



The Sharon Star

The Passover

By Andy Snoke

Much that is written in the Old Testament stands as types and shadows for present day experience. It has been said regarding what is referred to as the “old testament” and the “new testament” in this manner: The “new testament” is in the “old testament” contained. The “old testament” is in the “new testament” explained. The “new” is in the “old” concealed. The “old” is in the “new” revealed.

And so it is as we examine the important “feasts” that the Lord required of Israel under the “old”. They are, once again, being fulfilled yet on a higher spiritual level.

The purpose of this writing is to, with brevity, examine the “Feasts of the Lord” in the Scriptures, and look at what the spiritual meaning is for us today. We begin with the Passover.

The North Battleford office has a book entitled “The Feast of Tabernacles,” which examines these feasts in far greater depth and detail than I will be offering in this short article. You may obtain this book by simply writing to the office at the address shown in this Sharon Star.

The three important annual Feasts of Israel consisted of seven major events. The Passover consisted of:

1. The Passover. (Exodus 12:1-23; Leviticus 23:4, 5. Deuteronomy 16: 1-3).
2. The Unleavened Bread. (Exodus 12:18, 23:15, Leviticus 23:6-8, Deuteronomy 16:3-4).
3. The Sheaf of First fruits. (Leviticus 23:10-14).

Very briefly stated, the Passover Feast stands as a wonderful illustration of the redemption of Christ at Calvary.

1. The lamb offering was to be without blemish. (Exodus 12:5)
2. The lamb was to be killed. (Exodus 12:6, 1 Peter 1: 19)
3. The blood of the lamb had to be applied to one’s home. (Exodus 12:7, Hebrews 9:22)

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It is important to review a little history as to what transpired that brought about the timing of the first “Passover”.

Israel had been enslaved in Egypt for 430 years. God raised up a “Moses” to bring deliverance to Israel. After God had called and separated Moses at about 80 years of age, he gave strict instructions to Moses to speak to Pharaoh to demand the release of some 1.2 million Jews. Moses knew that this was not going to be an easy task; in fact, he knew that it was humanly impossible. And to add to this impossible assignment Moses suffered from an extreme case of self-doubt. He was not the most gifted speaker and he tried to reason with God that there had to be someone more fitting for this assignment than he.

Then Moses said to the Lord, “O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” So the Lord said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what

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you shall say” (Exodus 4: 10-12).

Moses learned that God was not interested in his “capabilities” but only in his “availability.” Natural talent and ability may be used of God, but it is not a requirement for His service. As it has been said: “God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called!”

Moses was sent to Pharaoh with the authority to bring upon all of Egypt “The Ten Plagues.” Each of these plagues was a direct insult to the various Egyptian gods. It would seem that Israel may have not been exempt from the first three of the ten plagues (Nile river turned to blood, frogs upon the land, swarms of lice), but were completely protected from the last seven deadly plagues. There was safety in the homes of God’s beloved.

We may be able to extract from this that Christians also go through trials and tribulations, but not at the same pace as the world! Israel was only subject to 30% of the plagues. When living in Egypt (the world) you are subject to 100%!

The Lord never promised that we would be exempt from trials and difficulties, but He made a promise to the souls that practiced what they had been taught from the Lord:

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall” (Matthew 7: 24-27).

On the night of the last plague, the Lord sent the death angel throughout Egypt, to slay every first-born male, whether man or beast. In order for the death angel to “pass over” the home of His people, God made specific requirements.

A lamb for a house.

Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: “On the tenth of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household” (Exodus 12: 3).

I am sure we don’t fully understand or appreciate what this scripture truly speaks of, a lamb for a house! Christ is that sinless Lamb that was given for our household. God’s first order of business during the Passover was to save everyone in the house!

By implication, we can see that God desires to save entire families! God is a family man; the family

unit is His design. I often marvel that once a person comes to Christ, it does not seem long, and soon other members of the same family soon know Him. “A lamb for a house!”

God has chosen to move in families. In your local assembly, when you look at the faces of those that attend worship faithfully, do you see a lot of members of the same “families?” That is by God’s design and has been that way since the beginning.

Of the first called twelve apostles, we know that at least four were brothers, and possibly six were actually brothers. Simon Peter and Andrew were brothers, James and John the sons of Zebedee were brothers. Most likely Mathew (also called Levi) was a twin brother to Thomas (also called Didymus meaning twin).

Mary the mother of Jesus was a cousin to Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist. This made Jesus a second cousin to John the Baptist.

I find it profound that there are so many family relationships throughout the scriptures. Truly, “a lamb for a house,” God moves in families.

The lamb shall be without blemish.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year (Exodus 12:5).

Christ is our modern day Lamb without blemish. The shedding of His precious blood saves us.

“Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1: 18-19).

The blood was to be applied to the doorposts of the home.

“And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it (Exodus 12: 7).

It was not enough that a perfect lamb was sacrificed, but the blood was to be applied to the home. It was applied on the sides and top of the door, in the symbol of a cross long before a cross was a symbol of any kind.

The blood signifies the price that was paid for our redemption through the perfect sacrifice of the Lamb of God, Christ Jesus. It was placed over the door, speaking of His blood covering our “going in and going out.” It was a visible symbol to all that could see, just as our lives should be an open book, to the glory of God, to others.

I remember a little poem that speaks of our lives being read by others:

“You are writing a book!
 A chapter each day!
 By the deeds that you do,
 And the words that you say.
 Men read what you write,
 Distorted or true.
 What is the ‘gospel’
 According to you?”

Author unknown.

They were to eat unleavened bread.

“Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth (1 Corinthians 5:6-8).

We can see from this scripture and from others that leaven (yeast) is symbolic of sin. It is not “sinful” for you to use yeast in cooking, but yeast “speaks” of the effects of sin.

For the Passover, the Jews were required to search their homes and remove all “leaven.” It would do us all good to search our homes and remove all “leaven,” the things that lead us into sin.

“Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel” (Exodus 12:15).

They were to eat in haste, ready to depart.

And thus you shall eat it: with a belt on your waist, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. So you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord’s Passover. “For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt” (Ex. 12: 11-13).

During the Passover night, as the sounds of anguish and death punctuated the darkness,; the souls that had applied the blood of the lamb safely partook of the “Passover” lamb and the unleavened bread. They were commanded to dress themselves as preparing for a journey to a new place. Those little humble dwelling places that were called “home” for over 400 years were about to become only a memory. They were to

prepare to move forward to a new land that God was revealing

When we become a servant of Christ, we are to leave our past behind. I don’t mean that we geographically move from one place to another, but in the realm of the spirit we are no longer at home in the world. We become citizens of heaven. We partake of the new unleavened bread of Christ, prepared to move into the land that the Lord places before us.

Christ is our “Passover”

No longer do we follow the letter of the law as outlined in Exodus 12 regarding the Passover. Christ has become our spiritual “Passover” and introduced the new “Passover” at His last supper with His disciples. Each Sunday morning, as we hold that broken piece of unleavened bread, we give God praise and thanks for the final “Passover” Lamb that gave Himself as a sacrifice for all of creation.

Truly, the Old Testament concealed (the Passover scriptures), becomes in the New Testament revealed with the Lamb of God becoming the final sacrifice.

There will be tribulations that will sweep the earth like a flood of darkness, that will “Passover” the homes that have spiritually marked their doorposts with the blood of God’s Lamb.

If as a reader, you do not know the Lamb of God as your personal Savior, I implore you to ask Jesus into your heart right now. Don’t wait another moment, eternity is too important.

“When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, ‘With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.’ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, ‘Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.’ And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you’” (Luke 22: 14-20).

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Rebuilding the Walls of Our Homes

By David Luff

I don't think anyone would argue with the statement that the family is the most basic and fundamental unit of the universal Church. The following scripture describes the foundation of the Church:

Ephesians 2:19-22 (King James Version) "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

It follows then that the home should be built on this same foundation. The importance of the home, its orderliness, and the critical role it plays in the growth and the maturing process of the church have been emphasized in the teaching of the brethren from the beginning. The Church can be no stronger than the strength of its families. I submit that the kingdom will be built with strong families.

Our families are under attack. They have been for a long time. It didn't just start. The enemy of our souls knows that he cannot further his agenda unless he can disrupt the family. It would be nice to think that this message is a waste of time because the families in this Move of the Spirit are all spiritually armored and are not vulnerable to these attacks, but reality reveals a different story.

I would like for you to turn to the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. I believe there are many things that we can learn from this book and particularly from Nehemiah about restoring strong families. The theme of the book of Nehemiah is restoration...not only the physical restoration of the city of Jerusalem seen from the outside by the rebuilding of its walls but also the restoration of its people from the inside out.

God's purpose is not just to get us home to a heavenly Jerusalem, although that is not a bad thing when it is according to God's will and timing, but God wants to restore us as individuals, and families, and assemblies that we might be a clear reflection of Him here on the earth. A key learning from Nehemiah is the place that prayer took in the steps of restoration. Nehemiah's prayers were honest conversations with God showing his dependence upon Him.

A wall symbolizes strength and protection. In

ancient cities the only real means of protection were the walls. Most times the walls were tremendously thick and tall. I read that excavation of the ancient city of Babylon revealed that the walls were actually three separate walls. The first two walls were 7 meters thick each, and the third or innermost wall was 1 meter thick. The walls of Jerusalem were also thick. In fact families had their homes built into the walls of the city. Let's think for a moment about the spiritual significance of the city of Jerusalem and the walls of the city. Jerusalem is the symbol of the city of our God, even the Church. It is the center of life for the world. The walls then represent the strength of the city. To rebuild or restore the walls of the Church in a spiritual sense today is to rebuild the strength of our lives, our homes, our marriages, and our families.

The first step in the process of restoration is shown to us in Nehemiah 1:1-4: "The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, That Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. And they said unto me, the remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven."

I want us to take an honest look at our families. I want us to take a serious look at our marriages. Let's honestly assess what we could be under God compared with what we are. What are the possibilities that exist if we really had our homes and marriages in conformance with God's order? How far have we deviated from those possibilities? Have we taken the time to assess the damage which has occurred to the walls? Like Nehemiah the word has come to us about the ruins.

Are we concerned about the ruins? When Nehemiah heard this report about Jerusalem, he wept and prayed for days, showing his intense concern. We will never rebuild the walls of our lives and the lives of our homes and families until we first weep over the ruins.

The next thing that follows is **confession**. Nehemiah 1:6-7 (King James Version) “Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. “We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.”

The next thing that follows is **commitment**. Nehemiah 2:4-5 (King James Version) “Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it.” Nehemiah 2:7-8 (King James Version) “Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; And a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.”

So here is a man who, out of his concern, and after the confession of his heart, commits himself to a project. He asks God to begin moving in the king's heart. Now this is always how any return to the grace of God must begin. We get concerned. Then we confess. Then we commit ourselves to action and ask God also to act in our behalf, for invariably in an effort like this there are factors over which we have no control, and God must arrange them. We cannot be half-hearted about rebuilding the walls of our homes, our marriages and our families. There is no instant pudding in the work

of God. It will take work on our part and grace on God's part. Let me show you what I mean.

Nehemiah 2:10 (King James Version) “When Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel.”

Do you recognize the nationality of these people? Whenever you see Ammonites, Amorites, Amalekites, Hittites, Jebusites, Perrizites, or any other “ites” you have a picture of the enemy of God - the flesh.

Whenever a man or woman says, “I will arise and build,” Satan always says, “Then I will arise and oppose.” We need courage to build because there will be opposition. **Ephesians 6:12 (King James Version) “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”**

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (King James Version) “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

Discouragement is another obstacle to rebuilding.

Nehemiah 4:1-3 (New International Version) “When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria,

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Henry Illinois Meetings	April 29 - May 1, 2011
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North Battleford Camp	July 3 - 10, 2011
North Carolina Camp	July 24 - 30, 2011
Pinelaw Summer Camp	TBD
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he said, 'What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?' Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, 'What they are building—if even a fox climbed up on it, he would break down their wall of stones!'"

Let us take note of Nehemiah's response. **Nehemiah 4:4-6 (King James Version)** "Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity: And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders. So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work."

May God help us and give us a mind to work. May God help us to see that there is no time to waste, that we must redeem the time because the days are evil.

Nehemiah 4:10-14 (New International Version) "Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, 'The strength of the laborers is giving out, and **there is so**

much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall.' Also our enemies said, 'Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work.' Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, 'Wherever you turn, they will attack us.' Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, 'Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and **fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.**"

Aren't marriages worth fighting for? Aren't homes in order worth fighting for? Isn't teaching our children how to study the Bible and pray and walk with God and make God the central priority in their lives worth fighting for?

Matthew 11:12 (New International Version) "From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it." Matthew 11:12 (Amplified Bible) "And from the days of John the Baptist until the present time, the kingdom of heaven has endured **violent assault, and violent men seize it by force** [as a precious prize—a share in the heavenly kingdom is sought with most ardent zeal and intense exertion]."

That sounds like a fight to me!

Quote from Billy Graham:

"If you are a true believer in Christ, you are going to be at war. The lusts of the flesh, the influence of

When the Night has Passed

When the night has passed and shadows flee away,
And the Kingdom of our God has come to stay;
The knowledge of the Lord shall cover all the earth and sea,
And we are from all limitations free,
With new liberty and spirit we will sing,
Giving praise and love and honour to our King.

In that New Day that we've all been praying for,
We shall see Him, whom our hearts have so adored.
Then they who've overcome shall in God's Kingdom rule and reign,
As peace and justice is restored again.
For our enemy, the devil, has been bound,
But the Saviour, our Lord Jesus, has been crowned.

How our hearts, O Lord, are longing for that Day,
Let your Kingdom come to earth, O Lord, we pray,
And let your will be done in earth as it is done in Heaven,
And unto You all glory shall be given.
Until then our hearts and eyes we'll upward raise,
And with joyful hearts Your Holy Name we'll praise.

— *Ewald H. Wanagas*

HENRY ILLINOIS MEETINGS

**Nazareth Retreat House
(formerly called the King's House)**

Friday, April 29 - Sunday, May 1, 2011

Time to make plans for our Spring, Henry Illinois meetings.

The Nazareth Retreat is located on the East side of the Illinois River across from the town of Henry, IL.

From I 80 go south on I 80 which runs into S 29.

Follow S 29 to E 18 in Henry, from E 18 turn north on RT26.

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We will begin on Friday evening and end on Sunday after lunch.

Price includes room with private bath, linens, meals and meeting rooms.

We will collect from individuals at the retreat.

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the world, and the devil are going to war against your Christian life. The flesh will fight against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh, and there will be constant conflict. The only time you will have perfect peace is when you are totally committed and yielded to Christ in every phase of your life. Too many people want to have one foot in the world and one foot in the kingdom of God, and it like straddling a fence. You are not happy either way. Declare yourself for Christ.”

Joshua 24:15 (King James Version) “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Nehemiah 4:10 (King James Version) “And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is **much rubbish**; so that we are not able to build the wall.”

I want to spend some time talking about rubbish removal. It’s time to take out the garbage. I wonder if we have allowed the rubble to build up in our marriages and our homes and families. When Nehemiah began the work of rebuilding the walls, he started the people working on the gates in the wall. I think all of these gates have important spiritual significance, but I want to focus today on one gate found in Chapter 3 verse 6.

Nehemiah 3:6 (New American Standard Bible) “**Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate; they laid its beams and hung its doors with its bolts**

and its bars.”

What is the spiritual significance of the “Old gate?” I think it could stand for truth. Sometimes we may think we have discovered some new truth. We don’t discover truth, we just prove it. Truth has always been and will always be. **Somebody has well said, "Whatever is true is not new, and whatever is new is not true."** Today men are throwing away the old things out of the church saying they don’t apply anymore; they are no longer useful. When we permit the old things to go, the walls crumble and our enemies come in. I found this little story which I think applies here. I don’t know the author:

“There was a man who one day went to visit an old musician. He knocked on the musician's door and said. ‘What's the good word for today?’ The old musician didn't say a word. He turned around and went back across the room to where a tuning fork was hanging. He took a hammer and struck the tuning fork so that the note resounded through the room.

Then the musician said, ‘That, my friend, is 'A'. It was 'A' yesterday. It was 'A' five thousand years ago and it will be 'A' five thousand years from now.’ Then he added, ‘The tenor across the hall sings off-key. The

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If you are bringing an RV or camper, it would be allowed, but we have to put a restriction on pets staying in dorm rooms.
Also, if you wear colognes or perfumes at camp a number of people are sensitive to scents, and a collection of people in a large building can be overwhelming.
Please use perfumes or colognes sparingly, and if possible, not at all.

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soprano upstairs is flat on her high notes. And the piano in the next room is out of tune.’ He struck the tuning fork again and said, ‘That is 'A' and that, my friend, is the good word for today.’ That is truth. Truth is always the same. It never changes. We need to rebuild the old gates of truth.”

I can remember when the brethren taught us to avoid specific things in the world. They taught us about the dangers of movies, dancing, cards, worldly music, etc. As new to the move, I remember thinking, that sounds too restrictive. Now 40 years later I look where we are.

“There is so much rubble we can’t build the wall.”

I’m not going to tell you that all movies and such must go, but I will say that as Christian men and women, mothers and fathers, young people, boys and girls, we must be vigilant to protect ourselves and our families from this insurgence of evil.

Nehemiah 4:15-23 (New International Version) “When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to his own work. From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah who were building the wall. Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked. But the man who sounded the trumpet stayed with me. Then I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, ‘The work is extensive and spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!’ So we continued the work with half the men holding spears, from the first light of dawn till the stars came out. At that time I also said to the people, ‘Have every man and his helper stay inside Jerusalem at night, so they can serve us as guards by night and workmen by day.’ Neither I nor my brothers nor my men nor the guards with me took off our clothes; each had his weapon, even when he went for water.”

Fathers, it is our responsibility to teach our children the ways of God. Mother plays a key role, but the bottom-line responsibility rests squarely on our shoulders, and we will give account for it. Dads and moms, it is our responsibility to be vigilant to know what is going on all the time with our children.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (New International Version) “These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

In closing, may we all be encouraged when it comes to our homes, our marriages and our children to become concerned, confess our negligence, commit to the rebuilding, clear the rubble, and fight to protect this institution of the home and family which is so critical to the kingdom of God.

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