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The True Meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles

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Then of course, Tabernacles, (**Leviticus 23:34**) **“³⁴ Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD.”** It’s the longest and the happiest festival in Israel’s

calendar. We just celebrated it. **Zechariah 14:16** says that even in the end-times all of us will continue celebrating it. **“¹⁶ And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.”** Isn’t that great? All of us are going to go because the Lord will tabernacle with His people. The Lord tabernacles. The Lord is dwelling, inhabits the praises of his people.

So, the seven festivals, were they fulfilled? The Passover, of course, speaks of the crucifixion of the Lord. Unleavened Bread speaks of the sinless life of the Lord: past. We know that Weeks or Pentecost, was the descending of the Holy Spirit, the birth of the church, it’s already past. We know the [Feast of] Trumpets I believe, that since 1948, Israel and the church co-exist, and we are the trumpets: It is now. The Day of Atonement, is the Second Coming of Christ, Israel’s national salvation. It is in the future. Of course, the Feast of Tabernacles speaks of the Millennial Kingdom when the Lord will tabernacle with His people. That, of course, is in the future.

What is missing? What’s missing is the Rapture’s exact time. You see, I told you everything. But we didn’t talk about the exact time of the Rapture. Why? Because we should not know the day or the hour. But we know one thing. It is what? It is very soon, very, very soon. You

have to understand something. God, in the festivals of Israel, prescribed His plan of redemption to the whole world. Not only for Israel. Israel was just a way for Him to communicate His Word to the whole world. He is now putting His blueprint of salvation out to the whole world. Everyone who confesses that Jesus is Lord, that He died for your sins, that He was buried, and resurrected; everyone who believes will be saved. Amen? That's as far as the gospel is concerned. The plan of God, the plan of redemption is there.

And then there is this satanic plan of deception: to tell you that all you need to be is a good person. You need to do good things. You will enter the kingdom of God no matter what. You were here when I taught about that; regarding the rise of the one world religion. The only thing that separates you from God's plan is a choice. It's a free choice. It is within your grasp to decide whether you are adopting the godly plan of redemption, or if you are falling into the satanic plan of deception. The Bible says, **(2 Thessalonians 2:9–12) “⁹ The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish,...”** It is all full of unrighteousness and deception. What happened is, “¹⁰ ...those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.” If you do not receive the love of the truth, then you'll perish. But that's your choice. You choose not to. Then, of course, “¹¹ **And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe in the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**”

What gives you pleasure in this world? Loving God, serving God, or being in the world? Going out, drinking, partying, and dancing? What really excites you in this world? Is it the world, or is it serving God? Is it your business, or is it the Father's business? What really is the motivation of your life nowadays as we reach the last hour of the last days? Because I tell you something, the

victory has already been determined. The Bible says in **2 Thessalonians 2:7-8**, “**7 For the mystery of lawlessness (yes!) is already at work; only He who now restrains (the Holy Spirit) will do so until He is taken out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.**” Jesus will return. He will destroy all that the enemy is about to prepare. So the victory has already been achieved. Jesus is already on the winning side. We know the end from the beginning. Now the choice is ours: To be with the victorious side; or to be with the losers. To enjoy the pleasures of the world now, that are so temporary, or to be on our knees knowing that this is the last hour. This is the time to share. This is the time to pray. This is the time to love and care. This is it. We must, until He comes, be about our Father’s business. We must occupy. We must dominate. We must not be passive.

The Bible says, “What kind of a trumpet are you?” In **1 Corinthians 14:8**, remember we are trumpets. It says, “**8 For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare for battle?**” You see, you are all trumpets. We are trumpets. We are living in the days of the Feast of Trumpets. At the last trumpet, He’s going to come and take us. But if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who is going to prepare? You see, once we reach eternity, there’s no way back. You cannot really fix things. Remember what Jesus talks about in His amazing parable? Talking about Lazarus, remember (Luke 16:19–31) the poor man and the king, you can’t fix things. That’s it.

If you want to make things right, this is your time. *Now*, not later on. It’s important that we do that. Because this is it. I want to conclude the message with something that CS Lewis wrote in one of his books. He is one of my favorite Christian authors. He wrote something very profound.

He basically said, “As we come to the end, there will be those people who will say to God, ‘Thy will be done.’ Then, those whom God says to, in the end, ‘Thy will be done.’” Do you understand? If you choose to reject God, God says, “Okay, then your will be done.” But it’s your will. It’s your choice. Then he says, “All that are in Hell, choose it. Without that self-choice there could be no Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy, (the joy of our salvation) will ever miss it. Those who seek find. Those who knock it will be opened.”¹

This evening, as we come to an end, I want to challenge you this evening. You see what is going on in the world is alarming for the non-believer. What is going on in the world should scare the one who is not prepared. What is going on in the world will only intensify, as Jesus said. What is going on in the world definitely will be going to increase: more earthquakes, more famines, more pestilences, more natural disasters, more wars, more rumors of war, more nations against nations, and more kingdoms against kingdoms. Jesus said, “It is just the beginning.” We are not here to talk about romantic events. We are here to talk about what the world is going through right now. And the question is: Where is your heart this evening? Are you ready? Are you ready to meet your Creator? Do you understand that Jesus is looking at you, and there are two things that He can

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say: Well done good and faithful servant, or I do not know you. These are two things that Jesus can say. It’s up to you what He is going to say. Because it is up to what you did. What you decided in the time that He gave you in this world.

¹ C.S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce*.

Ever since things have been going crazy in the last few years, there is not even a single message that I can finish without giving people the opportunity to get right with the Lord. I'm telling you guys, if I'm not going to give you time to repent, your blood is on my hands. Ezekiel says that in chapter 33. He says, "I can—I must tell you. What you do with it, or not, that is your problem. But I must tell you." The Bible says he who has ears, let him hear what the Spirit has to say. So, this evening I am extending an invitation. We have seen; God's Word is fulfilled. God is perfect. He is not too late. He is not too early. He prescribed everything. Jesus came and fulfilled everything. God is love. God wants you to be saved. God doesn't want you to choose Hell. God says in the book of **Deuteronomy 30:19**, Choose life! **"¹⁹...I have set before you, life and death...choose life!"**

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