# The Four Cups: From Promise to Proposal Nathan Coston | The Roads Church

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**Bible Study:** The entire Bible was written from a Jewish perspective. In order to get a better understanding of what is being said, many times it is best to study in the context and through a filter of Jewish culture and history.

#### The 4 cups represent the "I Will" promises of God

**Exodus 6:6-7** "I am the Lord, and <u>I will bring you</u> out from under the burdensome yoke of the Egyptians, and <u>I will deliver you</u> from their bondage. <u>I will redeem you</u> with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgements<u>.</u> <u>I will take you</u> as My own people, and I will be your God."

#### The Cup of Sanctification: a.k.a. The Cup of Calling

- "I will bring you out from under the burdensome yoke of the Egyptians"
- bring you out: (yatsa) to call forth, to set apart
- Answering the call is a choice
- Yokes limit your vision and mobility. Your head is down and it is difficult to look up.
- In the Bible, **Egypt is synonymous with sin and bondage.**
- **God is calling** to everyone saying, come out from under sin, put down the yoke and come walk with Me. I want to take you to a new and better place with freedom and vision.

#### The Cup of Deliverance: a.k.a. The Cup of Plagues

- "I will deliver you from their bondage".
- Deliver: (natsal) To snatch away, to rescue, to pass from one to another
- Deliverance requires movement and it is very often a choice.
- You will always be delivered <u>from</u> something <u>to</u> something.
- "Winnie the Pooh" "I always get to where I'm going from walking away from where I've been".
- The plagues were not just to exert pressure on Pharoah and the Egyptians. The Hebrews were in bondage, but the bondage was not just physical.... it was also spiritual.

### The Cup of Redemption: a.k.a. The Ransom Cup

- "I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and mighty acts of judgements".
- **<u>Redeem:</u>** (gaal) to buy back, deliver, avenge
- This cup points to the Passover lamb and the blood on the doorposts.
- The blood was a public profession as to which God the Hebrews trusted.
- Who we serve is a choice
- Joshua 24:15 ..... "Choose for yourself this day who you will serve"

#### The Cup of Praise: a.k.a. The Wedding Cup

- "I will take you as my own people and I will be your God".
- I will take: (laqach) to marry, to accept, to receive
- For the Jews, this cup points to the day the Messiah returns and all Jews are gathered to the promised land.

The **Cup of Praise** points to the **marriage supper of the Lamb** and the great wedding feast that will be held in heaven.

**<u>Revelation 19:9</u>** "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

<u>Matthew 26:29</u> "I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine again from now on until that day when we drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."