

# GROWING IN GOD PODCAST



## GIG252 – The Leaven of the Kingdom

I wanted to record an introduction to this podcast, as it is a little unique. This was a Zoom call connection to a live congregation in Monterey, Mexico during a Feast of Passover service. As you are listening, obviously I will be speaking in English and it will be live translated to the congregation into Spanish, so don't let that confuse you; try to focus just on the word. I believe it is an important message and you will enjoy it very much. Thank you so much for being with us on this podcast, and again, I encourage you to join us at [hargraveministries.org](http://hargraveministries.org) and see all that is available for you in the word that God is giving to us.

Hello everyone, it is a blessing to be with you tonight. I will let everyone get seated. I want to make sure that both in the sanctuary and on the Zoom call, everyone is hearing well. Okay, I am seeing a lot of thumbs up, so I am going to take that as a yes. Well, we have been so thrilled to have this time with Silas and Bruce there, as well as the others, Nelson, others that have come to be part of the School of Prophets in Monterrey. We are believing that this is going to bring about deep, deep changes in the country of Mexico. When I awoke this morning, I had such a feeling for the changes that are going to happen.

Tonight is a very special night. At sundown actually ends the days of Unleavened Bread. We are in this time that we call Passover, but we know that Passover is actually a twenty-four-hour period, and then it is followed by seven days of Unleavened Bread. I want to focus on this idea of the Unleavened Bread, because I think there is a great deal of significance for us in it.

I will begin by reading the Scripture out of First Corinthians chapter 5, at verse 7. Paul says, "Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened." Paul is speaking here about this issue of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and he is relating it to not the eating of bread, but rather to the experience that we have as believers during this time. So, what are we believing for during these seven days of Unleavened Bread? We are to be cleaning out the old leaven, the old influences in our lives. We have been talking a great deal lately about the Scripture that says we are not to be conformed to this world, but we are to be transformed by the renewing of our mind. It is very similar to what we are experiencing during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. God is cleaning out those things of the old day. He is wanting us to remove the influences of this world, of this age we live in, and I believe this has been happening for us during this time.

I am going to read verse 7 again. It says, "Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed." So through the sacrifice of Christ we are sanctified, we are able to experience the removal of the old leaven. Verse 8 goes on to say, "Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." I believe that we are to experience something new. When we come to the end of the days of Unleavened Bread, we do not continue to eat unleavened bread; so we must put leaven back into our bread, but it is not to be the old leaven. As we end the days of Unleavened Bread, we are looking to see something new that is put into our hearts and

minds. As we move forward from Passover, as we move forward from the days of Unleavened Bread, we are to be something new, because what is influencing us, what is driving our life, is to be something new. We do not go back to the old things.

The Lord spoke two parables that dealt with this idea of leaven. In Matthew 13, verse 33, "He spoke another parable to them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened.'" I want to read again the parable in Luke chapter 13, verse 20. "And again He said, 'To what shall I compare the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened.'" So Yeshua here is saying that the Kingdom is the leaven. We are to experience the days of Unleavened Bread in order to remove from us the things of the world which are not part of the Kingdom, until we ourselves become the new lump of dough. But what is it that we should input into that dough? According to what Christ is saying, it is the Kingdom of Heaven that is the leaven; and I believe that there is an impartation that is to come to us of a new day in His Kingdom. The Kingdom of Heaven itself is going to be imparted into our hearts and minds until we are completely leavened, completely filled with His Kingdom, so that as we are the bread fed to the world, they are fed a pure Kingdom message. And I believe we are ready for this day. God has been preparing our hearts.

In Colossians the first chapter, verse 13, Paul says, "For He rescued us from the dominion of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son." God has pulled us out from the influences of this darkness that has surrounded us, and He has transferred us into the Kingdom of His beloved Son; and He has imparted the leaven of that Kingdom into us so as the Scripture says, we become new creatures.

In Philippians chapter 3, starting at verse 20, Paul says, "For our citizenship is in heaven...." We are implanted into the Kingdom, and now the Kingdom is being implanted into us. As that happens, Paul goes on to say that we are eagerly waiting for our Savior, "the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself." So we see that we have been in this process of transformation, and I believe something has come to a conclusion at the end of this time. The days of Unleavened Bread are finished, and we must become this new loaf of bread that is to feed the world.

I want us to open our hearts and see something happen now for Mexico, because God is enduing us and filling us with His Kingdom. The answer for Mexico is this leaven of His Kingdom, and it is now dwelling in your hearts; and as the parable of Christ said, that leaven, that leaven of the Kingdom, will in fact leaven the entirety of the loaf. God has made you that lump of pure dough, and He is implanting the leaven of His Kingdom into you; but it is not going to just stop with you. It will leaven the whole, Christ said, the whole lump will be leavened. And so, because of who you are, and because of what Christ has done, and because of this power of God to transform, you are slowly but surely going to influence all of Mexico, and you are going to leaven the whole.

This is what the Lord put on my heart for you. I feel like this time has been so important, and I am believing that what we are seeing and talking about here does not just stop with Mexico; it is an illustration of how God will bring forth His Kingdom into the earth. That is what Christ was saying: the Kingdom of God is the leaven, and it will take over and leaven the whole. It will not only leaven the whole of Mexico, it will leaven the whole earth.

So we bless you tonight. As we come to the end of these days of Passover and Unleavened Bread, we believe there is going to be a change. Some may say, "I don't see a change." Well, you do not really see

leaven when it is at work. It is very invisible. But believe me, by the Word of God it will take over. So I bless your faith, I bless your hope and your love, to move forward from these days of the feast into new days of the Kingdom.

We bless you very much, and we appreciate being with you tonight. I am very thankful for all of those on the Zoom call that have come to be a part of this blessing and impartation to Mexico, to all of these churches in the fellowship there. We love you very much and we, again, are very appreciative of Bruce and of Silas, Nelson and others. Thank you for your hearts to minister from all of us to those in Monterrey.

Amen. Bless you. We love you.