

What Have You Learned Grasshopper?

Some of us remember the original airings of the TV show “Kung Fu” starring David Carradine. Carradine played Kwai Chang Caine a Shaolin monk who travels through the American Old West, armed only with his spiritual training and his skill in martial arts, as he searched for his half-brother. When he was in the monastery in China learning his discipline, his mentor constantly referred to him as Grasshopper. The mentor modeled and taught, and Grasshopper learned, with his mentor frequently asking, “what have you learned Grasshopper?” It’s a cycle that has been repeated throughout history. At different times in life, and in different settings, we each fill roles both as learners and as mentors, teachers and students. Which roles did you fulfill this year? As this year’s Holy Days have come to an end, the question is, “What have you learned Grasshopper?”

From Passover through The Last Great Day, the fulfillment of God’s plan for mankind is revealed. What did we learn this past year about ourselves and about our God? Think on this as we ask the following questions. Please feel free to share your thoughts and experiences.

1. Did any of us experience pre-departure trials?
2. What storms did the enemy throw at you to stop you attending the Feast?
3. How did you face these trials?

4. What scriptures helped you through?
5. Were you victorious over the enemy or did he win?
6. Did you pray for growth and change in yourself prior to the Feast?
7. Did you pray *expecting* God to answer your prayers?
8. Do you feel He did and in what way?
9. What was your greatest take away from the Feast?

We had a Bible Study the last night of the Feast that was an open forum. The group leader, Tom Fannen, presented a topic and the group began to fire off scriptures pertaining to the topic and the discussion grew. We actually went beyond the hour time frame set aside for the study. It was great to be with our God family and see and feel the excitement about sharing God's Word.

In thinking on the previous article, there seemed to be some focus on murmuring. Complaining about certain accoutrements, location, and several other topics. We all know how bad the Israelites complained coming out of Egypt. Something maybe to keep in mind. There are those who would complain if gold fell from the sky and they had to stack it. It always amazed me how Jesus accomplished so much on a hillside, without a PA system, air conditioning and comfortable seating. One of the hymns we sang in Tennessee addressed the murmuring most fittingly. It was Count Your Blessings and the chorus of the song: "Count your blessings,

name them one by one,

Count your blessings, see what God hath done!

Count your blessings, name them one by one,

And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.”

For me, the overall message or theme was emphasis on the Greatest

Commandment found in **Matthew 22:37-38**, “And Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all you’re your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.” This thread was mentioned several times in the weeks preceding the Feast.

Passover 2021 is March 27th, just 161 days away. Even for the procrastinators, this is a sufficient amount of time to begin preparing now for a new year, new growth and a renewed love for God and His Son Jesus Christ!

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