Thankful Remembrance (Leviticus 23:33-43; Numbers 29:12-34)

Are You Tired of Being Sick and Tired?

- Let's be truthful. You go on vacation tired and come back tired.
- You say I just need a day off
- Just need a break
- I need a vacation no pleasure no joy
- I need out of here

Answer - <u>Thankful Remembrance</u>:

• Hebrew Festivals.

The Hebrew for "<u>festival</u>" is $m\hat{o}$ $\bar{e}d$ (pl. $m\hat{o}$ $\bar{a}d\hat{i}m$), a place or time set apart for a particular purpose. In cultic usage it may form a compound ($\bar{o}hel m\hat{o} \bar{e}d$, "<u>tent of meeting</u>") or designate a time appointed for a religious festival. Festivals are characterized by several qualities: great joy

• What or who is stealing your joy? John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.¹

The word commonly translated as "feast" comes from Hebrew $h\bar{a}gag$ (to celebrate), related to $h\hat{u}g$ (to circle). Although all festivals except for the Day of Atonement were times of celebration, only three festivals are designated feasts. Each is a pilgrimage feast: (1) Passover, Unleavened Bread (Heb. *pesah*); (2) Firstfruits, Harvest, Weeks (Heb. $s\bar{a}b\bar{u}$ ' δt); (3) Tabernacles, Booths, Ingathering, Succoth (Heb. *sukkôt*).²

• Sukkot – <u>Party On</u>! Enter in- Don't Miss out – It Is on Your Calendar

Lev. 23:39 "Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath."

• Rest or not to rest?

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¹ Unless otherwise noted, all biblical references are from the King James Bible, (1982).

² Walter A. Elwell and W. A VanGemeren, "Feasts and Festivals," in *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, 3rd ed. (Ada, Michigan: Baker Publishing Group, 2017),

^{1, &}lt;u>http://ezproxy.liberty.edu/login?url=https://search.credoreference.com/content/entry/bp_gugxt/feasts</u>.

The waving of the Palm Branches (Rev 7:9) and the Heavenly Booth (Rev 7:15 literally translated reads: "The One seated upon the throne will *erect a booth* over them with His presence.") are John's Old Testament symbols of the Feast of Tabernacles now transferred to God's Heavenly Feast.³

The Command to Rest

Heb. 3:7-13 GW As the Holy Spirit says, "If you hear God speak today, don't be stubborn. Don't be stubborn like those who rebelled and tested me in the desert. That is where your ancestors tested me, although they had seen what I had done for 40 years. That is why I was angry with those people. So I said, 'Their hearts continue to stray, and they have not learned my ways.' So I angrily took a solemn oath that they would never enter my place of rest." Be careful, brothers and sisters, that none of you ever develop a wicked, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. Encourage each other every day while you have the opportunity. If you do this, none of you will be deceived by sin and become stubborn.

• Join the Festival - Come and Dine – Show up – It's ready (John 21:12).

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John 21:12 Jesus saith unto them, <u>Come and dine</u>. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

- Today's message is how to be thankful for God's supply.
- Every Christian can develop a thankful heart by observing these three truths.
- <u>Truth #1</u> God Delivers (Lev. 23:42-43).
- <u>Truth #2</u> God Provides (Lev. 23:39).
- <u>Truth #3</u> Always Remember (Lev. 23:34-35, 41).

<u>Truth #1</u> – <u>God Delivers</u> (Lev. 23:42-43).

• A. <u>God Delivers His People</u>

Lev. 23:42-43 "Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths: That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your God."

³ Lorraine Day, "The Feast of Tabernacles," goodnewsaboutgod.com, July 10, 2006, <u>https://www.goodnewsaboutgod.com/studies/spiritual/home_study/feast_of_tab ernacles.htm.</u>

• **How did God deliver His people**?

The Passover (Exod. 12:1-28)

Exod. 12:13 ESV <u>The blood</u> shall be a sign <u>for you</u>, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

The Exodus from Egypt (Exod. 12:29-51), An exit

Exod. 12:29 CEV At midnight the LORD killed the first-born son of every Egyptian family, from the son of the king to the son of every prisoner in jail. He also killed the first-born male of every animal that belonged to the Egyptians.

Exod. 12:51 ISV And <u>on that very day</u>, the LORD brought the Israelis out of the land of Egypt by their <u>tribal divisions</u>. (6-25K Army terms). 603K Jews in Exodus.

Crossing the Red Sea (Exod. 13:17;15:21)

Exod. 13:17 CEV After the king had finally let the people go, the LORD did not lead them through Philistine territory, though that was the shortest way. God had said, "If they are attacked, they may decide to return to Egypt."

Deliverance at the Red Sea (Exod. 13:17;14:31)

Exod. 14:28-31 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, *and* all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry *land* in the midst of the sea; and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore. And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

Song at the sea (Exod. 15:1-21)

Exo 15:20-21 NET Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a hand-drum (*tambourine*) in her hand, and all the women went out after her with hand-drums and with dances. Miriam sang in response to them, "Sing to the LORD, <u>for he has triumphed gloriously</u>; the horse and its rider he has thrown into the sea."

• B. A Deliverer / Savior.

The Deliverers Moses and Aaron (Exod. 6:27)

Exod. 6:27 These are they which spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of

Israel from Egypt: these *are* that Moses and Aaron.

Jesus the Deliverer

Matt. 2:4-6 GW He called together all the chief priests and scribes and tried to find out from them where the <u>Messiah</u> was supposed to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem in Judea. The prophet wrote about this: Bethlehem in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah. A leader will come from you. <u>He will shepherd my people Israel</u>."

Matt. 16:16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Matt. 16:16 CEV Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

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Rom. 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the

Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Truth #2 – God Provides (Lev. 23:39).

• A. God Provides Food and a Blessed Harvest.

In the Feast of Booths, the appreciation for the bounties of nature is linked to the commemoration for divine protection and freedom. Living in booths served as a reminder of God's protection during the forty years of wandering in the desert (Lev 23:42). The temporary booths symbolized the human need to depend upon God for His provision of food, water, and shelter.⁴

Lev. 23:39 "Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day *shall be* a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath."

Deut. 28:2 ESV And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Ps. 126:2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, <u>The LORD hath</u> done great things for them.

Rest (Lev. 23:39). Whether rest is connected to the Sabbath or to one of the festivals, God commanded his people to set aside their normal work to acknowledge him as their true provider; any measure of stability or security they enjoyed came about because of God's activity on their behalf.⁵

Tabernacles or Booths (Lev. 23:33–43) This fruit harvest festival in the fall was the most Joyous occasion of the year. It lasted for seven days. Some say it was a time for the renewal of the covenant.⁶

⁴ Day, "The Feast of Tabernacles."

⁵ John H. Walton and Kim E. Walton, *The Bible Story Handbook: A Resource for Teaching 175 Stories from the Bible* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2010), 104.

⁶ Dan G. Kent, "Israel's Festivals and Feasts," in *Holman Concise Bible Commentary*, ed. David S. Dockery (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1998), 45.

Emphasis is very much on rejoicing (vv. 11, 14) because of Yahweh's blessings (vv. 10, 15, 17). Hence pilgrimage feasts are opportune for bringing a gift in accordance with Yahweh's blessing (vv. 16–17). The regulations also involve days of rest or "sacred assemblies," when absolutely no work may be done.⁷

• B. <u>Early and Latter Rain</u> – A farmer's necessity and livelihood

Jeremiah 5:24-25 CEV You refuse to say, "Let's worship the LORD! He's the one who sends rain in spring and autumn and gives us a good harvest." That's why I cannot bless you!

James 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

"Throughout the Bible, rain signifies the blessing of God, or the power of the Holy Spirit being poured out. In places where the Word comes forth and the people receive it, believe it, and respond, you will often see demonstrations of running." (Joy 108).

<u>Truth #3</u> – <u>Always Remember</u> (Lev. 23:34-35, 41).

• **A. God Provides Ways to Remember His Provision and a call to worship Him.** The call to worship from the Israelites as in the Exodus show believers today through God's Word shows the Exodus ended the by emphasizing where to worship God as in the Tabernacle, <u>Leviticus deals with how to worship Him.</u>⁸ The timing of the Feast of Booths on the fifteenth day of the seventh month is significant. It marked the change of season, the approach of rain and of the winter equinox, and determined alike the commencement and close of a sabbatical year (Deut. 31:10).⁹

"The prophet Isaiah describes how God will protect the faithful remnant during the time of trouble by sheltering them with the cloud by day and the flaming fire by night: "It will be for a shade by day from the heat, and for a refuge and shelter from the storm and the rain" (Is 4:6). In this context, the cloud and fire of God's presence function as a protecting booth over His people." The imagery of the "booths – sukkot" is used in the Bible as the symbol of God's protection.¹⁰

Lev. 23:34-35, 41 "Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month *shall be* the feast of tabernacles *for* seven days unto the LORD. On the first day *shall be*

⁷ VanGemeren, "Feasts and Festivals."

⁸ Bill T. Arnold and Bryan E. Beyer, *Encountering the Old Testament: A Christian Survey (Encountering Biblical Studies)* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Academic, 2008), 119.

⁹ Day, "The Feast of Tabernacles."

¹⁰ Ibid.

an <u>holy convocation</u>: ye shall do no servile work *therein*. And ye shall <u>keep it a feast unto the</u> <u>LORD</u> seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute for ever <u>in your generations</u>: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

Hebrew 7th month = Tishri (30 days) September-October / Americans = Thanksgiving

- My July 4th story for 20 years with family.
- B. Sukkot / Feast of Tabernacles / Booths / The Time of Our Joy.

Feast of Tabernacles/Ingathering (Sukkôt) - This third pilgrimage feast was held for seven days from the fifteenth through the twenty-first of the seventh month (Exod. 23:16–17; 34:22; Lev. 23:33–44). The first day and the day after the feast were solemn assemblies. All Israelite families lived in booths made of branches of trees, including the poplar and the palm (Lev. 23:40, 42). Because it was a harvest feast, **special offerings** were presented in the temple (Lev. 23:37–38). It was marked by great joy (Deut. 16:13–15).¹¹

The three main characteristics of the Feast of Booths were 1) the dwelling in booths, 2) the unusual number of sacrifices, 3) the joyous festivities.¹²

Sacrifices (Num. 29:12–34). The number of animals sacrificed during this weeklong festival, the Feast of Booths, is staggering (<u>seventy bulls, fourteen rams, ninety-eight lambs, seven</u> <u>goats</u>) but was intended as a recognition of the Lord's bounty on his people. These sacrifices were not offered for a family but for the entire people of Israel. At Thanksgiving, our country slaughters a staggering number of turkeys for our celebrations of thanks. In the Old Testament the sacrifices of the animals served as worship to the Lord.¹³

The Feast of Tabernacles is also a harvest festival, but its historical emphasis lies in remembering the forty years in the wilderness, when Israel lived in tents.

The unity experienced by God's OT people during the feasts and festivals (Ps. 133:1) has not found expression in the Christian community, where unity has been more confessionally oriented.¹⁴

Ps. 23:5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; <u>my cup runneth over</u>.

Framing Sukkot - Sukkot in Jaffa and Jerusalem

Each individual or family built a sukkah as an expression of his or his family's belief system. Each one constructed a ritual dwelling to perpetuate a tradition. The sukkah's four walls had images of palm trees, stars, moons, and suns carved out of the walls, as well as the words <u>succat</u> <u>shalom</u>, "sukkah of peace," cut into multiple sides. In front of the sukkah, a large plaque hung

¹¹ VanGemeren, "Feasts and Festivals."

¹² Day, "The Feast of Tabernacles."

¹³ Walton, *The Bible Story Handbook*, 104.

¹⁴ VanGemeren, "Feasts and Festivals."

above the entrance that also read "sukkah of peace."15

<u>The sukkah has something very primal about it. It's that it is all natural. It's trees and it's leaves.</u> <u>It's very pure and simple. Anyone can do it</u>. You do not have to be rich to have it; you do not have to be talented to make it. It's as if it is telling you that to be happy, you do not need economic wealth. You do not need the luxury of the modern world; you do not need a big, nice car; you do not need villa; you need the basic. You need to be loved; you need to be guarded, to have strong relationships with people so that when you are sad, someone will soothe you and say that he loves you, and that that is what will make you happy. <u>The sukkah's modest material nature leads by example: its significance does not lie in its economic worth.</u>¹⁶

By contrasting the sukkah built from modest, natural materials with the manufactured kits that are increasingly available and used. "We live in an instant culture." "Let's put it into percentages. If twenty percent still build sukkot, and eighty percent do not, it tells you that twenty percent still remember what makes them happy and eighty percent think they will find happiness in money. That's why they go and buy a sukkah. What is it to buy a ready-made sukkah? It's modernism. It's metal poles. And these poles reflect today's reality in their emptiness. What is iron? What is this material? It's a cold material. Iron is like a chameleon—its heat comes from the outside. If it's cold outside, so the metal will be cold. If you put it near a fire, so it will be warm. It doesn't have character." In this comparison between wood and metal, a sukkah constructed of organic materials is meaningful for what it is (inclusive, natural, warm) and for what it is not (exclusive, manufactured, cold).¹⁷

When you look at my father's sukkah, you see his soul, his inner happiness.

The second element of the sukkah that was its temporary nature.

Perhaps it was the hard life he lived, <u>maybe the ups and downs of the economy, or of the</u> <u>emotions, these jolts of life, but the portability of the sukkah meant</u> "Do not despair, do not lose hope. It was destroyed? Build it again."¹⁸

The sukkah's simultaneous instability and promise of return. The annual recurrence of this shelter teaches hope and perseverance.¹⁹

- Recovery from your <u>fallen</u> undignified self.
- Religious leaders did the happy dance

The reverent and wise rejoice – explain the happy dance of water drawing.

After the sacrifice has been accepted it was time for the Festival of Tabernacles, which is also known as "the time of our joy." The rejoicing took place mainly in the Holy Temple, the central

¹⁵ Gabrielle Anna Berlinger, "Sukkot in Jaffa and Jerusalem," in *Framing Sukkot: Tradition and Transformation in Jewish Vernacular Architecture* (Bloomington, Indiana: Indiana University Press, 2017), 152-153, <u>https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt1zxzm0.10</u>.

¹⁶ Ibid., 161.

¹⁷ Ibid., 162.

¹⁸ Ibid., 163.

¹⁹ Ibid., 164.

point of Jewish worship.

And you shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God seven days. And you shall keep it a feast onto the Lord seven days in the year. It shall be a statue forever in your generations: you shall celebrate it in the seventh month. Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths. That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God (Lev. 23:40-43).

After the sacrifice was accepted, the children of Israel were commanded to rejoice for seven days. Even the smartest and most influential men in that generation²⁰ rejoiced and celebrated because they understood what the blood had done.

Some have accused those who exhibit great joy and rejoicing as being ignorant or foolish. However, it is the wisdom of God. I like how Proverbs describes the rejoicing nature of wisdom, "Then I [Wisdom] was beside Him as a master and director of the work; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always" (Pro. 8:30 AMP).

At the foot of Mount Moriah, in the city of David, there is <u>a natural spring called Siloam, the</u> <u>source of Jerusalem's water. As it is located literally in the shadow of the Holy Temple, it has</u> <u>always had spiritual significance for Israel</u>. Each day of the festival, the priest went down to the Siloam Temple. There, they filled a golden flask with 3 lugs (about 1/2 liter) of pure water and returned to the Temple through the West Gate, on the southern side of the court. As they entered the gate, their steps were greeted by the sound of trumpets and shofar blasts, in fulfillment of the prophet's words, "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out the wells of salvation" (Is. 12:3).</u> The Actual participants in the celebration were not common folk, but the greatest scholars and the²¹ most pious men of the generation - the heads of the Sanhedrin, the sages, the academy heads, and the elders. In the presence of all those assembled in the Holy Temple, these exceedingly righteous men would dance, sing, and rejoice.²²

These exceedingly righteous men had knowledge and understanding of the blood sacrifices and wine liberations together. They had reason to rejoice because they knew these celebrations signified the fulfilling of Isaiah 12:3, which is a type of salvation rate we receive through Jesus Christ. They were commanded to rejoice because their sins were covered for one year.

Under the new covenant, we rejoice because our sins had been remitted eternally when we believe and receive what Jesus has done for us in our redemption. We have been made the very righteousness of God and we should be glad.

"But let the righteousness be glad" let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice" (Psalm 68:3).

We also rejoice because the blood has been shed been shed and the enemy has been defeated!

Psalm 27:6 says, "And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round²³ about me: therefore, I will offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord."

²⁰ Mark Hankins, *The Secret Power of Joy* (Tulsa, Oklahoma: HARRISON HOUSE, 2012), 77.

²¹ Ibid., 78.

²² Ibid., 79.

²³ Ibid.

We have a spring of living water continually flowing and bubbling within us (John 4:14) - the same water that Jesus spoke of to the woman at the well (John 4:13). That means that we can worship the Father in spirit and in truth - anytime, anywhere.²⁴

• Snoopy happy dance on piano

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1 Cor. 10:4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Exod. 13:20-22 And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, *from* before the people.

• C. Celebration Festival.

Deed burning ceremony example

Look what the Lord has done - Rhema Singers & Band - Kenneth Hagin

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Look what the Lord has done

I

The lame man set outside the gait

begging alms of those that entered in.

Well Peter and John they came unto him

you know the lame man he begged from them.

Oh and Peter said Silver and gold have I none

but such I have I give unto thee.

The spirit touched the lame man he leaped to his feet

he cried Look what the Lord has done.

II

Oh I was bound by the chains of darkness and sin

I had no hope no peace of mind.

Tho my blood was red as scarlet he washed it white as snow

and he opened my blinded eyes.

Oh and now my heart is overjoyed since Ive made him my choice

and I find joy and peace in every thing I do.

My names written down in the lambs book of life

cant you see what hes done for me.

Chorus

Oh look what the Lord has done.

He healed my body, he touched my mind

he saved me just in time.

Im gonna praise his name

each day hes just the same.

Come on and praise him name

each day hes just the same.

Come on and praise him name

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Come on and praise him

look what the Lord has done.
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• D. Jesus Is the Light / Jesus is the Time of Our Joy (John 7:37; 8:12).

The annual Feast of Tabernacles was a beautiful custom, when the whole people removed from their dwellings to spend the days and nights in the booths, constructed out of the verdant boughs

²⁴ Hankins, The Secret Power of Joy, 80.

gathered from woodland and forest. How the children must have reveled in the experience, and what a healthy change it made for them all! The great lesson, of course, was to recall the <u>Wilderness experience of their fathers</u>, during which the Almighty was their fellow-pilgrim. In figure they confessed that they were still pilgrims and strangers on the earth, and had no abiding city, but sought one to come. It was the custom of the feast in later years to pour water, drawn from Siloam, on the Temple pavement, in memory of the water supplies of the Wilderness-the rock that followed them. And it was on that occasion that Jesus uttered His memorable appeal.²⁵

<u>Jesus stood teaching – context of the Light</u>

Rivers of Living Water

John 7:37 NASB "Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.'" John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

I Am the Light of the World

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

The Eschatological Feast of Booths

Zechariah sees the ultimate fulfillment of the Feast of Booths on the day when "the Lord your God will come and all the holy ones with Him" (Zech. 14:5). "On that day," the prophet explains, "there shall be neither cold nor frost. And there shall be continuous day. . . not day or night, for at evening time there shall be light" (Zech. 14:6-7).

In the prophetic vision, the unusual night illumination of the Feast of Booths finds it ultimate fulfillment in the new earth where "there shall be continuous day. . . for at evening them there shall be light"²⁶

Walking in the Light

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

• Jesus is the time (season) of our joy

The Feast of Booths, being the Feast of Ingathering, fittingly represents the ingathering of the

²⁵ F.B. Meyer, "E-Sword Book Comments," E-SWORD the Sword of the LORD with an electronic edge, accessed December 10, 2021, <u>https://e-sword.net/</u>.

²⁶ Day, "The Feast of Tabernacles."

redeemed from ALL the nations of the earth. John the Revelator depicts the day when the whole earth becomes the booth of God who will dwell among His people (Rev 21:3).²⁷

The Feast of Tabernacles and the Incarnation - The Feast of Tabernacles serves to reveal in the Gospels what Christ has already done for us at the incarnation, and in Revelation, what He will do for us at the final restoration of this world. For John, the author the Gospel of John and of Revelation, the dwelling in tents is a primordial symbol of the Incarnation: 'Thus the Word became flesh (a mortal man) and dwelt (pitched his tent) in the midst of us.' (John 1:14) Thus, the birth of Jesus is linked to the Feast of Tabernacles.²⁸

Every Christian can develop a thankful heart by observing these three truths.

- Truth #1 God Delivers
- Truth #2 God Provides
- Truth #3 Always Remember
- God says, "Come and dine, rest, relax. 'Son / Daughter,' I got this. Enjoy my Presence. Camp out with me for a week or so and forever always remember My goodness" (John 21:12; James 1:17).

John 21:12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Sukkot It is known as the time of our joy. Jesus purposely waited so that he could declare that he was the light of the world at this time period. He spared not of his own son of light. He translated us out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of his dear Son or light (Col. 1:12-13). James 1:17 shows there is no darkness in God and that the light of God shines through Jesus Christ who paid our "sin tax." He is the deliverer that we can be thankful for. He took us out from slavery. He brought in the rain. He redeemed our souls.

- **Ps.23:5 NLT** "You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. <u>My cup</u> overflows with blessings."
- Jesus is the Way

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

• Jesus the Redeemer and perfect sacrifice for us

Eph. 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

²⁷ Day, "The Feast of Tabernacles."

²⁸ Ibid.

• Jesus is God's Gift for you

Eph. 2:8-9 for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory.

	<u>tap the raise hand tab</u>	<mark>) if you want to pray to receive Jesus as your Lord</mark>
10	I commit my life to Jesus. Let us know by raising your hand. Raise Hand Dismiss	

• Your active part – align your heart with your mouth

Rom. 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

This is your moment. Pray where you hear it with your own ears and the whole church will pray together with you along – so now pray along with Pastor Dave...

"HEAVENLY FATHER, I COME TO YOU IN JESUS NAME. AND I BELIEVE WITH ALL MY HEART THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD. HE DIED ON A CROSS TO BEAR MY SIN STAIN. AND I NOW OPEN THE DOOR OF MY HEART. I OPEN THE DOOR OF MY LIFE AND JESUS, I INVITE YOU IN. I RECIEVE YOU NOW JESUS TO BE MY SAVIOR AND TO BE MY LORD. THANK YOU FOR COMING. I'M NOW A CHILD OF GOD. AND MY SIN IS WASHED AWAY AND I'M HEAVEN BOUND. AND JESUS IS MY LORD, IN JESUS NAME, AMEN."

IF YOU HAVE PRAYED WITH ME, JESUS HAS COME INTO YOUR LIFE AND HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU. FIND A GOOD CHURCH TO HEAR GOD'S WORD AND TO GROW SPIRITUALLY.

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• Hit the <u>connect tab</u> – to let us know how you are doing mailto:info@pearlfamilychurch.com Revelation 21:1 to 22:5 represent the ultimate fulfillment of the Feast of Tabernacles when God will tabernacle over His people with His presence (Rev 21:3). At that time, no material Temple or booths will be needed because the reality to which these pointed has come.²⁹

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