jerusalem, Your city, upon Zion, the dwelling place of Your glory, upon Your altar and upon Your dwelling place. And build Jerusalem, the city of Your holiness, speedily and in our days and bring us up into its midst, and cause us to rejoice in its rebuilding; Let us eat its fruit and be sated with its goodness and bless You for it in holiness and purity. And be it Your will to strengthen us {on this Sabbath day.} And make us rejoice upon the Festival of Unleavened Bread. For You, LORD our God, are good and do good to all. And we will thank You for the land and for the fruit of the vine. Blessed are You, LORD our God, for the land and for the fruit of the vine.

Concluded

Concluded is the Passover Seder,

According to its law and its custom.

As we have lived to celebrate it

So may we live to celebrate it again.

Pure One, who dwells in His habitation

Redress the countless congregation.

Speedily lead the offshoots of Your stock

Redeemed in Jesus,

to Zion in joyous song.

NEXT YEAR IN JERUSALEM!