

# ***Why Deleavening?***



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## ■ Exodus 12:15, 19

- 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. . . . For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or a native of the land.

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## ■ Exodus 12:17, 39

- **So you shall observe the Feast of Unleavened Bread, for on this same day I will have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance. . . . And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were driven out of Egypt and could not wait, nor had they prepared provisions for themselves.**

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- The English phrases, "from your houses" and "in your houses," derive from a single Hebrew word, *bayith*, which can also mean "homes," "households" or "families."
- Hebrew Lexicon
  - House, dwelling habitation containing a family
  - Shelter
  - Human Bodies (figuratively)
  - Place, Receptacle
  - Household, Family, Those Belonging To The Same Family
  - Temple

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## ■ Exodus 13:7

- “Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And no leavened bread shall be seen among you, nor shall leaven be seen among you in all your quarters.”
- The English words “your quarters” come from the Hebrew word *gebul*, which can mean “borders,” “coasts,” “bounds,” “landmarks,” “space,” “limit,” “territory” and “region.”
- God’s instruction shows we should deleaven all the areas for which we are responsible.

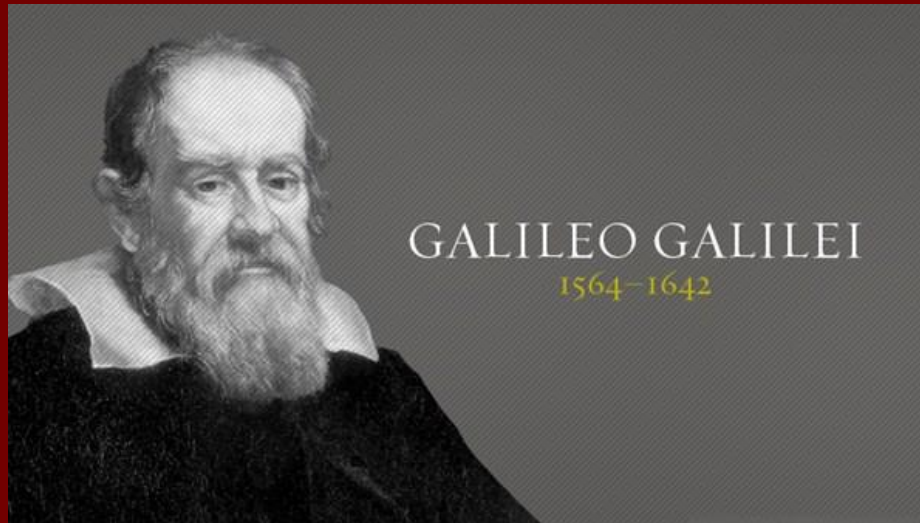
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**"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use."**



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## ■ What is Leaven?

- There are two main Hebrew words for "leaven" in Exodus 12 and 13: *seor* means "leaven" or "swelling by fermentation"; *chamets* can mean "leaven," "leavened bread," "the thing leavened," "fermented"
- In regard to leaven's symbolism—"cruel," "grieved," "sour," "embittered," "oppress" and "ruthless."
- We should be thorough, without be fanatical in our cleaning / Remember the Symbolism!



# The Person In The Mirror

## ■ James 1:23-25

“...But one who looks intently at the perfect law...an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does”

## ■ I Corinthians 11:23-32

We are admonished to not take of the symbols proclaiming our Lord's death, in an irreverent and self-centered manner.

# Point #1: Examine Your Faith

## ■ **II Corinthians 13:5**

- ✓ **Examine – Greek word “peirazo”, which means to “scrutinize and try”**

## ✓ **Acts 17:11**

- ✓ **Received the Word with all readiness / great eagerness**
- ✓ **Examining / Searching the Scriptures to see whether these things were so.**

# Point #1: Examine Your Faith



Examine everything carefully;  
hold fast to that which is good.

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- ✓ Test / Prove / Examine – Greek word “dokimazo”, which is a stronger term when compared to the Greek word “peirazo”. It means to test as to metals.



# Point #2: Examine Your Works

## ■ James 2:14-26

- 1. God has never intended that works save anybody. Jesus is the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. God know beforehand that we would need a Savior for salvation.**
- 2. Doing the works provides practice in God's way of life, thus helping to ingrain His Way as part of our character.**
- 3. Doing the works is a witness before the world, and by them God is glorified.**

# Point #2: Examine Your Works

## ■ Galatians 6:3-5

- ✓ "...But each one must examine his own work."
- ✓ From this scripture we can see the danger of self – deception.



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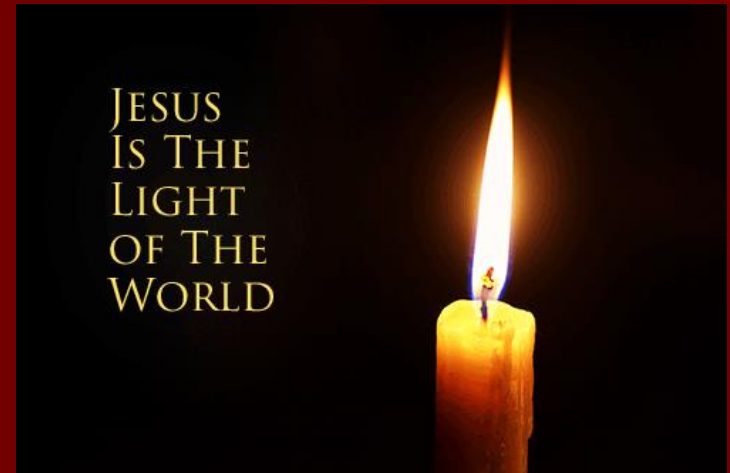
### **■ Deuteronomy 13:1-18 / Luke 14:26**

**If anyone comes to me and does not *hate* his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.**

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## ■ John 9:1-5; 8:12; 13:35-36, 44-50

- ❖ Examine Your Works.
- ❖ Examine whether we are applying what we have learned or whether we are not applying what we have learned.
- ❖ We simply do good works out of love to God and to other people

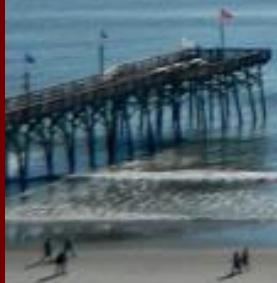




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O Lord, You have searched me and known me.  
You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
You understand my thought afar off.  
You comprehend my path and my lying down,  
And are acquainted with all my ways.  
For there is not a word on my tongue,  
But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.

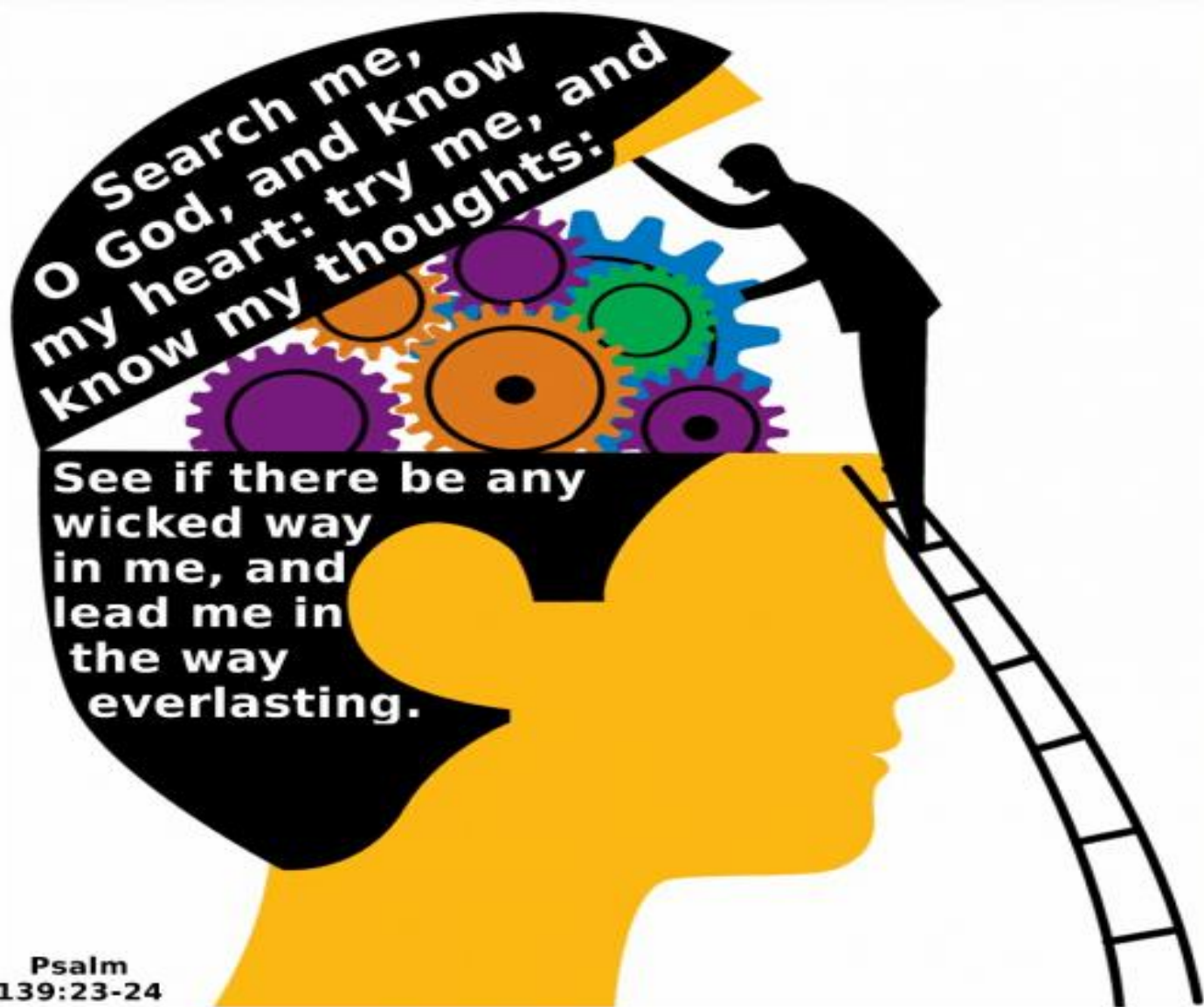
Psalm 139:1-6 (NKJV)



# **Point #3: Examine Yourself Through the Perspective of God**

## **■ Psalms 139:23-24**

- ❖ “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life” - New Living Translation**



Psalm  
139:23-24

May or thoughts be fixed on  
you, Lord God.

# Some Thoughts About Deleavening & Self-Examination?

- ❖ We need to examine our faith, our works and ourselves through God's perspective.
- ❖ When you look in the mirror, what do you see?
- ❖ When you compare yourself from the "you" that attended last year's Passover to the "you" that will attend this year's Passover, do you see yourself spiritually growing or spiritually dying?