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Greetings, brethren! Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles 2026! For a lot of us, we didn't think we would get this far. For some others, they've already graduated to the grave and awaiting the resurrection. Either way, the Feast Days of God are the most important, but here is a little secret of God.

For the very important things that God is going to expand and make greater than what it appears to be, He's puts it in an (obscure) place in the Bible: Lev. 23.

That's why we have the book, *God's Plan for Mankind, Revealed by His Sabbath and Holy Days*.

This Feast of Tabernacles, we won't go through all that are listed here, but it starts out with what? *Very important*. We'll just read the first couple of verses here.

Leviticus 23:1: "And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, "***Concerning the appointed Feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim...***"'" (vs 1-2).

- not ignore
- not put to the side
- not say that it's for the Jews

because the Jews don't keep the Feast of Tabernacles the way that they should! It's like one Jewish man said: he put God on trial because of all the suffering of the Jews.

Whereas ***IF*** they would read the Bible, they would find out what they are going through ***is the penalty that they brought upon themselves when they rejected God manifested in the flesh, the only begotten of the Father, Jesus Christ!*** That has followed them wherever they go.

What they need to do is *put themselves on trial* and ***compare it with the Word of God!*** That's what we all need to do all the time anyway. Isn't it? *Yes, indeed! The appointed Feasts.*

What was the first thing that God revealed to Adam and Eve? ***The Sabbath!*** Amazing! He kept the Sabbath with Adam and Eve.

Verse 3: "Six days shall work be done, **but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, a Holy convocation.** You shall not do any work. It *is* a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings."

Then we find out later, these are appointed in all of their generations. When you take those two little phrases and put them together, that tells us ***we need to keep the Feast of God beginning with the Sabbath!*** Everything that we have, as you will find in the book, *God's Plan for Mankind...* shows what God is doing.

But because men rebelled at God, and even like Adam and Eve, God told them, 'Don't eat of the ***Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil***, for in a day that you eat thereof, you shall surely die.' *Satan comes along and says,*

NO! NO! NO! You won't die! I'll help you to gain eternal life *my way*. You don't have to do it God's way!

That's why we are where we are today!.

When it comes down to the Feast of Tabernacles, this is one of the great Feasts of God, because everyone has wondered for centuries:

- What is God doing?
- When is Christ coming?
- When is the Kingdom of God coming on the earth?

They read it in the Bible, but they have no clue as to when it's going to come.

IF they would keep the Feasts of God, and especially right now, this time of the year, *the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day*, they would know:

- these Feasts are so great
- the meaning of them is so spectacular

that it is absolutely overwhelming when we understand it:

- that God is going to do what He's going to do
- that He's going to bring the Kingdom of God on the earth

and a special thing for all of those who are in the first resurrection. We find that the book of Revelation tells us:

- that we will be kings and priests
- that we will reign on the earth with Christ

and then a great salvation for all the rest of the nations begins!

That's when God begins to unfold His Plan in a mighty, miraculous way. One of the first things that needs to be done is to get rid of wars. You stop and think about it. Think about it this way:

Down through time, has there ever been a time where there is not a war?

How many wars have we had since the turn of the 20th century? 1900:

- Spanish-American War

- First World War
- The Cold World War
- Second World War
- Korean War
- Vietnamese War,
- Kuwait War
- Iraq War

That's just us! And whatever other wars that were going on in any other places that we weren't involved in.

Every time I watch one of these programs about archaeology unearthing things in the dirt and between the rocks, I think about:

- When has there ever been a time when there is no war? *Yet, everybody says they're working for peace!*
- Remember when the League of Nations came around? *They said that this is going to bring peace to the world.*

That lasted long enough for Hitler to get going, and the Japanese to go in the Far East. Wars didn't stop, **but only God can stop wars!** That's what this Feast of Tabernacles pictures.

Isaiah 2:1: "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass, in the last days the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it" (vs 1-2).

That's the only one world government that's going to work!

- has to be by God
- has to be with His Spirit
- has to be with His Laws

Men will never learn that peace can never last! **Only IF God brings it!**

Verse 3: "And many people shall go and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, **and we will walk in His paths.**'"

That will be for those nations who will submit to the power of Jesus Christ, and 'the government, shall be upon His shoulders' (Isa. 9)!

"...For out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (vs 3-4).

Just stop and think about how much money and wealth has been spent on war.

- What's the current budget for just America this year? *One and a half trillion dollars!*
- Do we have peace yet?
- Is Donald Trump going to be like one plaque sent to him said, the Prince of Peace? *No! It will only be Jesus Christ!*

Then they have to change their ways. They have to:

- learn the way of God
- learn the way of Truth
- understand what God wants

That's what the Feast of Tabernacles is all about: *to bring salvation to the world!*

Isaiah 11—Here's what it's going to be like during the Millennium. Even though we can read these words and see them, and know what they will bring, *it's going to be an amazing thing to see it happen!*

Isaiah 11:1: “And there shall come forth a shoot out from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him...” (vs 1-2).

Everything that is missing in the ability of men to come to peace, resides in Christ. But will they come to Him God's way? *No!*

Verse 2: “And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. And He shall not judge according to the sight of His eyes, nor after the hearing of His ears. But with righteousness...” (vs 2-4).

This is a key important thing for the Feast of Tabernacles. We will see in John 7 that during the Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus told the religious leaders: ***judge righteous judgment!*** We have a whole series that we've done concerning Feast of Tabernacles and *Judge Righteous Judgment*, and we have a whole booklet entitled, ***Judge Righteous Judgment.***

Because that's what needs to be done. Look at what we have with the courts today. They're a farce, they're satanic.

Verse 4: “But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and shall reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. And He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.”

No more, what we're seeing happen today!

Verse 5: “And **righteousness** shall be the girdle of His loins, and **faithfulness** the girdle of His reins. Also, the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the

kid; and the calf and the cub lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them” (vs 5-6).

Now that’s quite a thing, because it shows that the knowledge of the Word of God is going to be like the oceans that cover the earth. That’s what it says.

Verse 9: “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be the Root of Jesse standing as a banner for the people; **to Him the nations shall seek; and His rest shall be glorious**” (vs 9-10).

That’s what the Feast of Tabernacles pictures!

- the Kingdom of God
- the peace of God
- the rest of God

No more toil in sin!

Verse 11: And it shall come to pass in that day, the LORD shall again set His hand, the second time, to recover the remnant of His people that remains, from Assyria and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Ethiopia, and from Persia, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the coasts of the sea. And He shall lift up a banner for the nations, and shall gather the outcasts of Israel and gather together the scattered ones of Judah **from the four corners of the earth**” (vs 11-12).

That’s a great peace which is coming! That’s what this Feast of Tabernacles pictures for the world:

- end of war
- end of armies
- end of bombs
- end of all the implements of killing and death, to wage war

Of course, we know when we read Rev. 20, that before the institution of the Feast of Tabernacles, ***Satan is put in prison, because Satan is the one that causes all of this!***

Verse 16: “And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people, those left from Assyria; as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.”

They’re all going to be brought back!

Then ***Babylon is going to be brought down, the whole world system!***

God has something special for us. All of those in the first resurrection, Rev. 20. Then we will look at some Psalms that give us great encouragement of what is coming and what we can look forward to ***as pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles and God’s great plan!***

Revelation 20:4—*after the Satan is put away*: “And I saw thrones...”
—*types of authority*.

Christ said to the Church at Thyatira, ‘You rule the nations with a rod of iron.’ That *doesn’t mean* you’re going to beat them down as a dictator. *That means that the rod of iron composes the laws of God, the Truth of God, and there’s no way you’re going to bend it or change it!* That’s what it is.

“...they that sat upon them, **and judgment was given to them...**” (v 4)

- we’re going to teach
- we’re going to help
- we’re going to inspire

and people will come into conversion!

They will live a hundred years as will be explained by some of the other messages that are coming. Then they will be changed at that time *from flesh to spirit beings!*

Verse 4: “And I saw thrones; and they that sat upon them...”

*That’s us! **We’re going to rule and reign with Christ!***

What a picture it is for us!

- that’s why we’re here for the Feast of Tabernacles
- that’s why we learn the things that we learn here

We know that ***Christ is going to keep His Word!***

- Christ is going to return
- the Kingdom of God is going to be set up
- wars will cease
- the knowledge of God will increase like ‘the waters that cover the sea’

Verse 4: “And I saw thrones; and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given to them...”

That’s something!

Judgment! Righteous judgment! That’s what we read that Christ is going to do.

“...and *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and those who did not worship the beast or his image, and did not receive the mark in their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years” (v 4).

*That’s quite a thing! That’s **a major part of God’s Plan!***

Verse 5: “(But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were completed.)...”

God has a whole lot more!

That’s why when you read Lev. 23 for the Feast of Tabernacles, that’s seven days. *Then there is the eighth day! That eighth day will even be greater than everything that happens during the Millennium!*

Think about that! *God’s way is so great, mighty, righteous, good, fantastic that He has devised it this way!* Let’s see what else here.

Verse 6: “Blessed and Holy...”

—that’s what God says of us.

- Are those not qualities of God?
- “Blessed and Holy”? *Yes!*
- Will we be the sons and daughters of God? *Yes, we will!*
- Will we be in the Family of God? *Yes, we will!*
- Are we going to rule and reign with Christ a thousand years? *Yes, we will!*

Verse 6: “Blessed and Holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power. But they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”

That’s quite a thing!

Part of the eighth day is going to picture one of the greatest, fantastic things that are ever going to take place, *and that is the coming of New Jerusalem.*

Psa. 91—Let’s see what we have here. This will be good, because these are special Psalms kind of put in sequence *for us*:

- who will be of that first resurrection
- who will be appointed as kings and priests and rule and reign with Christ

Psalm 91:1: “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”

That’s all of us now for the promise to be delivered as we read in Rev. 20.

Verse 2: “I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, *in Whom I will trust.*”

- that’s how we’re going to get there
- that’s how we’re going to resist the Mark of the Beast
- that’s how we’re going to resist the things that’ll be coming in this world

“... ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in Whom I will trust.’ Surely He will deliver

you from the fowler's trap and from the destroying pestilence" (vs 2-3).

And we will be! The first resurrection will deliver us from all of those things!

Verse 4: "He shall cover you with His feathers..."

That means a close personal relationship with God, close personal protection from God!

"...and under His wings you shall take refuge. His Truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flies by day, nor for the plague that walks in darkness, nor for the destruction laying waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand; it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes you shall behold and see the recompense of the wicked" (vs 4-8).

We will be able to see that, all of that leading up to entering into the Kingdom of God. How are we going to do that?

Verse 9: "Because you have made the LORD, Who is my refuge, even the Most High, your habitation."

That's what God promises!

Verse 14—*LORD God speaking*: "'Because he has set his love upon Me...'"

That's prophecy of Christ, but also a prophecy of us!

- Has God set His love upon us? *Yes!*
- Has He given us His Truth? *Yes!*
- Has He forgiven our sins? *Yes!*
- Has He given us His Holy Spirit? *Yes!*

All of those things are there!

"...therefore, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation" (vs 14-16).

That's eternal life!

Psa. 93-96 talks about *the reign of God!*. We won't go through all of them, but they follow along with ***the Lord reigns!***

Remember what we read, He's going to be King over all the earth. Just think what that's going to be like.

Psalm 93:1: "The LORD reigns; He is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength. He clothed Himself and the world also is established; it shall not be moved. Your throne is established of old; You are from everlasting" (vs 1-2).

So that's quite a thing! It's going to be all of it there.

Verse 4: “The LORD on high is mightier than the thunders of many waters, yea, mightier than the mighty waves of the sea. Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house forever, O LORD” (vs 4-5).

Let’s see what we have here in Psalm 96. This is all part of it and all what we’re going to share in the fulfilling of the Feast of Tabernacles for all of those in the first resurrection:

- special blessing
- special office
- special sons and daughters of God to rule the world

That’s going to be quite a thing!

Psalm 96:1: “O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.”

I don’t know what that’s going to be like. What is the sound going to be like on a Holy Day or a Sabbath Day *when the whole world is keeping those days and they’re singing praise to God!*

- no more fighting
- no more warring
 - ✓ the Love of God
 - ✓ the Truth of God
 - ✓ the Grace of God
 - ✓ the Righteousness of God
 - ✓ the Peace of God

Verse 2: “Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among **ALL** people” (vs 2-3).

- that’s our mission
- that’s what we are to do

Don’t look around us and think *we’re not very many today!* Remember this, before anything came to Abraham, God told Him, ‘Look to the heavens and count the stars ***IF*** you’re able to number them, ***so shall your seed be.***’

Abraham had no idea of the great and awesome Plan that God was going to unfold bit by bit after that; ***until we come to today when we have a great deal of understanding of what His Sabbath and Holy Days actually mean!***

“...**ALL** people, for the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods, for all the gods of the nations are idols...” (v 3-5).

They’re all gone now. Here’s what it’s going to do:

Verse 6: “**Honor and majesty are before Him...**

[that's how we're going to worship God]

...strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, O you kindreds of the people; give to the LORD glory and strength" (vs 6-7).

That's what we need to do during this Feast of Tabernacles, ***look at what God is going to do!***

- thank Him in our prayers
- praise Him for His love
- thank Him for His understanding
- thank Him for all that He has to give to us

That's amazing!

Verse 8: "Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name; bring an offering and come into His courts. O worship the LORD **in the beauty of Holiness...**" (vs 8-9).

What is that going to be like?

- all of us together
- all of us in glory
- all of us in spirit being

and we come to worship God in the beauty of Holiness!

We have never yet experienced that at all, but that's going to be something!

- this is special for the Church
- this is special for those in the first resurrection

Verse 10: "Say among the nations, '**The LORD reigns...**'"

Isn't that what we read in Rev. 20? *We'll rule and reign with Christ!* There it is right here.

'The LORD reigns, **and the world shall be established...**'" (v 10)

The whole purpose of the world and all human beings. What a time that will be ***and all will know it!***

"...it shall not be moved; He shall judge the people with righteousness.' Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad..." (vs 10-11).

That's the whole meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles!

- taking away the sin
- taking away the wars
- taking away the sickness and disease
- taking away the hatred
- taking away the animosity
- everyone loving and serving God

- everyone loving each other

Psalm 97:1: “The LORD reigns; **let the earth rejoice...**”

What is that going to be like? You turn on your news today and what do we see?

- the earth mourns
- the earth is in trouble
- the earth is in wars
- the earth is in disasters and sickness

*Here it is **rejoice!***

Psalm 99:1: “The LORD reigns; let the people tremble. He sits between the cherubim; let the earth quake. The LORD is great in Zion, and He is high above all the people. Let them praise Your name as great and awesome; Holy is He. The strength of the King also loves justice; You established uprightness; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His footstool, for He is Holy” (vs 1-5).

That’s quite a thing, isn’t it? An amazing thing indeed!

Psa. 100—a short little Psalm, and we will end with this as a welcoming to the Feast of Tabernacles 2026.

- a time of love
- a time of gathering
- a time of serving God
- a time of drinking in of His Word and His Truth
- a time of putting it together so we understand what God is doing

Psalm 100:1: “Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.”

I don’t know what that’s going to sound like, but what’s it going to be like that on a given moment or a given time, everyone on earth assembled wherever they are assembled, ***will all shout for joy to God!*** It’s going to happen.

Verse 2: “Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God. He has made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture” (vs 2-3).

The whole substance of the Feast of Tabernacles right there for the whole world.

- that’s what’s going to happen
- that’s why we keep the Feast
- that’s why we come together
- that’s why we look at the things we need to look at
- that’s why we change and grow and overcome

- that's why the things we need to repent of, *we repent of*

The things that we need to grow in grace and knowledge in, *we ask God to help us grow in knowledge and all of that.*

Verse 3: "Know that the LORD, He is God. He has made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates **with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; give thanks unto Him and bless His name**" (vs 3-4).

Think of this when you come to Rev. 20, *that we will see God face to face*. How are we going to do it? *This one verse tells us:*

- in love
- in Truth
- in greatness
- in joy
- in absolute worship of God

"...give thanks unto Him and bless His name, for the LORD is good; His steadfast love is everlasting; and His faithfulness endures to all generations" (vs 4-5).

This gives us a brief introduction for the Feast of Tabernacles, where:

- we can come before God
- we can learn of His Word
- we can live by it
- we can rejoice in it
- where we're able to get together with the brethren, rejoice with them

Thank God! Have the fellowship that you need and the closeness that you need.

All of those things come with the keeping of the Feast of Tabernacles now. ***But look forward to the time when we will be the sons and daughters ruling and reigning and serving God the Father and Jesus Christ in righteousness and truth and bringing peace to the whole world!***

That the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the seas!

Let's put all of this in God's hands!

Bow your head, please.

Father, we thank you very much for this Feast of Tabernacles that we're all ready to start partaking of. Bless us with your spirit. Bless us with your knowledge, guidance, and understanding. Help us to realize the greatness of Your promises for the world, the greatness of Your promises for Your people, the greatness and promises that You have given to Jesus Christ to be King of this

world, that we can serve with Him, that we can bring peace and joy to the whole world and help many enter into Your Kingdom.

We ask your blessing on this Feast of Tabernacles, wherever any of your people are keeping it. Help them with joy. Help them with love. Grant them with understanding. Open their eyes to the Truth and help us to love You with all our heart and mind and soul and being.

We commit ourselves in this Feast to You, in Jesus' name, Amen!

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To Make Ready A People

(Day One—FOT)

Norbert Bohnert—September 26, 2026

Greetings, Brethren, welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles. I hope you had a great journey out to the Feast site wherever you are, and it is so wonderful to once again be here and share the next eight days with you all for our annual Feast of Tabernacles festival.

Before I get into the main message, I would like, first of all, as we always do for all God's Holy Days, come before Him and fulfill our commitment to our Almighty God and Jesus Christ, Who have called us out of this world *to be a part of God's master plan for us and also all of mankind!* As we always do, turn to:

Deuteronomy 16:16: “Three times in a year shall all your males appear before the LORD your God in the place which He shall choose: in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Tabernacles. And they shall not appear before the LORD empty. Every man *shall give* as he is able, **according to the blessing of the LORD your God, which He has given you**” (vs 16-17).

We rehearse this every year. God gives us a clear instruction for what we must do and what we must continually do on a regular basis at the appointed days, the appointed times that has been laid out for us in the Scriptures. Brethren, this command is not a burden but a privilege, *an opportunity to actively participate in working through giving!*

When we bring our offering during the Feast, we are doing more than fulfilling a command. *We are making a declaration of faith!* We are saying:

Father, I recognize that You are the Source of every blessing in my life. I trust You to provide for my needs and I joyfully return a portion of what you have entrusted to me.

Let us therefore give with a cheerful and willing heart, not out of compulsion but out of love and gratitude.

Proverbs 3:9: “Honor the LORD with your substance and with the firstfruits of all your increase; and your barns shall be filled *with* plenty, and your presses shall burst *with* new wine” (vs 9-10)

May our offerings today rise before God as a sweet aroma, *a testimony of our faith, our hope, and our love for Almighty God!* May he bless each one of us richly, not only in physical things *but in the spiritual treasures that will endure forever in His Kingdom!*

Let us take now and pause and take up the offering, and then we'll come back with the main message.

(pause for the offering)

To Make Ready A People

This is the lead-up to what these days actually represent, and then how it applies to us today, and certainly our future going forward into the coming Kingdom of God.

Are you prepared for the return of Jesus Christ? Throughout the year, we have been rehearsing through the Holy Day Plan of God, *God's Plan of Salvation!* The ultimate, ***we are called out ones***, and have learned to understand that Jesus Christ is going to return, and He is going to bring the world to be ***at-one with God!***

Brethren, you and I and many others will also be part of that contribution to God's master plan for mankind and having an important role in the teaching in the wonderful coming Kingdom of God, which we are all so desperately awaiting.

Here we are sitting together another year, observing another Feast of Tabernacles, in anticipation of the rule of the Kingdom of God over the entire earth. There are implications that we must need to think about very deeply over the next eight days, brethren. It has an impact on where we are and what we are doing in 2026, going forward from this point on.

The Church of God exists for a reason. God has a purpose in raising up His Church, and that purpose is much bigger than just our personal salvation. I am thinking of the soon coming Kingdom in terms of personal advantage, perhaps.

It is time for us, at this time in our lives, ***to realize where we are and where we are going, and to become more serious about the calling that God has given us!*** To bring us into the Body, which we refer to as the Church.

I'd like to begin the Scriptural connections here that I want to make in response to the question I asked earlier. Vital information is given to us in:

Malachi 3:1: “Behold, I will send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, Whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in Whom you delight. Behold, He comes,” says the LORD of hosts.”

Let's just put that aside, and let's turn to:

Matthew 11:10: “For this is *he* of whom it is written, ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You.’ Truly I say to you, ***there has not arisen among those born of women anyone greater than John the Baptist***. But the one who *is* least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he.” (vs 10-11)

Verse 12: “For from the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven is taken with a *great* struggle, and *the* zealous *ones* lay hold on it. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. And **IF** you are willing to receive *it*, ***he is Elijah who was to come.*** ***The one who has ears to hear, let him hear***” (vs 12-15).

Here it acknowledges John simply as a messenger that did prepare the way for Jesus Christ at the first coming, when Jesus Christ came as a human being, *God in the flesh*, to this earth.

It acknowledges John, but takes us into a forward-looking situation, and not simply confining it to the historical fact. We know there is a messenger. We know the messenger is going to prepare the way before the Lord. Let's go back to Mal. 3 and read that again.

Malachi 3:1: "Behold, I will send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, Whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in Whom you delight. **Behold, He comes,**' says the LORD of hosts."

Brethren, this verse in Mal. 3 is not referenced to Christ's *first* coming. ***This is a reference to Jesus Christ's second coming!*** We have a messenger preparing the way before Jesus Christ's *second coming!* I do want to magnify this aspect of His return. The question is: Who is the messenger?

Malachi 4:1: "'For behold, the day is coming, burning like a consuming oven; and all the proud, and every doer of wickedness, shall be stubble. And the day that comes shall burn them up,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and will leave them neither root nor branch.'"

The day is coming of Jesus Christ's return. A reference here to some of the events of the ***Day of the Lord!*** This is about Jesus Christ's return to this earth in glory, *not His first coming!* I want to magnify this again, this aspect of His return.

Verse 4: "Remember the Law of Moses My servant, which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel, *with* the statutes and judgments."

What is going to follow is tied into God's giving of the Law to Israel.

Verse 5: "Behold, I *will* send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful Day of the LORD."

This is an Elijah type! We have already seen John the Baptist, who was identified also as *Elijah type!* But now we have something more. This is not John the Baptist being spoken of here, ***because it is before the coming of the great and dreadful Day of the Lord!***

Verse 6: "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the sons, and the heart of the sons to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth *with* utter destruction."

This Elijah has work to do in fulfilling a messenger role, in preparing the way before us. We noted—as we read in Mal. 3—that Jesus Christ returns to His Temple. In Luke 1, we get a remarkably close sense of this Elijah:

Luke 1:17: "And he shall go before Him in *the* spirit and power of Elijah, to turn *the* hearts of the fathers to *the* children, and *the* disobedient to *the* wisdom of *the* righteous, **to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**"

[Do you] see the connection in this verse to what we just read as a prophecy in Mal. 4?

This work, this Elijah is going to come in “...*the* spirit and power of Elijah, to turn *the* hearts of the fathers to *the* children, and *the* disobedient to *the* wisdom of *the* righteous, **to make ready a people prepared for *the* Lord.**’

This messenger has a job to do to prepare the people for the return of Jesus Christ. It is for a purpose much greater than their own personal salvation. God has a purpose for all humanity. These people have an enormously powerful part to fulfill and be part of God’s purpose.

What are the ramifications of these people that are being prepared for the Lord? *The prophetic book of Haggai has another very important dimension that we can add from God’s inspired words!*

Haggai 1:2: “‘Thus the LORD of hosts speaks, saying, “This people says, ‘The time has not come, the time that the LORD’S house should be built.’”””

This is a reference to the Jews returning after 70 years to rebuild Jerusalem. It is referring to the destruction of Solomon’s temple that is going to be rebuilt. ***The Lord’s house is to be built!*** It should be a rebuilding program after a period of captivity. But Haggai’s message is not confined to a historical event as the context Hag. 2 makes clear.

Haggai 2:6: “For thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘Once *again*—it *is* yet a little while—I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land. And **I will shake all the nations**; and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts” (vs 6-7).

He didn’t shake all the nations when He came the first time. This is ***His second coming!***

Verse 8: “‘The silver *is* Mine, and the gold *is* Mine,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than that of the former,’ says the LORD of hosts. ‘And in this place I will give peace,’ says the LORD of hosts” (vs 8-9).

This refers to the temple to which Christ will return. Solomon’s temple was indeed a glorious and great temple. We have enough information in the Bible to understand that, brethren. The temple at the time of Christ’s first coming was a physical restoration of that temple. It did not quite match the glory of Solomon’s temple. This temple, this latter temple of which **the glory is going to be greater than the former**, is a spiritual temple. ***A temple to which Jesus Christ returns and is going to be filled with the glory of God!*** That is a term that I am using quite deliberately here.

Psalms 24:7: “Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be lifted up, O you everlasting doors; that the King of Glory may come in. **Who is this King of Glory?** The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle” (vs 7-8).

Verse 9: “Lift up your heads, O you gates, lift them up, O you everlasting doors, **that the King of Glory may come in.**”

That is the context that we are reading about here regarding the temple. *The glory shall come in.*

Verse 10: “Who is the King of Glory? The Lord of hosts. He is the King of Glory, Selah.”

This latter temple is going to be filled with more glory than the original temple that Solomon had constructed.

Verse 9: “Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you everlasting doors...”
—has implications in terms of an attitude or an outlook towards the King of Glory? Something has to be opened up. Doors have got to be opened so that this King of Glory, as it says, can come in.

In 2-Cor. 3, we can see how we might be able to begin to relate to this King of Glory.

Some of these terminologies might not immediately stir up our ability to relate to it very clearly. But we see a way that we begin to match *this spiritual temple* with what we are doing today.

2-Cor. 3:7—talks about the Law as given on *tablets of stone* vs the Law following the giving of the Holy Spirit.

2-Corinthians 3:7: “Now if the ministry of death, which was engraved in stones, came into being with glory, so that the children of Israel were not able to gaze upon Moses’ face because of the glory of his face, which *glory* is being set aside.”

Engraved on stones is referring to the Ten Commandments, written on stones that Moses had received. The Law, the Old Covenant, the Law given at Mount Siani through Moses written on the stone *was glorious because the Law identified God and allowed people to understand the very nature of God!* It was limited because the Holy Spirit, of course, was not available.

Verse 8: “Shall not the ministry of the Spirit be far more glorious?”

Now we are getting back into the verses that we read in Mal. 4. Remember the Law of Moses. It is not just a matter of remembering the Law written on the tablets of stone, *but the inner- working of that Law within our human mind!*

Verse 9: “For if *there was* glory in the ministry of condemnation, to a much greater degree the ministry of righteousness overflows with glory.”

[Do you see] this concept of glory coming through? *This is being written to the Church!* It is being written to the people that have God’s Holy Spirit and who are able *to take God’s Law and make it spiritual in intent!*

Verse 10: “And even *the ministry of condemnation*, which had glory, was not glorious in this respect, because of the surpassing glory *of the ministry of life*. For if that which is being set aside *came into being* through glory, to a much greater degree that which remains *is glorious*” (vs 10-11).

Verse 6: Who also made us competent *as* ministers of *the* New Covenant; not of *the* letter,

but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives Life.

The letter kills and the Spirit gives Life. It is about:

- the letter of the Law
- the spirit of the Law
- a group of people who have the ability to take God's Law, which was glorious, and turn it into even more glory

The same concept that we read about in Haggai about the temple. One is physical, and it was glorious. But there is one even more glorious to come, ***and that's the spiritual temple!***

It is ***a spiritual temple*** to which Christ will return. The temple to which Christ returns ***magnifies the spiritual intent of the Law!*** ***IF*** you get to the spiritual intent of the Law, and that is shaping our minds and our thoughts, and the way we are as a person, ***THEN*** we are becoming more like God. God will receive the glory for your development.

Verse 18: "But we all, with uncovered faces beholding the glory of *the* Lord as in a mirror, are being transformed *into* the same image from glory to glory, even as by *the* Spirit of *the* Lord."

Because we have had our minds opened, and the veil has been removed, we can see God. We can see Jesus Christ. We understand exactly why Christ came the first time, and what the implications are for us who are called into the Church.

The latter house is going to be far more glorious than the first. We are being told where that glory is going to come from. Yes, there will be Christ's presence, but the building of this temple is ***the building of glory in the sense of each building block exhibits the glory of God, because we are transformed into the same image!*** The image of Jesus Christ from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. The Church is what is being referenced here clearly by the Apostle Paul.

Ephesians 2:19: "So then, you are no longer aliens and foreigners; but *you are* fellow citizens with the saints, and *are* of the household of God."

Hopefully, this is driven home to us during this period of time. These eight days, we have left our homes. We have come away from the routine of the daily life that we are involved in throughout the year.

It makes us realize that ***we are different in a right spiritual way, not better than, but different!*** We are no longer strangers and foreigners wandering around in this world without direction, but we are citizens with the saints, ***and members of the household of God!*** God has called us deliberately and put us into the household of God ***for a purpose that He is working out!***

Verse 21: "In Whom all the building, being conjointly fitted together, is increasing into a Holy temple in *the* Lord; in Whom you also are being built together for a habitation of God in *the* Spirit" (vs 21-22).

That temple will be much more glorious than the glory of Solomon's temple. The Church is to operate *in the spirit and power of Elijah*, which means *it is to remember the Law of Moses* and to magnify it into the fullest spiritual intent by the Spirit of God. The Church is a dwelling place for God in the Spirit. God dwells in each one of us through His Spirit, and we are being brought together into a building, *and it is all in preparation for the return of Jesus Christ!*

All this information comes together to build up a very solid picture of Christ's return and what He comes to.

Ephesians 4:16: "From Whom all the Body, fitly framed and compacted together by *that which* every joint supplies, according to *its* inner working in *the* measure of each individual part, **is making the increase of the Body unto *the* edifying of itself in love.**"

I'm underlining when every joint supplies. We just spoke of, and we read here, that we are

- to grow
- to be transformed from glory to glory

using the Spirit of God! This is *a personal responsibility!*

That is a personal situation. It is not a collective one where we can stand back and say, 'I don't have any responsibility.' *Oh, yes, we do! We have the responsibility to supply something to the Body.*

We have the responsibility to supply something, and we are focusing on that today, *on God's glory that He is building through the Church, the spiritual temple!* He is preparing for Jesus Christ to return to at the end time! *Fulfilling the entire Plan of God, and the firstfruits being part of that event!*

All of these things are especially important things for us to consider in the light of the Church as it stands today, 2026. Clearly, we are not at that point that the Church should be to reference it as we are reading in these Scriptures. Something is going to have to change. Something is going to have to develop. All I'm underlining today *is yours and my personal responsibility in that regard!*

Colossians 1:18: "And He is the Head of the Body, the Church; **Who is *the* Beginning, the Firstborn from among the dead so that in all things He Himself might hold the preeminence.**"

The word 'preeminence' simply means *first!* Christ has the *absolute preeminence!* He is the Firstborn, and we are going to be firstborn along with Him in terms of the rest of mankind. Firstfruits maybe is a better way to state it for us. But what is hinging on this building program that we are looking at *is the fact that Christ is the Head of the Church.* He must be our Head:

- no man standing in between
- no man getting in the way

Any man that has responsibility *must be focusing because Jesus Christ has the preeminence, and He must have that preeminence in our lives personally.*

Psalms 89:27: “And I will make him My firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.”

Jesus Christ returns as King of kings, and He will rule over all the kings of the earth! There is an interesting connection between the first and the second messenger types in terms of establishing Jesus Christ as being first!

John 3:23—If we follow down through here, we are going to see clearly it is talking about John the Baptist, the first messenger that we have already read about. John had not yet been thrown into the prison. But we want to come to:

John 3:30: “It is ordained that He...

[Jesus]

...increase, and that I...

[John the Baptist]

...decrease.”

John is referring to himself and his position with Jesus Christ!

The focus goes directly onto Jesus Christ, Who has the *preeminence* and Who is the First.

Verse 31: He Who comes from above is above all. The one who is of the earth is earthly, and speaks of the earth. He Who comes from heaven is above all; and what He has seen and heard, *this is what* He testifies; but no one receives His testimony” (vs 31-32).

It is still that way! It's only those who are being called by God who are receiving it!

Verse 33: “The one who has received His testimony has set his seal that God is true.”

- we certainly know that God is true
- we certainly know the Truth of Scriptures

Verse 34: “For He Whom God has sent speaks the words of God; and God gives not the Spirit by measure *unto Him.*”

He's the Head of the Church, *and that is why:*

- we must listen
- we must be connected

Christ's role as Head of the Church is vital. We are going to express the glory of God in our lives, as we have already read we should.

Verse 35: “The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.”

If we look at the role of the second messenger, would not the same statements be true? *He must increase, and we must decrease, so that the spotlight goes fully on God through Christ and the Father!* Not on us that make up the Body.

Colossians 3:1: “Therefore, if you have been raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is sitting at *the* right hand of God.”

- ***IF*** then you were raised with Christ
- ***IF*** you have been called
 - ✓ to the state of repentance
 - ✓ to the point of baptism
 - ✓ you had laid hands upon you
 - ✓ you had received God’s Holy Spirit

THEN *you have risen with Christ!* You have come out of the baptismal pool, ***risen to be with Jesus Christ!***

The day and age in which we live makes this difficult, because there are so many distractions out there in this world today. There are so many distractions within the Church today, away from the fact that Jesus Christ is the ***powerful, living Head of the Church***, and must have the ***preeminence, He must be the First!***

Verse 2: “Set your affection on the things that are above, and not on the things that are on the earth.”

Yet, there are so many things on this earth that occupy our time, just in daily living. What a blessing it is to be able to come away from that for eight days. Focus our minds clearly and deliberately on the calling that God has given us, and the purpose of the Church, now and on into the future.

Verse 3: “For you have died, and your life has been hid together with Christ in God.”

This is the decrease that you and I must appreciate, brethren, and experience. In our decrease, ***if you die***, “...your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

Verse 4: “When Christ, *Who is* our life, is manifested, then you also shall be manifested with Him in glory.”

We decrease, ***but ultimately, we are raised in great glory for the glory of God and the purpose!*** It is not just about us. It is not just about the Church. ***Our story covers all of mankind!*** That is the awesome Plan of God.

Look at this! Your life is hidden with Christ in God. Decrease, not increase. Not filled with self and self-motivation and the things relating to self, ***but making sure that Christ has a preeminence***,

being first in all things! Those in the spirit and power of Elijah **will increase Christ by decreasing the self!**

Colossians 1:19: “For it pleased *the Father* that in Him all the fullness should dwell.”

The Body is the fullness of Him who fills over all. Remember, the temple is to be filled with glory. The glory is going to be greater than Solomon’s temple.

- Is Christ doing that in His Church today?
- Are we allowing that to happen?
- Is that what we are contributing to the Body, as a whole, our responsibility?

That’s the fullness that we are talking about, that Christ is going to allow the Church to experience. It is a part of the Godhead that we are allowed to share in.

Colossians 2:9: “For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.”

Christ is the Head of the Church and we are the Body, *so we share in the fullness of the Godhead!*

Verse 10: “And you are complete in Him, Who is the Head of all principality and power.”

This is our calling, brethren! This is why God has called us:

- not for our personal salvation
- not so that we can feel good about ourselves
- not so we can feel we’re better than anybody else

But to magnify the King of Glory to the rest of mankind!

It’s a totally distinct perspective that we have from the world in which we live around every day. All the stuff that’s going on around us that occupies our time and mind sometimes. Sometimes it makes us feel terribly negative, very down as we see this stuff happening around us, and seemingly no way to stop it.

For eight days now, we have the ability to get our minds up onto a different level, a different appreciation. Can we begin to understand the personal implications of what we are reading here in terms of our lives?

What it means to us, I don’t have the ability to express it well, but this is so far above the level of normal, natural human life. ***It is being offered to us!*** We are going to rehearse some of these things during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Are we getting the sense of the great glory of the temple to which Christ will return, the glory that fills the temple is the glory of the Godhead. We are offered to be partakers of that fullness now through the Spirit of God, ***and magnification of the Law of God into the deepest spiritual fulfillment!***

Verse 12_[tc]: “Having been buried with Him in baptism, by which you have also been raised

with *Him* through the inner working of God, Who raised Him from the dead. For you, who were *once* dead in *your* sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has *now* made alive with Him, having forgiven all your trespasses. He has blotted out the note of debt against us *with* the decrees *of our sins*, which was contrary to us; and He has taken it away, having nailed it to the cross. After stripping the principalities and the powers, He made a public spectacle of them, *and* has triumphed over them in it” (vs 12-15).

Verse 16: “Therefore, do not allow anyone to judge you in eating or in drinking, or with regard to a Festival, or new moon, or *the* Sabbaths, which are a foreshadow of the things that are coming, but the Body of Christ. Do not allow anyone to defraud you of the prize *by* doing *his* will in self-abasement and *the* worship of *demonic* angels, intruding into things that he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his own carnal mind” (vs 16-18).

That is the massive work that God is doing. There is a massive work against it as well, on behalf of Satan, to discredit the glory of God in the eyes of mankind.

Verse 19: “And not holding fast to the Head, from Whom all the body, being supplied and knit together by the joints and bands, is increasing *with* the increase of God.”

We can be absolutely certain that Satan will do everything he can to stop this from taking place.

- How are we to become full?
- How are we to decrease?

Colossians 3:12: “Put on then, as *the* elect of God, Holy and beloved, deep inner affections, kindness, humility, meekness *and* long-suffering.”

We have the Holy Spirit working within us. This is the glory that we have been transformed to; from glory to glory. This is the transformation that must take place within our minds to develop the mind of Jesus Christ. The part of us that is not bringing this forward, that carnal part of us, is to decrease.

These attributes of God and Jesus Christ are to increase in our lives. ***There is to be love! There is to be love!*** We see anything but love in so many relationships between people, between groups ***within the Church! It is not right; it should not be!***

We are called upon to do something about it, so let us think about that in the next seven to eight days. Is there anybody in your group, or wherever you are, that has a situation of not liking someone? You can’t get along with them, or you don’t want to have anything to do with them. Let us think about that, brethren! That this time represents what is yet to come, ***and that kind of attitude and actions cannot be in the picture!***

Colossians 3:14: “And above all these things *put on* love, which is *the* bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which you were called into one Body, and be thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and

admonishing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (vs 14-16).

This is how we become full and exhibit God’s Plan, *the fullness of God!* What I would like to suggest as a hallmark for this Feast, is that you seriously consider this, and you think about the fact that this Feast site of the Church of God, the Body of Christ.

Yes, corporately, we are part of CBCG, but in the broader picture, ***we are part of the Church of God*** that God is waiting for; ***for the Body of Christ!*** Let us take some time this Feast in:

- assessing our relationships with one another
- why we are here
- what our personal plan is
- what is our purpose

We have been called unto one Body with Jesus Christ as the Head! The living powerful King of this Body of this Church. This may be a specific Feast site of CBCG, but let us rather consider it as being part of the overall Church of God ***with one spirit, all baptized into one Body*** as found in the Scriptures. As one Body, obeying God to come together where He placed His name to keep the Feast of Tabernacles, *wherever we are meeting!*

Jesus Christ returns to a single temple. There is no inference in any statements that you see regarding the temple that is multiple temples. It is a single temple.

Ephesians 5:24_[tc]: “For even as the Church is subject to Christ, in the same way also *let* wives be *subject* to their own husbands in everything.”

This is a powerful understanding, brethren, when you look at it, to what the Church is and how we are to be governed. One of the reasons why we have been trying to teach firmly that ***the government within the Church of God is to emulate the family style of governance!***

It starts with the husbands loving their wives, a relationship where there is love, a relationship where the man is in authority over his wife, ***but is to express that authority in a particular way and that being in love.*** Simple! He is to bring his wife and his family into a closer, stronger relationship ***with Christ and through Christ to the Father!*** That is the love that is to be within the Body of the Church, the Church of God.

Are we there yet, brethren? *I would say not!*

“...Christ also loved the Church, and gave Himself for it; so that He might sanctify it, having cleansed *it* with the washing of the water by *the* Word; that He might present it to Himself *as* the glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it might be Holy and without blame” (vs 25-27).

We are clearly being built up to a spiritual temple. We have individual components, or we all add to that entire building. That is how we do it, through love, through genuine outgoing concern. A glorious Church, *Holy means*:

- in glory
- splendid
- noble

and equates exactly what Haggai said about the latter temple! It's going to be more glorious than the former. We need to clearly note that:

- it is not about us.
- it is not about our personal salvation
- it is not really just about the Church as it stands today

It goes much beyond that! It has nothing to do, really, with our personal salvation. Obviously, that is wrapped up to be part of God's Eternal Family, but that is not the real purpose that God has called us for now. Christ returns in power and glory to the full visitation of mankind. *The entire world will be aware of Jesus Christ at His return*, and they are going to be aware of something else.

He returns to His temple! He is going to stand on Mount Zion. Every eye shall behold Him, *and it is like lightning coming across the sky!*

- He does not come quietly
- He doesn't come secretly in the dark of night

He comes to a world, and He is establishing that He is

- the King of Glory
- His way of life that He has already shown by a working model through the Church

Is there any significance for us in the fact that He returns to Mount Zion? *Of course, you already know there is!* Let us rehearse it out of Heb. 12, where it begins like Paul talked about *the letter of the Law* and *the spirit of the Law*. The letter was glorious, *but the spiritual intent of the law is more glorious!*

Then we come to this mountain that God brought Israel to, Mount Sinai, and He gave them the Law, which was glorious, and His presence in Mount Sinai made that mountain glorious, too! Such that they could not even touch the mountain, or they would die. They or the beast could not touch it. That is the Israelite side of it, physical Mount Sinai. We come to the spiritual side of it within the Church.

Hebrews 12:22: "But you have come to Mount Sion, and to *the* city of *the* living God, heavenly Jerusalem; and to an innumerable company of angels."

This is where you stand now. This is the company that you have brought into, Mount Sion and that is where God's Temple is going to be located.

Verse 23: “*To the joyous festival gathering; and to the Church of the Firstborn, registered in the Book of Life in heaven; and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of the just who have been perfected.*”

This is where we stand. General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn. Jesus Christ was the Firstborn, **and He has a preeminence**. But there are others being added to this process, and that is the Church of the Firstborn. *Firstfruits being created!*

Verse 24: “And to Jesus, *the Mediator of the New Covenant*; and to sprinkling of *the blood of ratification*, proclaiming superior things than *that of Abel*.”

That mountain that could be touched was glorious by God’s presence, but it equates with the letter of the Law. It was glorious, but there is something bigger, something better. **Mount Sion is spiritual!** It wraps up the Law, the temple, and the church, ***all pointing to Christ and the Father***, all of it!

Verse 24: “And to Jesus, *the Mediator of the New Covenant*; and to sprinkling of *the blood...*”
access to God’s Spirit, which in turn allows a glorious temple to be built!

It will become a spiritual reference point for the entire world, and it becomes a working model. ***As Israel of old was working model, so the Church is a working model!***

It is modeled on Israel, but it takes it forward into the future, and the world is going to see what the Plan of Salvation devised by God is all about. Because here is a group of people that God has put through the workshop, who has built into a glorious temple, and look, here is the example. ***This is what the power of God’s Holy Spirit can produce in a human life!*** Having established the spiritual aspect of Sion, God says:

Isaiah 62:1: “For Zion’s sake I will not be silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake **I will not rest, until its righteousness goes out as brightness**, and her salvation as **a burning torch**.”

Do not rest, applying to the spiritual aspects of Heb. 12. *Torch* is brightness. It takes Christ, ***the Mediator of the New Covenant***, to produce that righteousness. The King of Glory is building a glorious temple, and when He returns to that temple it will out-glorify anything that has gone on before it.

Verse 2: “And the Gentiles will see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; and you will be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.”

This is why the Church exists! Not for us to ‘pat ourselves on the back,’ but to work out our salvation and have focus on that. The Gentiles will see this working model. A crown of glory. That is what God is making now. That is why the Church exists. This is the Church of God, that all mankind can come into this relationship with God. Having seen this model, having seen it being worked out, and the end result, ***they will desire it!***

Then once we get through, we are talking about Christ's return. The world being made at one with God, and then the Kingdom of God begins to roll over the earth, and they see they will have a desire to want to do what they have done in establishing a relationship with the Father.

Verse 11: "Behold, the LORD has sent a message to the end of the earth, 'Tell the daughter of Zion, "Behold, your salvation comes. Behold, His reward *is* with Him, and His work before Him.'" And they will call them, The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you will be called Sought Out, a city not forsaken" (vs 11-12).

An identifying mark of these people that come into a relationship with God. We see from Rev. 14 is that ***they keep the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ!*** They take the Commandments and they turn the Commandments into something ***deeply spiritual from which the temple can be built!***

Psa. 9 declares that God dwells in Zion.

Psalms 2:6: "Yea, I have set My King upon Zion, My Holy mountain...."

Clearly, the temple and Zion become synonymous with God's dwelling after Christ's return. It becomes of worldwide significance. This is not a temple that is going to be hidden, or just a few elite people see and understand. The entire world is going to see this temple ***and relate it to Christ and to the Father!***

Zechariah 1:16: "Therefore, thus says the LORD, 'I have returned to Jerusalem with mercies. My house shall be built in it,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And a line shall be stretched over Jerusalem.'"

The spiritual temple will be built. We cannot prevent it. Satan will not be able to prevent it, although he will try desperately to prevent any of us as individuals being part of that program. He will go after us, there's no question about that.

But we have got to have this vision in our mind of what God is doing, so we rise above the garbage that Satan is creating around us, here to distract and waylay the people of God. The material for that house is being prepared right now.

Zechariah 2:7: "Ho! O Zion, escape, you who live with the daughter of Babylon."

That is where we are now in 2026, heading into 2027. We live in Babylon, and most of the influences around us every day are Babylonish in origin, ***anti-God!***

- this is the time we must wake up
- this is the time to be alert

I would strongly recommend and suggest that we must carefully assess ourselves, not someone else, but ourselves, to see if we are awake and not asleep. Prophecies about the Church being asleep, not being awake, *the five unwise virgins*, and so on, is fully enforced with us today. There

are individuals who are sound asleep, who are not relating to this kind of fantastic information that we are being given through the Word.

- it is time to get serious
- it is time to wake up
- it is a time to rally

Verse 8: “For thus says the LORD of hosts; ‘After His glory, He sent me unto the nations who plundered you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye, for behold, I will shake My hand over them, and they shall be a prize for their servants. And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me. Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for lo, I come, **and I will dwell in your midst,’ says the LORD**” (vs 8-10).

A temple is being constructed. A temple building program is taking place now ***for those to submit their minds and their hearts to God!***

“**...I will dwell in your midst,**’ says the LORD” (v 10).

This is why the temple exists. Christ is going to come and fill it with His glory!

Verse 11: “And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be My people; and I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. And the LORD shall possess Judah, His portion in the Holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD; for He has risen out of His Holy dwelling place” (vs 11-13).

It is going to happen! It is going to happen! Christ is going to return to a temple. He is going to dwell in that temple, ***and it will become a focal point for all the world to begin to come into a relationship with God!***

This Feast we are looking ahead as a motivation:

- to do what we need to do
- to be prepared

for the return of Jesus Christ and the rule of Jesus Christ over this earth with all of us at His side!

Isaiah 33:20: “Look upon Zion, the city of our Holy gatherings; your eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet home, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of its stakes shall ever be removed, nor shall any of its cords be broken.”

Brethren, in closing, let us take this Feast and deeply meditate upon it:

- why we are here
- what is expected of us

to become part of this temple that God is creating!

- let us look at the focal point of Christ's Kingdom of God:

God's rule over the earth, with us being a part of that great blessing!

- let us prepare the way before Christ
- let us go before Him in the spirit and the power of Elijah:

turning the hearts of our physical and spiritual families to God!

- let us use this Feast to make ready a people prepared for the Lord

➤ Are you ready?

➤ Am I ready?

➤ Are we ready and prepared for the return of Jesus Christ and His magnificent plan for us and for all mankind?

Enjoy the next seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles **and let us give all praise and glory at all times to our Almighty God!**

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Day 1: To Make Ready a People



God's Master Plan

Sentence Completion

I know I am part of God's Master Plan because...

Beyond salvation, the Church of God is being raised up to...

Elijah's role was to...

John the Baptist's purpose in life was to...

We have a responsibility to...

As we decrease...

True or False?

___ Jesus will shake the nations at His second coming.

___ The day of the Lord is another name for the weekly Sabbath.

___ The latter temple will be a spiritual temple with more of God's glory.

___ Those understanding truth are better than those who have not heard it.

___ God is working out His purpose for us in the household of God now.



Reason for Our Calling

Sentence Completion

The primary purpose or reason for our calling is to...

Participation in the Feast of Tabernacles gives us an opportunity to...

The transformation that must take place in our minds is...

God's governance of the Body can be described as...

God's Church exists to...

Short Answer

According to Colossians 3, what 5 things are we to be putting on?

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It is a good idea to take some time this Feast to...

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True or False?

- ___ Satan is working overtime to discourage those being called.
- ___ The only way to increase spiritually is to decrease carnally.
- ___ Christ will come quietly in the night to establish His Kingdom.
- ___ Our individual salvation is the primary reason for our calling.
- ___ The new temple will be located at Mount Sion.
- ___ People will see the model of God's Church and its end result and desire it.



Christ's Church

Sentence Completion

People will desire to be a part of God's Church when...

The lesson of the five virgins without oil reminds us that...

True or False?

- ___ Satan will not be able to prevent God's Church from being built.
- ___ The spiritual temple is being built now within each of us.
- ___ We can wait until Christ changes us to be ready spiritually.
- ___ God has a greater purpose in calling each of us now.
- ___ Humility and service to the Body is something He expects of us now.
- ___ Those in God's Church will obey His Commandments and keep the Holy Days.



Respond to God

Short Answer

Name 3 new things you learned by reading this passage.

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Meditate on the coming of God's Kingdom and His reason for calling you. What is your purpose in the Body?

How can you decrease carnally to increase spiritually?

How does understanding more about God's larger purpose change your view of the Feast of Tabernacles?

To Make Ready a People

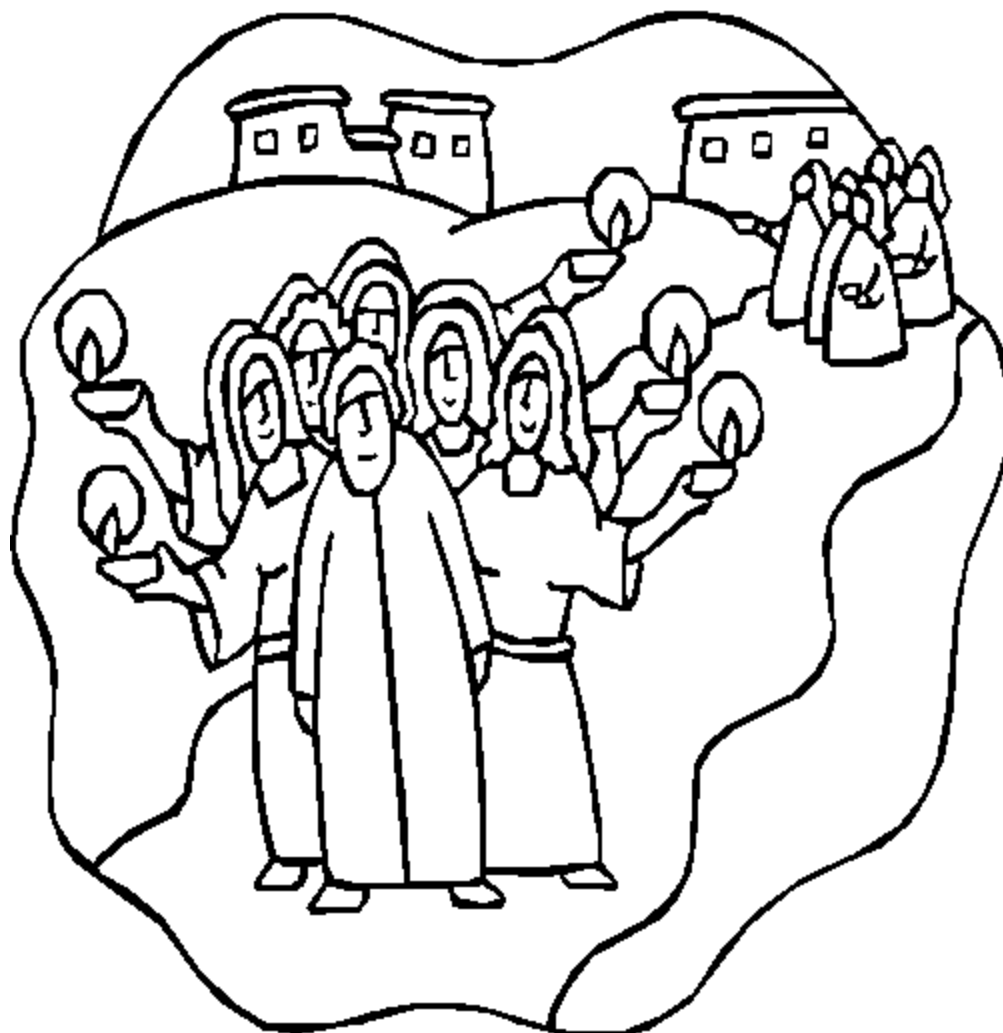
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Explain the meaning of the Parable of the 10 Virgins.

Answer Key

God's Millennial Work

(Day 2—FOT)

Albert Jones—September 27, 2026

Hello, brethren. Welcome to day two of the Feast of Tabernacles. I hope you're enjoying your feast site and the fellowship that so richly defines the Feast of Tabernacles. You know, it's quite a blessing to be able to have the opportunity to experience a foretaste of God's Kingdom. We see that the work of God continues.

We have the Light of the Plan of God because God has given it to us. He's given it to us through His Word. I've entitled this message **God's Millennial Work**. Let's explore, if you will, the expectation that God has for us.

Truly, he has left markers for us in terms of what his expectation will be. We are now having the opportunity to experience it again as a foretaste.

In Gen. 1 is where we will begin our study, God tells us very clearly here that ***it is He who created the heavens and the earth!***

Genesis 1:1: "In *the* beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

We know that He made them for a purpose, and that purpose centers around us, at this time as firstfruits of God. Paul brings out some very detailed information about what God was able to share with him. God called Him and revealed some very important things to Him.

Romans 1:1 "Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, a called apostle, set apart to preach the Gospel of God."

God gave Paul this wonderful news that he had the opportunity to share with the early Church.

Verse 2: "Which He had promised before through His prophets in *the* Holy Scriptures concerning His Son; Who came from *the* seed of David according to *the* flesh, Who was declared *the* Son of God with power, according to *the* Spirit of Holiness, by *the* resurrection from *the* dead—Jesus Christ our Lord; through Whom we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all the nations, in behalf of His name" (vs 2-5).

Today God's Church has been charged with carrying the Gospel to the world as a witness, continuing the work of God.

Verse 6: "In whom you also are called of Jesus Christ."

Yes, we are here at the Feast participating in a foretaste of what God has set before us. God has revealed it and laid it out even before the ages of time in terms of what He would have us to accomplish.

Titus 1:1: “Paul, *a* servant of God and *an* apostle of Jesus Christ, according to *the* faith of God’s elect...”

That’s us, brethren:

- those whom God has called
- those whom God has given insight, knowledge and understanding to

We as baptized members of His Family, the firstfruits, and the blessing overflows even into our house where our children may not be baptized. They, too, come to the Feast with us and enjoy a foretaste of what that will be like in the Kingdom of God.

Verse 2: “In *the* hope of eternal life...”

Yes, that’s our entire journey that we are seeking the Kingdom. Today at the Feast, we are having a foretaste of what that Kingdom will be like. We’ll spend some time in the Scriptures today, and we will carve out as much information as we can so that we can get a vision.

We’ll have a vision, a kind of a mind’s eye view in the Word of God as to :

- what that time will look like
- how that time will be spent
- what will be our duties

Sure, we will get quite a bit more instructions on the Sea of Glass. But today, let’s just take the Word of God and let’s explore. Jesus Himself has given us this Truth.

Verse 2: “In *the* hope of eternal life, which God Who cannot lie promised before the ages of time, but revealed in its own set time in *the* proclamation of His Word...

[the Gospel that He brought]

...with which I was entrusted according to *the* Commandment of God our Savior” (vs 2-3).

God has indeed revealed Truth to us. Paul was writing this to Titus:

Verse 4: “To Titus, a true son according to *our* common faith...

[we all are striving for the same thing, and that is a life eternal with God in His Kingdom]

...Grace, mercy *and* peace from God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.”

It is a comfort to know that God has revealed these things to us. He did let us know what it was that He expected of us as firstfruits.

Jesus Himself gave us this Truth. His prayer to the Father on the night when He was about to fulfill *the act of reconciliation* for the world. It included a request to the Father for us, that we—each and every one of us—be sanctified, that is *made Holy*, usable to Him and His Truth.

John 17:1: “Jesus spoke these words, and lifted up His eyes to heaven and said, ‘Father, the hour has come....

[for Him to fulfill that which He and the Father had discussed from the foundation of the world]

...glorify Your own Son, so that Your Son may also glorify You”

We see this throughout Christ’s life, that He wanted His work and His deeds to be glorious to the Father, a representation of what He was sent here to do, a representation of the Father in the house of God in heaven above.

Verse 2: “Since You have given Him authority over all flesh, in order that He may give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. For this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, **Whom You did send**” (vs 2-3).

That is establishing the whole purpose for Christ being here. We recognize that He was sent to save mankind, that He and the Father had defined this plan together.

Verse 4: “I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work that You gave Me to do. And now, Father, glorify Me with Your own self, with the glory that I had with You before the world existed” (vs 4-5).

We are striving to become a part of that Family, to experience that glory.

Verse 6: “I have manifested your name...
[made known the name of God the Father]

...to men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You have given them to Me, and they have kept Your Word. Now, they have known that all things that You have given Me are from You. For I have given them the words that You gave to Me; and they have received *them* and truly have known that I came from You; and they have believed that You did send Me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world, but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. All Mine are Yours, and all Yours *are* Mine; and I have been glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I am coming to You...” (vs 6-11).

He speaks very personally to the Father:

“...Holy Father, keep them in Your name, those whom You have given Me, so that they may be one, even as We are one. When I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. I protected those whom You have given Me, and not one of them has perished except the son of perdition, in order that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to You; and these things I am speaking *while yet* in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in them. I have given them Your words...” (vs 11-14).

These words are very inspired, very beneficial to us. They were given specifically:

- to instruct
- to guide
- to help

“...and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world” (v 14).

This world belongs to Satan, the devil, and Jesus Christ knew that. They needed to stay squarely focused on Him and the Father.

Verse 15: “I do not pray that You would take them out of the world, but that You would **keep them from the evil one....**

[Satan, the devil, and His demons]...

They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world....

[He, again, requests that the Father set us apart]

...Sanctify them in Your Truth; Your Word is the Truth” (vs 15-17).

Yes it is, brethren, very much so!

Verse 20: I do not pray for these only, but also for those who shall believe in Me through their word.”

You and I—each one of us—came into the faith of God through the Word of God *being preached by faithful ministers* at some point, somewhere in our lives. These words, this prayer has been fulfilled many, many times over.

Verse 21: “That they all may be one...”

Just as we’re enjoying this wonderful festive environment together as families around the world.

“...even as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You...

[They dwell together, and we dwell with Them]

...that they also may be one in Us, in order that the world may believe that You did send Me” (v 21).

This message will be carried forward, *into the Millennial reign of Christ!*

- that intimacy that God expects
- this desire to dwell in the midst of His people
- to have a relationship with His created beings

is a message of the Millennium!

2-Cor. 5—Paul continues to instruct and give insight *into the words that God gave him*; that he was to share with us.

2-Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore, if anyone *be* in Christ...”

IF God has called you, and you have accepted the call, **you are on a journey with the Father and Jesus Christ to the Kingdom of God!**

- faithful to Him in your walk
- Sabbath-keeping
- the Feasts and Holy Days that God has given us to define the way to show us His plan

to keep us educated and informed about what He is doing!

Verse 17: “Therefore, **IF anyone be in Christ, he is a new creation...**

Out of the world; we are not a part of the world. We are a part of the resurrected Christ, on the journey that He began in us, ***onto the Father!***

“...the old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new” (v 17)
—*in our lives! That is so true even today!*

Verse 18: “And **ALL** things are from God...
[everything in our life should be from God]

...Who has reconciled us to Himself...”

A very personal act that the Father wanted executed so that He could have a relationship with His Family.

“...through Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation” (v 18).

We’re preaching that message today. Yes, we will be echoing it in the Kingdom of God. *This is what God has called each and every one of us to!*

Verse 19: “Which *is*, that God was in Christ, reconciling *the* world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them; and He has entrusted to us *this* message of reconciliation.”

Reconciliation is the way out of sin. Reconciliation breaks the bonds. It dissolves this hangover that one would have because Satan had them so deceived in their past that they are ashamed. They have nothing that they are not ashamed of.

Verse 20: Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; *and* God, as it were...”

As it will be in the Kingdom of God, we will be the voice to the people instructed by Christ to carry His message, spiritual beings helping, healing, and bringing them to God.

“...is exhorting you through us...” (v 20).
Christ exhorting you through us even today as the ministry!

“...We beseech *you* on behalf of Christ...” (v 20).
I say to all of you, and to any of you:

- where God may be pricking hearts
- where God may be getting your attention

now is the time to recognize your calling!

“...We beseech you on behalf of Christ, ‘Be reconciled to God’” (v 20)
—***because Life is in Him!***

The only thing that is in this world, and that’s why we were asked by God to come out of it, especially during the Feast of Tabernacles:

- we have put the world aside

- we dwell in temporary booths

hotel rooms, which are new homes, *temporarily tabernacling* at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Verse 21: “For He made Him Who knew no sin *to be* sin for us...”

Our Savior has made:

- a pathway forward for us
- a pathway to Life
- a pathway to the Family of God

“...so that we might become *the righteousness of God in Him*” (v 21).

This is our hope!

Hebrews 9:28—*Paul writing*: “So Christ, having been offered once to bear *the* sins of many, will appear *the* second time without sin unto salvation to those who are eagerly awaiting Him.”

We do; we are eagerly awaiting the change. That work that was done and that prayer that our Elder Brother prayed to our Father Who is in heaven has impact way beyond that era, all the way into our generation today. As I said, many of us came into the faith through ***a work of God***.

That Truth is the same Truth that we will be proclaiming and teaching throughout the 1100 years of God’s Kingdom on the earth. Yes, men will come up. Satan won’t be there to influence them as much for quite some time.

Still there is this consciousness of sin, there is this identity of where they have come from, even though they have come up in a resurrection. They will need:

- teachers
- guides
- shepherds
- ministers

And the elect, the saints, have a role there!

2-Thessalonians 2:13 *helps us to really grasp this:*

“Now, we are duty-bound to give thanks to God always concerning you, brethren, who are beloved by *the* Lord...

[very much beloved; look at the investment that the Lord has put in us]

...because God from *the* beginning **has called you unto salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the Truth** unto which He called you by our Gospel...” (vs 13-14).

Or in our lives at some place in the span of time, whether it be modern times, 20 years ago, 50 years ago Some cases 60 years ago or better.

“...He called you by our Gospel...”

[that Gospel is written here]

...to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ” (v 14).

Verse 15: “So then, brethren, **stand firm**...”

- you’re here celebrating the Feasts
- your faith is clear
- you’re personifying your faith in the way that you’re keeping the Feasts
 - ✓ loving the brethren
 - ✓ rejoicing

“...and hold fast the ordinances that you were taught, whether by word or by our epistle” (v 15).

We have it by both today in great amounts.

Verse 16: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself...

[He is on the job as High Priest] .

..and God—even our Father...”

- Who dwells in us
- Who is at the Feast with us
- Who is rejoicing with us
- Who is tabernacling with us
- Who loved us

“...Who loved us and gave *us* eternal encouragement and good hope through grace. Encourage your hearts and establish you in every good word and work” (vs 16-17).

Today we have works to do of God. ***In the Millennial reign of Christ, we will be working with Him doing these good works!***

In that day as it will be, brethren, the days that these days picture, **God’s Truth will be known!**
It will be taught by his saints!

- we will teach the Word of God
- we will teach the Way of God
 - ✓ His words
 - ✓ His Laws
 - ✓ His statutes
 - ✓ His precepts
 - ✓ His judgments

will be taught to the people. His ways will be made known and walked in!

His Spirit will flow from Him and His Kingdom of kings and priests, ***the Gospel message will be clearly proclaimed!*** That message pertaining to:

- the joy
- the hope
- the reconciliation
- the peace
 - ✓ unfettered
 - ✓ open
 - ✓ accessible

in the name of Jesus Christ will fill the earth!

God's message of salvation will be clear. We will proclaim, '**Come to Him**,' in the Millennium and the Last Great Day.

John 7:37: "Now, in the last day, the Great *Day* of the Feast, Jesus stood and called out..."

This is when Christ was on the earth in the flesh. When the Lord, our God, was on the earth, He gave a foretaste into this.

...saying, '**IF** anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water'" (vs 37-38).

Verse 39: "But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, which those who believed in Him would soon receive; for *the* Holy Spirit was not yet *given* because Jesus was not yet glorified."

But He is glorified today. He will be glorified in the Kingdom, and so will we, His saints. His servants will be there with Him. God has given us good encouragement in that.

Let's read Jeremiah's proclamation, prophetic inspiration, which God gave Him in

Jeremiah 17:7: "Blessed *is* the man who **trusts in the LORD** and **whose hope is the LORD**."

Our hope is in God, brethren!

We're going to let everyone in the Kingdom know that it is God Who gives Life. It is the spirit realm that gives Life.

Verse 8: "For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters; it sends out its roots by the river... [searching for sustenance, spiritual nourishment, healing and power]

...and *it* shall not fear when the heat comes, but its foliage shall be green... [growing and flourishing]

...and he is not worried in the year of drought, nor will it cease from yielding fruit."

Very much about the business of ***growing and overcoming*** and ***becoming what God has called us to be!*** Even then, there will be purpose for man.

Psalm 1—let's read something here that anchors that, emphasizes that.

Psalm 1:1: “Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked...
[that thought will not even be allowed to take root]
...nor stand in the way of sinners...
[it will not have a place in God’s Kingdom]
...nor sit in the seat of the scornful.”

Those things will be dealt with swiftly and with a proper judgment.

Verse 2: “But his delight...
[that one who seeks after God]
...is in the Law of the LORD...
[which will be taught]
...and in His Law does He meditate day and night.”

Because God’s Way will be the Way and the only Way that one should live.

Verse 3: “And he shall be like a tree...”
—as we read before: *flourishing; not withering!*

Verse 6: “For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, **but the way of the wicked shall perish.**”

Yes, the way of darkness is fading away even today.

Revelation 22:1: “Then he showed me a pure river of *the* Water of Life...
[this is very much a Millennial setting]
...clear as crystal, flowing out from the Throne of God and of the Lamb. *And* in the middle of *the* street, and on this side and that side of the river, *was the* Tree of Life, producing twelve *manner of* fruits, each month yielding its fruit...” (vs 1-2).

Month by month by month, the fruit of God is being produced!

“...and the leaves of the tree *are* for *the* healing of the nations” (v 2).

Much healing will be needed, and we will be bringing it. Jesus Christ is the Cornerstone of it, even in that day.

Verse 3: “And there shall be no more curse; and the Throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him...
[yes, we will]
...and they shall see His face; and His name *is* in their foreheads” (vs 3-4).

They know the Lord, and they understand what God is doing. His message in that day—indeed, the message today for us and His Gospel Message of Truth from the foundation of the world—***is eternal life with God forever as a son or daughter of God!*** A mystery? *Yes, it is today!*

But in the Kingdom, in the Millennial reign of Christ, it will not be a mystery. In that day, ***the Light shall shine!***

Mark 4:11—*Jesus talking to His disciples:*

“And He said to them, ‘To you *it* has been given to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God; but to those who are without...

[outside of this fellowship, outside of this kind of covenant relationship as it was]

...all things are done in parables; so that *in* seeing they may see, and not perceive; and *in* hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest they should be converted, and *their* sins should be forgiven them” (vs 11-12).

We have a calling from God that is very specific. That calling, as it is today, for the firstfruits; the Word of God is for His elect. He is doing that work in our lives. He is preparing the people to be with Him in the Kingdom to help serve, and to help bring the others in.

Ephesians 3:1: “For this cause I, Paul, *am* the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles... [that was Paul’s ministry]

...If indeed you have heard of the ministry of the grace of God that was given to me for you. How He made known to me by revelation the mystery, He made known to me by revelation the mystery (even as I wrote briefly before, so that when you read *this*, you will be able to comprehend my understanding in the mystery of Christ)” (vs 1-4).

Christ *revealed* it to Paul. He taught the mystery of God *to those whom God was calling!*

Verse 5: “Which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His Holy apostles and prophets by *the* Spirit.”

What is that mystery? *That the Gentiles might be joint heirs!* Of course, those who were given this understanding before the Gentiles were brought in, I mean, *Christ brought the message to them!* Now it is time to fulfill this component of His promise to Abraham, of His promise from the foundation of the world.

Verse 6: “That the Gentiles might be joint heirs, and a joint body, and joint partakers of His promise in Christ through the Gospel, of which I became a servant according to the gift of the grace of God, *which* was given to me through the inner working of His power” (vs 6-7).

The Spirit revealed and showed him what great future God has in store for us!

- we are the ‘called of God,’ the children of God
- your calling is truly remarkable
- we are called to be enthroned as kings and to be priests

Matthew 19:16. “Now at that time, one came to Him *and* said, ‘Good Master, what good *thing* shall I do, that I may have...

[or inherit]

...eternal life?’

Verse 17: And He said to him, ‘Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good except one—God. But **IF** you desire to enter into life, **keep the Commandments.**’”

This is **the Way!** God has prescribed that way from the foundation of the world. He determined the specifications for which how men should live.

- He is the wisdom of life
- He is the Light of Life

Verse 18: “Then he said to Him, ‘Which?’ And Jesus said, ‘You shall not commit murder; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; honor your father and your mother; and, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ The young man said to Him, ‘I have kept all these things from my youth. What do I yet lack?’” (vs 18-20).

Verse 21: “Jesus said to him, ‘**IF** you desire to be perfect, go *and* sell your property, and give to *the* poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come *and* follow Me.’ But after hearing this word, the young man went away grieving, because he had many possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘Truly I say to you, it *is extremely* difficult for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven’” (vs 21-23).

Because you get your priorities all crossed up. Your heart is too tethered to your material things.

Verse 24: “And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to pass through *the* eye of a needle than *for* a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God.”

This **Way**, the treasure that God is holding before us is greater than anything in the universe. We have to understand that. There isn’t a thing in this world more precious or important to us than God’s calling and the offering of eternal life with Him and Jesus Christ and the Family.

Verse 25: “But after hearing this, the disciples were greatly astonished *and* said, ‘Who then is able to be saved?’ But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With men this is impossible; **but with God all things are possible**’” (vs 25-26).

But:

- you have to have your priorities straight
- you have to recognize that you need God’s help to guide you in these things

Jesus Christ inspired John to understand this:

Revelation 2:26: “And to the one who overcomes and keeps My works unto *the* end...”

It’s:

- overcoming the world
- overcoming of self
- overcoming of flesh

- staying the course
- staying on the path

“...**I will give authority over the nations**” (v 26).

- your reward is coming
- your calling is coming
- your rulership is coming

and giving you a place with Him!

Verse 27: “And he shall shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces; as I have also received from My Father; **and I will give him the Morning Star**” (vs 27-28).

The glory of the Son!

Verse 29: “**The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches.**”

- God has something very special in store for us
- God is going to continue to teach and guide us in the way that we need to go
- God is going to continue to inspire us in the way that we need to go

Christ told John to come and see. Come with me, brethren, and I will show you here in the Word of God, what God revealed to His servants, the Prophets. Because John was not the only one of God’s servants to see visions revealed by the Lord *of things that are ordained to come to pass, things that have been prophesied for us!* **The world as it will be in God’s Kingdom!**

Quite inspiring to have that hope in us. I hope you have a clear vision of what God has in store for you.

Revelation 1:1: “*The* revelation of Jesus Christ, which **God gave to Him**, to show to His servants the things that *are* ordained to come to pass shortly; and He made *it* known, having sent *it* by His angel to His servant John who gave witness *to* the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ, and all the things he saw” (vs 1-2).

We know the Prophets also have been used by God in that respect. That message from God to John was clear: **The Kingdom of God is at hand!**

Today decisions needed to have been made. Today, hopefully, decisions are being made. The message for them as it is for us today will be in the Kingdom of God: **repent and be saved for the Lord reigns!** The LORD reigns—not soon to come, *but in that day it will be today*—now on His Throne. **Hear the Word of the Lord**, we will say.

Psalms 95:1: “O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to **the Rock of our salvation.**”

It will be known. It will be exemplified in us as the resurrected saints. We will say, 'Come. Hopefully, they will say:

Verse 2: "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise to Him with psalms, for the LORD is a great God and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the peaks of the mountains are also His.5: The sea is His, and He made it, and His hands formed the dry land" (vs 2-5).

Verse 6: "O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD our Maker, for He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. Today, **IF you would but hearken to His voice**" (vs 6-7).

Yes, we will proclaim the Word of God. We will proclaim it loud. We will say again in:

Verse 8: "Harden not your heart as in the rebellion, as in the day of temptation in the wilderness when your fathers tempted Me, tried Me, even though they saw My work"(vs 8-9).

Yes, the Scripture will still be there with much more added.

Verse 10: "For forty years I was grieved with that generation, and said, 'It is a people who go astray in their hearts, and they have not known My ways.'"

But today, as it will be said in the Millennium, today His ways are clear. 'Let me show you the way. Let me shine the Light of God upon your path and show you the way to the Lord.'

Verse 11: "To whom I swore in My wrath that they should not enter into My rest."

There is rest for the people of God! There is rest to be had!

We again will direct them in the right way. Our message to the children living under God's Millennial rule will be one of reconciliation. We will preach:

- be reconciled to your God
- be led by the Spirit of God
- be saved

for your Savior is King over all the creation!

Come, the Bread of Life, enjoy! The Bread of Life is bountiful. Feast! Rejoice and feast! Be filled with the Bread of God. Be filled with His bread and His wine.

John 6:51—*Christ emphasized this as an inspiration:*

"I AM the living Bread, which came down from heaven; **IF** anyone eats of this Bread, he shall live forever..."

Again, the bread will be plentiful in the Kingdom.

"...and the bread that I will give is even My flesh..." (v 51).

As we learn from the Day of Atonement, the atoning power of His blood stretches through the Millennium into the Great White Throne Judgment

“...Which I will give for the life of the world” (v 51).

He has done that, brethren! He has done it! Christ knew what He was here to do!

While He was here His Light has come. We will say to the people, come see the great love that He has for you. ***The water of Life is freely flowing from His Throne!*** It is available and we can enjoy it.

Let's read Isa. 55 because this is the inspired Word revealed to the Prophet Isaiah. Visions of the Millennial setting.

Isaiah 55:1: “Ho, everyone who thirsts...

IF you seek God, ***IF*** you thirst and hunger for God and His righteousness, He says:

“...come to the waters; and he who *has* no money, come, buy and eat...

[rejoice and feast upon what Christ is giving and producing for you]

...Yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread? And your labor for *what* never satisfies?....” (vs 1-2).

Don't be spinning your wheels for nothing or lies as it is in this world today.

“...Hearken diligently to Me, and eat *what is* good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness” (v 2)

—*which is what the Feast is all about!* We are enjoying that time together feasting, again, a foretaste of the Kingdom of God.

Verse 3: “Bow down your ear, and come to Me; hear, and your soul shall live...”

Will you hear the Word of God? *We will proclaim:*

“...and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David” (v 3).

- God is pleading
- God is exhorting
- God is encouraging

Verse 4: “Behold, I have given Him *for* a witness to the people, a Prince and Commander of people.”

He sits on His Throne today

Verse 5: “Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know; a nation *that* did not know you shall run to you because of the LORD your God...

[yes, they will come]

...For the Holy One of Israel...”

Yes, they will come to the Lord from afar and all over the world, *for He has glorified you!*. They will come to God.

Verse 6: “**Seek the LORD...**”

- seek salvation
- seek reconciliation
- seek the Lord
- seek everything that He represents, all the names that are Him

Verse 6: “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.”

Yes, we have an instruction from God for life. These days that we’re celebrating here at the Feast of Tabernacles are such a blessing for us to have an opportunity to experience that.

—***IF*** you are enjoying and rejoicing in the feast, please continue on and talk of these things We will say to them in that day, ‘Seek the Lord today, be reconciled today!’ Yes, we shall all teach His words. ***Let’s practice that here and now!*** Direct the paths of the people into the way of true life is what we will do.

Let us teach and let us rejoice. For the final three sections of verses that I want to share with you here on the Day 2 of the Feast of Tabernacles, let’s go to the Prophet Joel. He has very encouraging words for us.

Joel 2:1: “‘Blow the ram’s horn in Zion, and sound an alarm in My Holy mountain!’ Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the Day of the LORD comes, for *it is* near at hand—”

In order for mankind to recognize Jesus Christ for who He is and the power that He possesses and the glory that He brings. To reject the darkness of this world and the evil of men. Yes, that day was the day that led up to the Feast of Pentecost and the Feast of Trumpets; judgment upon the wicked, upon this earth.

Mankind needs to understand the difference between spirit and flesh, God and Satan. Satan is that weak, miserable being who caused so much havoc has been arrested and locked up. ***The days of joy are taking root is the message here.***

Verse 12: “‘Therefore, even now,’ says the LORD, ‘turn to Me with all your heart...’”

That’s our message for them. The world will be in upheaval, much destruction, death, ***and we’re rebuilding!*** Day two of the Feast—early stages—of that time.

“...‘**turn to Me with all your heart**, and **with fasting**, and **with weeping**, and **with mourning**. Yes, rend your heart and not your garments, **and return to the LORD your God**, for He *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and He repents of the evil’” (vs 12-13).

God has given us that inspiration!

Verse 14: “Who knows *if* He will return and repent and leave a blessing behind Him—a grain offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God? Blow a ram’s horn in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly” (vs 14-15).

I think the people of the Millennium will start to understand. The world will not be a distraction.

Verse 15: “Blow a ram’s horn in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly.

Verse 16: “Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children and those who suck the breasts. Let the bridegroom go forth out of his chamber, and the bride out of her room” (vs 15-16).

Yes, Christ will be there!

Verse 17: “Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, ‘Spare Your people, O LORD, and give not Your inheritance to shame, that the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the people, “Where *is* their God?”’”

There is duality here. The nations all would have been subdued, but there will be attitudes of rebellion still to deal with. There was human nature still to deal with! That is what we will be working with Christ to overcome.

Verse 18: “Then the LORD will be jealous for His land and pity His people. Yea, the LORD will answer and say to His people, ‘Behold, I will send you grain, and wine, and oil, and you shall be satisfied with them. And I will no more make you a curse among the nations. But I will remove the northern army...’” (vs 18-20).

Verse 23: “Be glad then, children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for He has given you the former rain in just measure, and He will cause the rain to come down for you, the former rain and the latter rain as before. And the threshing floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil” (vs 23-24).

Blessings! Blessing of bursting out!

Verse 25: “And I will restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten, the locust larvae, and the destroying locust, and the cutting locust, My great army which I sent among you.”

- God is healing
- God is renewing
- God is bringing back the plenty that is needed
- God will continue to bless throughout that time

You can read the rest there during your time at the Feast. But this is a wonderful blessing.

Psalms 132:7: “Let us go unto His tabernacle; let us worship at His footstool....
[this is before the Lord]

...Arise, O LORD, into Your rest; You and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let Your saints shout for joy. For Your servant David's sake, turn not away the face of Your anointed" (vs 7-10).

God is going to really bring that peace and fulfill His promises as He promised.

Verse 10: "The LORD has sworn to David in truth; He will not turn from it: 'Of the fruit of your body will I set upon the throne for you. **IF** your children keep My covenant and My testimonies which I shall teach them, their sons shall also sit upon your throne forever.' The LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation: 'This is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread....

[I just read it to you a moment ago]

...I also will clothe her priests with salvation..." (vs 10-16).

Yes, the work of the kings and priests and God's Kingdom is a righteous work. We will fulfill these words with Christ.

"...and her saints shall shout aloud for joy" (v 16).

Will we rejoice in the Kingdom of God? *Yes, we will!* Not just for ourselves, ***but for:***

- the healing of the world
- the healing of mankind!

Salvation unto all whom God has created and who are left alive in those days!

For ten generations, a thousand years of joy and trying to help and grow all the good that God desires.

Verse 17: "There I will make the horn of David to bud; I have prepared a lamp for My anointed. I will clothe his enemies with shame; upon himself shall his crown shine" (vs 17-18).

God has a plan for us!

Words that echo in my mind for so many years in the Church. These words have always been very encouraging to me during this time of year.

Isaiah 2:1: "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass, in the last days the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it" (vs 1-2).

The Kingdom of God ruled by Christ, administered by His servants, the saints, ***and we will be there!***

Verse 3: And many people shall go and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD...'"

- God's house
- God's nation
- God's Kingdom
- God's seat of rulership

“...to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways...” (v 3).

The darkness is fading. It will be put away. The **Way of God will be the norm and we will walk in His paths!** Yes, we will help direct those paths. We will shine the light of God upon those paths and those ways:

“...For out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (v 3).

- we will teach
- we will administer all in the righteousness of God

Verse 4: “And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”

Verse 5: “O house of Jacob, Nations shall not lift a sword against nation. Neither shall they learn war anymore. Oh, house of Jacob...

[Indeed, all men upon the face of the earth]

...come and let us walk in the light of the LORD”

God has called us to an incredible calling, an incredible work. Yes, the Feast of Tabernacles is just a foretaste of it. **Please continue to rejoice in your Feast and enjoy the fellowship of God's Family!**

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Day 2: God's Millennium Work



A Foretaste of the Kingdom

Sentence Completion

The first fruits are those who...

The Feast of Tabernacles is a foretaste of...

Reconciliation means..

Christ was sent to...

He reconciled us to Himself so that...

Our hope is that we...

We stay in temporary housing during the Feast to remind us that...

Those coming up in the resurrection will need the assistance of...

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Short Answer

Three words that describe Christ's prayer for His disciples in the garden just before His arrest are...

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Christ prayed that every one of the first fruits be _s_____ and holy.

God's message of the Millennium is...

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True or False?

___ Even unbaptized children may experience the blessing of their baptized parents.

___ What God expects of the first fruits is a mystery.

___ Jesus is a representation of His Father, God.

___ Christ was in on God's plan from the beginning.

___ The world belongs to Satan.



Life in the Millennium

Short Answer

We will preach the Gospel message which will bring the people...

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Sentence Completion

The way of God includes...

The treasure that God gives...

Overcoming means...

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True or False?

___ Growing and overcoming will remain part of man's purpose in the Millennium.

___ The way of the wicked perishes.

___ The path to righteousness through Christ will not be a mystery during the Millennium.

___ The Millennium will be a fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham.

___ It is possible to overcome without the help of Christ.



Proclaiming Truth in the Millennium

Sentence Completion

During the Millennium, the saints will exemplify...

The message to the people will be one of...

Short Answer

Describe 4 main things that will take place related to restoration during the Millennium. Describe or draw an example of it in each box.

Write one verse you find encouraging about the Millennium in the space below.

True or False?

___ The rebuilding of lives, hearts, and relationships with God will take place during the Millennium.

___ Healing will be a theme in the Millennium.

___ The world will not be as much of a distraction during the Millennium.

___ Healing waters will flow from the temple on Mount Zion.

___ The saints will be kings and priests during the time of the Millennium.



Respond to God

Short Answer

Name 3 new things you learned by reading this passage.

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What is your favorite part of the coming restoration?



How is the process of becoming like Christ similar to the way a caterpillar transforms into a butterfly?

In 3 words, describe your transformation so far.

God's Millennial Work

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God's Millennial Work

Find and highlight the words.

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Answer Key

In The Beginning, God

(Day 3—FOT)

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Greetings everyone. This is the third day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

What we're going to do is we're going to turn to the 8th Psalm and see what David had to say:

- about God
- about His creation
- about how David saw the great God—our Father in Heaven—and Son Jesus Christ

Psa. 8—Don't we love the way that David praises God, gives Him thanksgiving to the absolute pinnacle, the top of His personality, everything that was in Him. *David expresses:*

- his great joy
- his great appreciation
- his thankfulness

for knowing God and for the way God had worked with Him throughout His life.

Psalm 8:1: "O LORD our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!...."

Notice this next phrase because it should give us an indication of just how great God is. We can't fully know, but at least here's the language so that we can think in terms of Who and what God is.

"...You have set Your glory above the heavens!" (v 8).

We don't know whether in David's day they had optical objects such as telescopes to view the heavens, but at least when David looked up, even with his naked eyes, the stars that he would see, which are only available with the naked eye, would be those in our own galaxy, and particularly the planets around our sun, our solar system, which is a star, one star of countless billions in our own one little Milky Way galaxy. Some cosmologists say there are even trillions of stars within many of the galaxies.

Isn't it interesting how today that with the James Webb Space Telescope, as we're able to look out at a little bit of God's creation, we can begin to see what David was saying here when he said, "...You have set your glory above the heavens."

God created the heavenly realm, which consists of trillions and trillions of galaxies. Galaxies which have countless billions, even trillions of stars within them.

As we've mentioned before, with some of those shots through the James Webb Space Telescope, when we get to the cosmic horizon, which is as far as we are able to see, as far as man is

able to see, what do we see? The galaxies packed together as far as man can see, like sand on the sea.

Now, of course, cosmologists and astrophysicists are beginning to say, well, we thought that once we got behind the what we can actually observe through our optical mechanisms equipment, we thought we were going to see the beginnings of the universe, young star systems.

But what they've actually found, they're realizing that beyond what we can see, even with the most powerful telescope, is that the symmetry of everything that they can see at the edge, *they know now for sure that beyond the cosmic horizon, there's a multitude more galaxies*, mature galaxies, and they're still looking for the immature.

They're never going to find that, because they are confessing under the belief that the universe is expanding, that as it expands, the edge that we can see now is falling off the edge of the cosmic horizon, so we're not able to see. We'll never be able to see, because time is expanding.

Even what they can see at the edge, or we can see at the very edge of the observable universe, the cosmic horizon, is what was visible **460.5 billion light years away!**

The light we see from the cosmic horizon is what was there 46.5 billion light years from planet Earth. From planet Earth, they now have the figure that from horizon to horizon, from east to west, north to south, we're looking at a distance of 93 billion light-years away. The previous figure for the observable horizon of the universe was about 18.3 billion light-years from planet Earth. Now they have reached 460.5 billion light-years.

We see all the multitude, the countless trillions of galaxies that are observable to man, *but we can't see beyond the cosmic horizon!* Yet, God says through Isaiah that ***He cast the heavens out like casting a curtain before Him***, like a tent to dwell in. (Isa 40:22). You can read that in Isaiah. But yet again, we go back to that one statement: *'He has set His glory above the heavens,' everything that we can see and we can't see!*

In one sense, God is so great, so glorious, that it's like the whole universe is actually sitting in His hands. Let's continue with David, with that brief introduction of everything God has created.

- we are to stand in awe
- we are to stand in amazement

At the very core of our own sun, we have hydrogen and helium reacting with a few other elements, that the temperature is actually, as we're told, 15 million degrees centigrade.

Yes, our sun, 15 million degrees centigrade. It is so hot that nothing physical, any physical object, whether it be rock, stone, iron, steel, it's so hot that it's just constantly boiling. Of course, **God set the sun and the moon**, as it says in Gen. 1, **there for a very real purpose!**

Our star, our sun, which is just *one star* is *one solar system* within the Milky Way galaxy, where there are countless billions, trillions of other universes, and each universe with its trillions of stars

like our sun, *and many much larger than our sun*, with all their planets, and not even to mention the beautiful nebula that we can see so often.

God has created all this, and He sustains it with the power of His own might!

Cosmologists and astrophysicists talk about *deep space*, but they talk about *dark* energy and *dark* matter, which fills the universe, which makes up most of the universe. Could that be the power of God?

Jeremiah 23:24—*God says: “...‘Do I not fill the heavens and earth?’”*
—*the universe?*

Is that a reference to the fact that God, *through the power of His Holy Spirit*, is upholding all things, and the:

- the dark matter
- the dark energy
- the dark space

It’s all what God is doing. It’s actually *how, by His power, He upholds everything*, including our particular galaxy, with this little planet Earth in it.

Psalms 8:1: “...You have set Your glory above the heavens! Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings You have ordained strength...” (vs 1-2).

Yes, with those babes and sucklings, God has revealed to us, ***God is able to reveal to us:***

- because *we believe* He exists
- because *we know* He exists
- because *we keep* His Laws and Commandments
- because *we love* His Laws and Commandments

we understand His Truth! He willingly shares it with us, because we have been:

- called by Him
- prepared to submit our lives to Him
- prepared to obey Him, every word that comes out of His mouth
 - ✓ with our whole mind
 - ✓ with our whole heart
 - ✓ with our whole body
 - ✓ with our whole being

God gives to us, because He sees us as His little children!

Verse 2: “Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings You have ordained strength because of Your adversaries, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers” (vs 2-3).

Isn't that amazing? The heavens, all those countless trillions of galaxies, with everything that is contained within each one. Apparently, I read in one place, where the entirety of the universe that man is able to see, it's all like a honeycomb. God has structured it all together.

- Is that possible?
- Isn't it very interesting?

Because God, in His plans, does often duplicate many things!

Verse 3: "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained...

[David asks]:

...**What is man...**?" (vs 3-4).

He's saying, 'O LORD, What am I?'

Verse 4: "**What is man that You...**"

—God—in all this vast universe, we're here now on this tiny little planet, which is insignificant when compared to the entirety of the universe.

Verse 4: "**What is man that You are mindful of him**, and the son of man that You care for him?"

Yes, God does. He takes care of the righteous and the unrighteous. He provides for everyone. But we know there are special blessings for those few that have actually responded to his call.

What did Jesus say about God's calling? He said, 'Many are called, but few are chosen.' For those of us whom God has brought into submission, and:

- we willingly obey Him
- we keep His Laws and Commandments
- we strive to walk through the narrow gate, which is difficult
- we avoid, to the very best of our ability, the wide way, the wide gate:
 - ✓ which leads to destruction
 - ✓ which is the way that man himself took in the beginning

Verse 5: "For you have made him...

[that's all mankind right now at this time, going right back to Adam and Eve]

...**a little lower than God...**"

In Paul's reference, it says 'a little lower than the angels.' *Both are true!*

"...and have crowned him with glory and honor. You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet" (vs 5-6).

Paul goes on to say *not yet*. But what we do see is Jesus, and when Jesus returns, of course, we know we're going to see Him exactly as He is.

At that time, when Jesus Christ returns, and when the resurrection occurs on the Day of Pentecost, then of course, *the beginning of those promises of all things being given to Him*, not just the dominion of the earth, but rulership with God, the Father and Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of God.

Isa. 46—we find a very interesting statement, which helps us to understand God’s Plan for man on the earth; as David asked the question, ‘What is man that You’re mindful of him.’ There’s an amazing Scripture here:

Isaiah 46:9: “Remember the former things of old; **for I am God...**
[God speaking in the first person directly to us through His servant Isaiah]
...and there is none else, **I am God...**”

He repeats it, because He knows that so many people miss that point and keep looking in other directions for Who and what God is.

“...and **there is none like Me...**
[He says for the 2nd time]

...declaring the end from the beginning...” (vs 9-10).

The end of what? *The end of His plan for mankind.* The beginning and the end of the question David asked, “What is man that you are mindful of him?”

In the entirety of the universe, God’s focus is on planet earth, for all the trillions of other galaxies out there, with all that they contain: stars, suns, planets, and everything else.

God’s focus is on this little planet, which is near the edge of our own galaxy in one of the spiral arms. We’re not anywhere near the center of the Milky Way galaxy. Yet, God is mindful of us.

Verse 10: “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things, which were not *yet* done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.’”

On that we can rest assured, whatever God has said in His Word, whatever He has declared to us as His Word to mankind, ***He is going to accomplish it!*** Whether it be promises for those who are faithful to His Word, or whether it is the consequences for:

- those who disobey
- those who refused
- those who cast His Word away
- those who will not follow
- those who reject His Word

like mainstream Christianity, because they reject God’s Plan for mankind!

- they are blind
- they cannot see God’s Plan
- they’ve rejected God’s Word for lies, with the pagan holidays that are kept

God appointed His Holy Days, as we read in the book of Leviticus, and they constitute ***God's master plan for mankind!*** You may want to read again, or obtain a copy of two particular publications:

- 1) ***The Appointed Times of Jesus the Messiah***, which covers everything about God's appointed times, which God appointed right when He refurbished the earth for mankind
- 2) ***God's Plan for Mankind Revealed by His Sabbath and Holy Days***, which answers in great detail the question that David put in his Psalm

His Sabbath and Holy Days have all been rejected by mainstream Christianity, and they cannot even begin to understand Who the real God is or Who the real Jesus Christ is.

Yes, they have a Jesus, ***but he's not the Jesus of the Word of God; he's not*** the Jesus of the Holy Bible.

Their Jesus is one who they say has obliterated the Sabbath and obliterated all the Holy Days of God, all the festivals, 'because they are Jewish.'

What does God say in Lev. 23? ***These are MY appointed Feast days***, and the appointment of those Feast days, the timing of those, began right back in Gen. 1, ***when God set the sun and the moon to govern***:

- the times
- the day
- the month
- the year

but more importantly, too, is to govern the weeks! That so that we know exactly ***when God's appointed Sabbath Day is! Every 7th day is the Sabbath of God!***

- God appointed it
- He hallowed it
- He blessed it

And as we keep that, we receive the blessing of:

- added knowledge and information
- more of His Spirit

as He guides us and directs us toward His Kingdom, which He has called us for.

God declares "...the end from the beginning..." (Isa. 46:10).

So, let's go back to the beginning. It's interesting that in the first four or five chapters of Genesis, ***God has formed the foundation of everything He plans to accomplish with mankind!*** He lays the foundation, the blueprint. It's all there if we want to look into it and dig into it.

It's like God's Plan is like this very precious diamond, a diamond without price. But that diamond has many facets on it. When we turn and look at each facet, we see this brilliance, this shining brilliance of all the colors of the spectrum, all revealing part of God's Plan. There are many facets of it.

Back in those first chapters of Genesis, God reveals so much as a foundation, but throughout the Scriptures He continues to lay or to reveal more and more information, more and more knowledge.

Genesis 1:1: "In *the* beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

John 1:1 tell us, and actually gives an insight to what existed prior to Gen. 1:1 where it begins about the creation of the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1: "In *the* beginning was the Word...
[the Greek term there is 'Logos']
...and the Word was with God..."

Isn't that interesting? Here we have God and we have the Word, 'theos' and 'logos'—*two beings!* Very, very interesting. God is One, but God is One in those two beings!

John 1:1: "In *the* beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

That confirms **Genesis 1:26:**

"...Let US make man in OUR image..."

Now we find already *two beings about to recreate the earth*, but it takes us back to:

Genesis 1:1 "In *the* beginning God created the heavens...
[the next word, that little conjunction is very important]:
...and the earth."

When we go to Job, we find that when God created the earth, what do we see? *All the angels of God were shouting for joy when God created the earth!*

Why? *Because they were going to be placed on the earth in order to build Holy, righteous, spiritual character as angelic beings!*

God gave them His Laws and His Commandments as they pertained to the angelic realm. *They were given commandments because they were created, they were perfect and righteous, but they didn't have character because character is something that is not created by Divine fiat!*

IF God had created Them perfect and sealed them right then and there, They would have been robots. God didn't want robots because He had a very special purpose for them coming up, and we'll see that eventually.

“In *the* beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” We know that after the creation and because of Satan’s rebellion, and that comes out, Satan comes on the scene in Gen. 3, which reveals him as a *fallen angel*, *Lucifer*, now as Satan the devil. There God reveals the fact of the angelic realm. We go forward to other Scriptures to show that they were so excited at the creation of planet earth.

Was the Milky Way already existed along with all the other universes waiting for planet earth to be planted in the solar system of our sun? *We don’t know, we’re not told!* What we are told is that God created the heavens first, then we go into the story of course of Satan’s rebellion, the earth being virtually torn asunder, *and God then recreates the earth for man’s habitation!*

Something we need to understand is that *God gave man dominion over the earth*, but He did not give man government over the earth.

John 14:30: “Because the ruler of this world is coming; but he does not have a single thing in Me.”

Satan is the ruler of this world!

God reformed the earth and put man on that. There’s a story behind that, *because Satan wants to destroy mankind*, and that’s what he is about. He’s trying to destroy us one at a time.

It says back in in Ezekiel how that *because of his merchandising, the wickedness that he had corrupted*, and we understand that to be the face of the earth. God was so displeased with Satan that He destroyed the earth, because as it says: it became ‘tohu’ and ‘bohu’ (Gen. 1:2; *without form and void.*) *in total destruction and waste!*

That’s not the way God created it, it became that way. When God recreated it, it says that everything He created back there in Gen. 1 *was exceedingly good!* So, it was when God created the earth originally and the angels were placed on it.

It was that rebellion. Today, do we not see the mind of Satan and the merchandising that he is doing and creating in his human agents?

- in the destruction of the earth
- in the destruction of mankind

We frequently hear about abortion, but the murder, the sexual perversity, it’s all there.

God re-created the earth, He prepared it for mankind, not for the angels this time. The previous earth, the way it was, was then created by God *for the angels*. **Because Satan rebelled, the earth became destroyed!**

Genesis 1:26: “And God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea...’”

God created mankind in His own image. He didn’t create the angels in His own image.

Verse 27: “And **God created man in His own image**, in the image of God He created him. **He created them male and female.**”

But again, let’s remember v 26: “And God said, ‘**Let Us...**’”

John 1:1 *identifies* that the ‘**Let Us...**’ in Gen. 1:26 *as the Father and the Son, as we know them today*—God the Father, God the Son—‘**Let Us...**’ Working together right now! Their focus is on this little planet Earth, *in creating many sons and daughters!*

But it’s interesting here that God created a wife for Adam. I want to show something that’s very important about this. Of course, we know how Satan is working so hard to destroy marriage.

Genesis 2:20: “And Adam gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field, but there was not found a helper compatible for Adam. And **the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall over Adam, and he slept.** And He took one of his ribs, and *afterward* closed up the flesh underneath. Then the LORD God made the rib (which He had taken out of the man) into a woman, and He brought her to the man” (vs 20-22)
—*created a wife for Him!*

Verse 23: “And Adam said, ‘This *is* now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. *She* shall be called Woman because *she* was taken out of Man.’ **For this reason** shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (vs 23-24).

Genesis 1:28: “And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, **and replenish the earth...**”

In other words, I want you to have a family. I want you to have many, many, many, many children, as long as mankind is living on the face of the earth. **Satan is busily now attempting to destroy all that!**

What I’d like to do is to turn back to the New Testament and Eph. 5 and see something very important, indeed. Because that marriage there pictures another marriage that is to take place. Satan is so trying to destroy the marriage state because he knows what God has in plan.

You see, in the beginning, we see that God created man, ***male and female***, which is a picture of what God is doing for His Kingdom.

Paul is giving instructions to husbands and wives regarding the marriage state. Keep in mind, **Christ is going to marry His Bride, the Church!** Gen. 1 shows God creating man, male and female, marrying and living together as one flesh. When the Church marries Christ, they become ***husband and wife!***

Ephesians 5:21—*to everyone, all those in the Body of Christ:* “Submit yourselves to one another in *the* fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord; **for the husband is the head of the wife...**” (vs 21-23).

Is that being taught today even in the churches, mainstream Christianity?

“...even as Christ is *the* Head of the Church” (v 23).

You see the comparison.

“...the husband is *the* head of the wife, even as Christ is *the* Head of the Church”

I want you to focus on **Christ as the Head of the Church**. He is the Savior of the Body, which is His Body, which is **the Church, the Church of God, that Jesus Christ said He was to build!**

Verse 24: “For even as the Church is subject to Christ, in the same way also *let* wives be *subject* to their own husbands in everything.”

What we saw in the beginning, we’re now beginning to see what God’s Plan is for that original marriage, of how it pictures what He plans in the end; that is **the marriage of Christ to the Church!**

Verse 25: “Husbands, love your own wives, **in the same way that Christ also loved the Church**, and gave Himself for it; so that He might sanctify it, having cleansed *it* with **the washing of the water by the Word**” (vs 25-26).

- study of the Bible
- obeying God’s Word
 - ✓ our minds are cleansed
 - ✓ our minds are purified

Verse 28: “In the same way, husbands are duty-bound to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself; for no man has ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord *does* the Church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones” (vs 28-30).

We’re all flesh and bones, but we are connected by the Spirit to God the Father and Jesus Christ!

Indeed, we are members of His Body, of Christ’s body—even as we live today—of His flesh and His bones. He’s the head, we’re the Body, we’re the flesh and bones. He is the One Who wants us to be in obedience to Him, as He guides us down through that narrow gate that leads to salvation.

Verse 32: “This is a great mystery; **but I am speaking in respect to Christ and the Church.**”

- ***Think*** about that!
- ***Meditate*** on that!
- ***Remember*** that!

We have an incredible story, an incredible record! We’re given incredible understanding, ***IF*** we are obeying God’s Laws and keeping His Commandments and doing everything that is pleasing to Him, we find this about Jesus Christ.

Paul prayed for the Ephesian brethren, and that prayer is for us as well, and we could be praying this for each other.

Ephesians 1:16—*I, Paul*: “Do not cease to give thanks for you, **making mention of you in my prayers**; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you *the* spirit of wisdom and revelation in *the* knowledge of Him” (vs 16-17).

Verse 18: “*And* may the eyes of your mind be enlightened in order that you may comprehend what is the hope of His calling, and what *are* the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the inner working of His mighty power...

[think on these things, meditate on them]

...which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from *the* dead, and set *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, (vs 18-20).

We’re told here where Christ actually is now, and what His position is going to be on throughout eternity.

Verse 21: “Far above every principality and authority and power and lordship, and every name that is named—not only in this age, but also in the *age* to come—for He...

[God the Father]

...has subordinated all things under His...

[Christ’s]

...feet, and has given Him *to be* Head over all things to the *Church*” (vs 21-22).

Christ marrying the Church, which His Body, including us, God has set all that over all things, and that’s to the Church.

The position that God has placed us in. As David asked, “What is man that God is mindful of him?”

Right now, the very first part of God’s Plan—as it’s brought out in God’s Holy Day Plan—is that the Church is to marry Christ, and eventually to inherit all things. What God has done, and what God is doing, is so incredible that we need to continue:

- to look to the Father
- to look to Christ
- to learn to obey all Their Laws and Commandments

Then we can then look forward to the future that God has for us!

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Day 3: In the Beginning, God



God's Majesty through Creation

Short Answer

In Psalm 8, David expresses...to God.

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God has shared His Truth to us because we are called, willing to submit to Him, and are willing to obey Him with...

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Mainstream Christianity...

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The blessings of keeping the weekly Sabbath and Holy Days include...

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Sentence Completion

The most amazing thing to me that God created is...

An amazing thing scientists have discovered is that...

God gives us understanding because...

Isaiah 49:6 tells us that...

It is impossible to understand God's Plan through the Holy Days if...

Fill in the Blank

Many are called, but _c_____ are __c_____.

Those who God has brought into _s_____ will willingly walk through the _n_____ gate and obey His _l_____.

God made men a little lower than _a_____.

The first resurrection is likely to occur on or around _P_____.



True or False?

___ Man can see the cosmic horizon.

___ We can see everything God created from Earth now that we have strong telescopes.

___ The power of God holds the universe into place.

___ God takes care of the righteous and the unrighteous, though there are special blessings for those answering his call.

___ The wide gate leads to everlasting life with God.

___ We submit ourselves to God by walking in His way rather than our own.

___ God is mindful of man, even though He created the vast universe and everything in it.



God's Plan through Creation

Fill in the Blank

God's Plan can be compared to a _d_____: It has many facets and is _p_____.

Two beings created the earth: _G_____ and _J_____

_S_____ is the current ruler of the world.

Christ is going to marry His Bride, the _C_____.

Short Answer

Explain how God's view of marriage mirrors His relationship to His Church.

The “washing of the water of the Word” involves...

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Compare and contrast aspects of the broad and narrow gates.

Broad Gate	Narrow Gate

Create a list of three things you can meditate on to bring you closer to God.

- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____
- ☐ _____

Sentence Completion

The angels were shouting for joy when the earth was created because...

The original earth God created was...

God’s children will eventually...

True or False?

- ___ We were created with God's character in us.
- ___ The angels follow God's commandments.
- ___ God gave man dominion over the earth, but not government of the earth.
- ___ Satan wants to destroy mankind.
- ___ It is God's design that couples marry and have many children.
- ___ Christ will marry His Bride, the Church.



Respond to God

Short Answer

Name 3 new things you learned by reading this passage.

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What are you doing to prepare yourself for becoming a part of His Bride?

In the Beginning, God

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REJOICING!

(Day 4—FOT)

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Greetings everyone and welcome to the fourth day of the Feast of Tabernacles. We send you greetings from Florida. I hope that you are all enjoying the Feast.

Rejoicing is one of the critical elements of the Feast of Tabernacles and the Millennium that it represents. This is actually our practice run for the Millennium.

It will be our job to teach, encourage, and cause others *to rejoice* during the Millennium. That is why we are commanded by God *to rejoice* during the Millennium. Today we're going to talk about rejoicing and some of the different aspects of it. We're going to look at six different things.

First, we're going to look at *two definitions* of rejoicing:

- *first* from the dictionary
- *second* from the Bible

After that, we're going to look at *five different aspects* of rejoicing:

- 1) God rejoicing
- 2) everyday rejoicing in our daily lives
- 3) firstfruits who are spiritual
- 4) humans who enter the Millennium alive and will be born during the Millennium
- 5) a general all-purpose rejoicing not fitting any particular category

The Merriam-Webster dictionary definition of what rejoicing is says:

to experience pleasure or delight or the expression or exhibition of such feelings or emotions, pleasure or delight

The thing about the Merriam-Webster dictionary definition, it does not tell us *what causes one*, referring to us Christians, *to rejoice!*

Now we're going to look at the Bible and see what the Bible definition of rejoicing is and see what causes it.

Galatians 5:22: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love..."

remember that! #1 is love!

That is most important, because remember someone came up to Jesus and said, 'What is the most important Commandment of the Law?' *Jesus told him, 'Love God and love your neighbor;* on these two Commandments hang all the Prophets and the Law.' That cannot be replaced. Love will always be #1!

But look at what is #2: ***Joy! Rejoicing!*** Paul at this point in his very long painful and miserable life thought so highly of joy that he placed it #2 in the rank of importance in this list. He continues on with the rest of the *fruits of the Spirit*.

“...peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control...” (vs 22-23).

But in this list that Paul gave, he thought that joy was so important that it was right next to love!

GOD REJOICING

Since we must put God first in everything, looking at the category of *God rejoicing*:

Psalm 104:31: “May the glory of the LORD endure forever; **the LORD shall rejoice in His works.**”

Contrary to what we have believed before, being flying here and flying there and preaching the Gospel, ***God’s work is what He is doing in us now as His children!*** That is the works of God and His Plan of Salvation for all human beings. That is why it’s important to invest time in studying the Plan of God.

It probably has been mentioned before, we do have a book that’s called: ***God’s Plan for Mankind Revealed by His Sabbath and Holy Days!*** It is very important that we understand that the most important work of God that He is glorying in right now is ***His works in us, in which He is making us His children!*** What else could be more important?

As we look at another aspect of God rejoicing:

Psalm 108:7: “God has spoken in His Holiness...

[God Himself is speaking]

... **“I will rejoice.** I will divide Shechem and will measure out the valley of Sukkoth.”

Both Shechem and Sukkoth were spiritual centers in the Old Testament.

As you may know, Sukkoth is another name for the Feast of Tabernacles. It even goes by that name today: The Feast of Sukkoth. We do see that God rejoices. ***He rejoices in the works that He’s doing in us***, and ***He will be rejoicing with us during the Feast of Tabernacles during the Millennium*** while it’s on the earth.

EVERYDAY REJOICING

We’re going to talk about the next category of rejoicing, as it is rejoicing that takes place in our everyday lives before and after the Feast.

This is a very interesting perspective because it seems counterproductive. As we read it, I think you’ll see what we mean. But it is actually expected of us as Christians.

Peter said, addressing the saints, addressing the Christians, would be like addressing us today.

1-Peter 4:12: “Beloved, do not be surprised...”

In other words, don't let this surprise you, even though it might seem like it's counterproductive.

“...at the fiery trial among you *which is* taking place to test you” (v 12).

They were having some trials, and they were probably specific trials that they were referring to, but the Scripture is there for us to follow the same principle. We will have trials in our lives. What may be a big trial to them, we may not understand. We may think that the small trials that we are having are large trials. Everything is relative. It applies to trials.

When they use the word fiery, it means it's pretty devastating, and we may come to that later on in life. Peter says not to be surprised by that,

“...as if some strange thing *were* happening to you” (v 12).

Trials are nothing strange in a Christian's life. Matter of fact, we were called to trial.

Verse 13: “But **to the degree...**

[please understand this, because it is relative]

...that you have a share in the sufferings of Christ, **rejoice...**”

Again, I go back to the words ‘to the degree.’ Imagine you have a scale of one to ten, and you're measuring the degree of suffering. One being having a pimple where you don't want it, and ten being death.

Wherever you are on that scale in life is the amount, as we will see in a moment, of rewards ***and the amount of rejoicing that is expected of us as Christians!***

Verse 13: “But to the degree that you have a share in the sufferings of Christ, **rejoice** so that at the revelation of His glory...

[here comes the reward for the suffering, when we are converted to spirit at the resurrection]

...you may also rejoice exceedingly!

IF your scale of rejoicing is, say, one on the scale in your life, ***THEN*** when you are resurrected, you are going to receive ***one amount of rejoicing***, as far as the scale is concerned.

The goal here is to “...**rejoice exceedingly**,” which means we should be on the higher end of the scale, which means that **rejoicing** should be something that we accept as Christians.

2-Cor. 6—this Scripture is actually related to the last Scripture, so you'll see a thread here.

2 Corinthians 6:10: “As sorrowful... [that's going through trials] ...but **always rejoicing**,

- in spite of the sorrow
- in spite of the suffering
- in spite of the trial

We'll understand why as we go along here.

“...as poor, but enriching many; as having nothing, but yet, possessing all things” (v 10).

It's sort of counter-intuitive that the more we suffer, the more we will prosper when we are resurrected.

It seems like the less we have in this world, the better it is because the more we have, we are putting aside spiritually for when we are resurrected.

Regarding the last two Scriptures that we just read, 1-Peter 1 will explain to us why we should be **rejoicing** *during times of trials* or sorrow.

1-Peter 1:3: “Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who, according to His abundant mercy, has begotten us again...”

We were begotten once as a human being, and right now, if we are baptized or we're in the process of receiving God's Spirit, we are begotten a second time as a child of God, as we sit here.

“...unto a living hope through *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ from *the* dead; unto an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and unfading, reserved in heaven for us” (vs 3-4).

This is why we have to remember these things during times of trials, and these are the things that we are to be **remembering** and **rejoicing** in.

Verse 5: “Who *are* being safeguarded...
[no matter what the trial is]

...by *the* power of God through faith for salvation *that is* ready to be revealed in *the* last time.”

That is at the end-time and at the time of the resurrection.

Verse 6: In this you yourselves **greatly rejoice...**
—*in the knowledge of what I just read!* We should **be rejoicing**, understanding the journey that we are taking here on this earth.

“...though for the present, if it is necessary, you are in distress for a little while...” (v 6).

Interestingly referred to it for a little while, even though it may seem long to you, but compared to all eternity, no matter how long it is, it's a little while.

“...by various trials, in order that the proving of your faith, which is much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is being tested by fire, may be found unto praise and honor and glory at *the* revelation of Jesus Christ” (vs 6-7).

In the trials, your faith is being tested!

Verse 8: “Whom, not having seen, you love...”

Your faith is that you and I believe in Jesus Christ, even though we've never seen Him. ***We love Him for what He did and the direction that He gives us.***

“...in Whom, *though* at the present time you do not see Him, **you believe, and rejoice with unspeakable joy, and filled with glory**” (v 8).

Imagine rejoicing like that during our times of trials! We have to understand that it may seem counterintuitive in this world that are we suffering so much?

It is the test of our faith, and it is so that God can reward us in the future with His glorious reward. Here is an individual who went through trials himself, and in it, he himself was *rejoicing*—Habakkuk.

Hab. 3—this is speaking of a time just before the Great Tribulation but applies to any trials we may be facing or going through. ***IF*** we are living during that time, we have to remember these Scriptures.

Habakkuk 3:16: “I heard and my inward parts trembled; my lips quivered at the sound. Rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself that I should wait for the day of trouble; when He comes up against the people that He invades. Though the fig tree shall not blossom, and fruit shall not be on the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no food. The flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls” (vs 16-17).

Verse 18: “**Yet, I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.** The LORD God *is* my strength, and He will make my feet like deer’s *feet*, and He will make me to walk upon my high places” (vs 18-19).

We may have to face that, but we have the example of Habakkuk who faced it, and he said, ‘Yet, even though I’m going to go through these things, ***I’m going to rejoice in the knowledge of God!***’

What we just discussed was our earthly life before and after the Feast, and the trials, and the life that we live. We are to remember that we are to be *rejoicing always*.

SPIRITUAL FIRSTFRUITS

We’re going to look at a different category of rejoicing now. The category that we’re going to look be looking at is: ***we, as the saints of God, we will be teaching, encouraging others during the Millennium.*** Like I mentioned before, ***this is our practice run!***

We have to practice rejoicing during the Feast now, so that when we get to the Millennium, ***the actual reality of the Feast***, we already know what it’s about.

Psalms 85:6—a short but powerful Scripture: “Will You not give us life again, so that Your people may rejoice in You?”

If he’s talking about *life again*, he’s not talking about this life. He’s talking about the life when we are resurrected. He’s assuring himself by asking God, ‘Aren’t You going to give ***us life again so that your people may rejoice in You?***’

- What is the answer to that question?
- Is God going to give us life again?
- During that time, will we not be rejoicing?

That again helps us in the perspective of understanding that *this life is just temporary, and our hope is in the future!*

Again, the category we're looking at is us as saints who will be rejoicing in the Millennium! This is the scenario that we're looking at:

Isaiah 25:8—*Isaiah wrote*: “He will destroy death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces. And He shall take away from all the earth the rebuke of His people, for the LORD has spoken it. And one shall say in that day...” (vs 8-9).

Who will be saying this? *It will be us.* We will be saying:

“...‘Lo, this *is* our God. We have waited for Him...” (v 9)

Isn't that what we are in the process of doing right now, *waiting for God as we live our lives?*

“...We have waited for Him and He will save us...

[certainly by the resurrection]

...This *is* the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and **rejoice in His salvation**” (v 9).

Again, I go back to understanding God's Plan of Salvation for mankind. If you don't understand it, it's a learning process, *but we do have to get to the point where we understand it to see how all these pieces go together.*

Isaiah 61:6: “But you shall be called the priests of the LORD; it will be said of you, ‘The ministers of our God’...

[that's what the people are going to be saying]

...you will eat the riches of the Gentiles, and you will boast in their glory” (v 6).

Of course, we will be in charge of different things during the Millennium.

This answers one of the questions that some people sometimes ask: Will we be able to eat as spirit beings? *It seems to me like the answer here is yes!* You know, we'll be able to convert back and forth from spirit to a physical human being.

Verse 10: “I will **greatly rejoice** in the LORD...

[speaking of us]

...my soul will be joyful in my God...”

That's all we're going to know at that time. We're not going to know pain and suffering. We'll have to understand it because we'll be teaching the people during the Millennium about it. But for us, *pure joy!*

“...my soul will be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me *with* the robes of salvation...” (v 10).

When we are resurrected and we partake of the ceremony of the marriage of the Lamb, in whatever capacity that might be, **God will clothe us with salvation!**

“...He covered me with the robe of righteousness like a bridegroom adorns *himself* with ornaments, and like a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels” (v 10).

God is going to clothe us with beautiful righteousness. Let’s go to another category of rejoicing.

HUMANS DURING THE MILLENNIUM

This category is going to be the rejoicing of all the fleshly humans that are born during the Millennium or who have entered the Millennium as human beings.

That is the category that we’ll be talking about now, those people.

Now remember, we are teaching this to the humans alive during the Millennium. But think of it in the perspective that we are learning it now. We have learned these things. We understand what they are. But in this example, during the Millennium, ***this is what we are going to be teaching the people!***

Deuteronomy 14:22: “You shall truly tithe all the increase of your seed that the field brings forth year by year.”

For those of you who may be new and not aware of it, this is talking about *a second tithe*. The first tithe is for sending for the preaching of the Gospel. This second tithe is set aside for keeping the Feasts of God. If you’re new, you may be wondering, well, how do all these people get this money to keep this Feast every year? ***God provides us with the financial instructions of how to do it!*** I think that’s wonderful. I on my own, I don’t think I would do it if God didn’t tell me to do it.

Verse 22: “You shall truly tithe all the increase of your seed that the field brings forth year by year. And you shall eat before the LORD your God in the place...
[that is the place of the Feast of Tabernacles that will be selected then]
...which He shall choose to place His name there...”

It talks about the different types of tithe:

“...the tithe of your grain...” (v 23)

—***because that’s the society back then!*** We understand today that it’s money.

“...of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herds and of your flocks **so that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always**” (v 23).

You put aside the first tithe, and that’s for the preaching of the Gospel and for the servants of God. The second tithe is for you. How generous is God that He’s commanding you to put aside this money for you?

Verse 24: “And if the way is too long for you...”

In other words, if the place that God sets up as the Feast of Tabernacles, let's say it's 30 miles away, and you have to travel by foot, it's too far for you. If it's one or two miles away, you can walk there with all your sheep and with all your wine and everything that you have set aside.

But he said here, and this applies to us today, as well, and this is why so many members are able to go to so many different places for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Verse 24: “And **IF** the way is too long for you so that you are not able to carry it, *or* **IF** the place is too far from you, which the LORD your God shall choose to set His name there, when the LORD your God has blessed you.”

God is saying, **IF** you tithe, He will bless you, and He will make it possible for you to do this. Then he says, **IF** the place is too far for you, take whatever you have set aside for your tithe, *or* **IF** you know in the future that it's going to be too far for you, and sell it, or whatever you need to do to:

Verse 25: “Then you shall turn *it* into money and bind up the money in your hand, and shall go to the place which the LORD your God shall choose And you shall spend the money for whatever your soul desires, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatever your soul desires. And you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and **you shall rejoice**, you and your household” (vs 25-26).

God wants you to have a good time. Some people misinterpret and misapply this Scripture, and that's a story for another day. **IF** you had set aside that tithe at home, and you have it there, you can eat a lot, you can drink a lot, just so when you take the money to the Feast, **enjoy yourself!**

“...you and your household...”

rejoice during the Feast of Tabernacles!

1-Chron. 16—The scenario is those humans who are rejoicing during the Feast of Tabernacles.

1-Chronicles 16:9: “Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him, tell of all His wondrous works.”

We're going to have to teach them:

- how to rejoice
- how to thank God
- how to praise Him

Verse 10: “Glory in His Holy name...”

He's saying, in this time of rejoicing, ***may all the glory go back to God, because He's the One Who devised this Plan of God:***

- for the Feast of Tabernacles
- made the sacrifice

- gave His life for it

“...let the heart of those who seek the LORD **rejoice**” (v 10).

That certainly will be the case, but not everybody during the Millennium is going to automatically seek God. Remember, they will still be human beings. They will still have carnal nature in them.

Even though Satan is not going to be around, they won't have that temptation, ***but they will have carnal nature to deal with!*** That's where we are going to have to help them.

Prov. 29 tells about both us, as the saints during the Millennium, as well as the people that we will be interacting with and governing. It draws a comparison between what is happening today and what will be happening during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Proverbs 29:2: “When the righteous are in authority...”

- Who are the righteous? *Those of us who have been resurrected!*
- Who is going to be in authority?
 - ✓ God the Father will be the Supreme Authority
 - ✓ the Lord Jesus Christ will be the King of the earth
 - ✓ we will be kings, priests, priestesses, queens, whatever you want to think of it as

We will be administering the Government of God on earth!

Verse 2: “When the righteous are in authority, **the people rejoice...**
[that's what the world is going to see]
...but when the wicked rule, the people mourn.”

I think of Iran today and the government that is there, the Iranian Republic are ‘god,’ I think, you know, they are in charge of the Iranian people and they're suffering. The people are mourning.

When we take over the rule of the earth, whoever is in charge of that area, ***the people will be rejoicing!***

GENERAL ALL-PURPOSE REJOICING

Let's take a look at the final category of rejoicing. It's a general all-purpose rejoicing for all parties in different scenarios. The reason why I'm putting this in here is to help us to realize that rejoicing is just not limited to the categories that I gave there, but they are some of the categories that we need to be aware of.

Psalms 19:8: “The precepts of the LORD are right...”

The precepts which we can think of as all the Commandments of God. All the Commandments of **God bring us joy**, regardless, contrary to the teachings of the world today saying that, you know,

God's Laws are burdensome, they bring death, they are not to be followed. That is contrary to what the Scripture says:

But we who are called now understand that, and those who are called in the Millennium will understand it, that the precepts, or let's just say *the Commandments of the Lord, are right!*

“...**rejoicing the heart...**” (v 8).

When you keep them, *you get filled with joy, no matter what your circumstances are!* As we looked at earlier in this message, regardless of what our status is—whether we're going through trials, suffering, grieving—the understanding that following God's Law brings *are right*, and *they are what God wants us to do* for this reason:

Verse 8: “The precepts of the LORD are right, **rejoicing the heart...**”
That's what the Commandments of God do.

- they don't bring us sadness
- they don't bring us unhappiness

They bring us joy!

“...the Commandments of the LORD are pure...
[they're the Truth of God]
...enlightening the eyes.” (v 8).

Enlightening the eyes means *understanding!* It brings us *to the understanding of keeping the Holy Days*, and *it opens up our minds to the actual Plan of God for mankind!*

People cannot understand that, and *we could not understand it without keeping the Commandments of God! **It takes keeping the Commandments of God to understand that!***

The next Scripture that I would like to turn to is Psalm 96:8 We're going to take our time to go through it so that we can really absorb all the complexities of the understanding of God's words here and what the results are.

Psalms 96:8: “Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name...
[give God the credit for all of what we are understanding]
...bring an offering...

[the offerings we take up during the Holy Days]

... and come into His courts. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness...” (vs 8-9).

What a beautiful verse, because Holiness is beautiful. What is ugly is sin.

“...tremble before Him, all the earth” (v 9).

That is when He comes to rule the earth again. **Yes, people should be trembling because there's no reversing it!**

Verse 10: “Say among the nations, ‘The LORD reigns...

[that's when He has established His Government on the earth]
...and the world shall be established..."

In other words, from this point on that God establishes His Kingdom in the Millennium, *the world is going to do what He says. IF* they don't, they will be punished. *But those who do will be blessed!*

The people still have to see the difference of obeying God. The people who are alive humanly then, they still have to be able to see that there is a difference here between God/good and evil.

Verse 10: "Say among the nations, 'The LORD reigns, and the world shall be established; it shall not be moved..."

[there's no going back]

...He shall judge the people with righteousness"
—*and that judgment will bring happiness and joy!*

It gives us another aspect of rejoicing here in v 11 that we often don't think about. Here we think about joy being on the earth and that certainly is true. But it says here in :

Verse 11: "**Let the heavens rejoice...**"

What is the limit of the heavens? We don't know! We know that God has millions and millions of angels and elders at His Throne. But:

- Is it referring to the heavenly bodies?
- Are they going to come back into alignment with God's will?

Yes, they will at a certain point in time!

They are going to be performing the purpose for which they were created. That's going to be another form of rejoicing.

"...**and let the earth be glad...** [because that is what is going to be happening on the earth]
"...let the sea roar, and the fullness of it. Let the field be joyful..." (vs 11-12).

IF you go out into the desert or into areas where there is no shrubbery or greenery, it looks horrible. I can tell you an example of that. I used to live in the Virgin Islands and it's a very beautiful island until it was struck by Hurricane Hugo in 1989 and it scraped every green leaf off the face of the island and it stripped every tree. It took all the beauty, all the birds away from the island. That morning that I got up and looked out, it was the ugliest sight to see.

Verse 12: "**Let the field be joyful...**"
meaning that God is going to produce shrubbery, greenery, fruits, and it's going to be beautiful!
They're going to be rejoicing!

Verse 12: "Let the field be joyful..."
[and it's talking about the desert and other areas like that]

...and all that is in it; then shall **all the trees of the forest sing for joy**
—*with the wind blowing through them and the birds there and all the different noises that they make!* They will sing for joy in other ways that we don't even understand.

Verse 13: “Before the LORD; for He comes, for He comes to judge the earth; He shall judge the world with righteousness and the people with His Truth.”
Not with falsities, not with lies.

Recently, Steve Durham and Fred Coulter have been going through some Truth in the Bible that has not been understood before. People think it's okay to not believe the Truth. **It's not okay** to not believe the Truth, because it says here that ***the people will rejoice with His Truth!***

Psalms 98:4: “ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth, **and rejoice**, and sing praise. Sing to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre, and the voice of a psalm” (vs 4-5).
Great time of rejoicing!

Verse 6: “With silver trumpets and sound of a ram's horn **make a joyful noise** before the King, the LORD. Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it, the world, and those who dwell in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the mountains sing for joy together...
[sort of what we just read there in Psalms 96]

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[because they will be so fruitful productive before the LORD]
...before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth; with righteousness He shall judge the world and the people with equity” (vs 6-9)

—and that will produce joy!

Philippians 4—here is a short but very powerful verse about ***rejoicing!***

Philippians 4:4: “**Rejoice** in the Lord always. Again...”

If God says something once, it's enough, but if he says it twice, especially within the same verse in Scripture, that carries heavy weight.

“...Again I will say, **rejoice!**” (v 4).

1-Thess. 5:16—take this final verse here deep in your heart, deep in your mind, and take it with you away from this Feast. Keep it during the Feast and when you go back to your home, remember this :

1-Thessalonians 5:16: “**Rejoice always!**”

- Does it say rejoice only when things are going good?
- When you're being blessed?

- When everybody's happy with you?

NO!

It says **rejoice always**, even in times of stress, in times of sadness, in times of trials.

I don't mean a physical jumping up and jumping around, *but the rejoicing is in our minds* that this is temporary. God is going to save us and this is for a short time and I can bear it. I have to bear it if I'm going to make it. ***So rejoice always!***

Verse 17: "Pray unceasingly."

Verse 18—*this is what I want us to take with us today.*

"Give thanks in everything, for this *is the* will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

- everything that we studied here today
- everything that we studied during the Feast

This is the will of God in Jesus Christ for you. Not for anybody else, **for you!**

- God wants us to understand it
- He wants us to understand that He wants a close relationship with us

He doesn't want anything getting in the way

- He wants us to get the message when He delivers it
- He wants us to be able to tell Truth from error

That is the track that we are on!

Now let us review what we covered today. We covered the dictionary meaning of rejoicing and it means *to experience or exhibit or show pleasure or delight!* But it doesn't explain for us Christians ***what causes*** that pleasure or delight.

The Bible answers that question and it tells us that **this pleasure and delight is a fruit of the Spirit of God, and the fruit of the Spirit of God comes from God!** The **Source of rejoicing is God!** Good lesson to learn.

The second thing we looked at is in this life that we are living inside and outside the Feast, ***God wants us to be rejoicing***, not just during the Feast. As Peter said:

- rejoice in your trials
- rejoice in your sorrow
- rejoice in your heartbreak

But the work that God is doing in us now, *He's rejoicing in it*. When we are born again, He will be rejoicing not only in us, ***but with us, together!*** As we keep the Feast of Tabernacles, as we keep the Millennium, **God wants us to be rejoicing always!**

We need to be rejoicing every day in spite of our daily trials or at least practicing it. You're not going to become perfect all at once. We need to be practicing rejoicing. When a trial comes, remember these things. Go and do a study on *rejoicing*!

Then, when we get to the Millennium, at which time we will be spirit, we will actually be *rejoicing in person as spirit with God*. That is a form of rejoicing that will be above level. It will be high. *We will be interacting with God, the Father and Jesus Christ!*

That in itself will be a form of joy that will be different from any other type of forms of joy that we will be, that we ever have known or ever will know. Then, when we get to the Millennium, in that state, God expects us to be teaching this, what we're learning now, to the people who are going through:

- trials
- disturbances in their life
- difficult things because of their carnality

We will actually be there *and it will be our duty to teach them these things!*

IF we're not learning it now, **how are we going to teach it to those people?**

This is why God wants us to go through this process of keeping the Feast of Tabernacles and also when we go through the process of keeping the Passover and the Feast of Trumpets and all these things, *God wants us to remember that!*

Then during the Millennium, *the people will be rejoicing* because as we read, *when the righteous are in charge, the people will rejoice!* It will be in spite of the things that they are going to have to deal with, not only in their person, not only will they be rejoicing, *but the earth around them is going to be rejoicing!* *What a time!*

Then the last thing I brought to your attention is the fact that these are not just the only scenarios for rejoicing. There are other scenarios for rejoicing as well that we probably do not even understand now or that we learn as we go through life.

Enjoy the rest of this Feast!

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Day 4: Rejoice!



What is Rejoicing?

Fill in the Blank

_R_____ is an essential part of the feast of Tabernacles.

The Feast of Tabernacles is a practice run for the _M_____.

The dictionary defines rejoice/joy as...

_____.

The Bible defines rejoice/joy as...

_____.

True or False?

___ We are commanded by God to rejoice during the Millennium.

___ The Bible defines rejoicing/joy as an emotion.



Aspects of Rejoicing

Fill in the Blank

_S_____ is another name for the Feast of Tabernacles.

God rejoices in the _w_____ He is doing in us.

_T_____ and suffering should not be unusual in a Christian's life since that is how we grow.

Short Answer

Explain each facet of rejoicing in the table below.

Facet of Rejoicing	Explanation
God Rejoicing	
Everyday Rejoicing	
Spiritual Firstfruits	
Humans During Millennium	
General All-Purpose Rejoicing	

Sentence Completion

God's work now is...

The more trials and suffering we endure...

In times of great trouble and trials, we must remember that...

"Unspeakable joy" describes how...

True or False?

___ We must embrace trials with rejoicing since it is evidence that God is working in us to grow His character.

___ The tougher the trial, the more we should rejoice.

___ Habakkuk struggled to rejoice during his trials.

___ What we are learning now we will be teaching during the Millennium.

___ Tithing as God instructs helps us to rejoice during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Fill in the Blank

This life is _t_____, but He will give us life for
_e_____.

God will clothe us with _s_____ and
_r_____ during just before the Millennium.

Short Answer

Explain the differences between the first and second tithe in the table below.

First Tithe	Second Tithe

During the Millennium, we will teach the people how to...

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Sentence Completion

When you keep the commandments of God, you are filled with joy no matter...

“Enlightening the eyes” means...

Three ways we can rejoice in the Lord include...

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Fill in the Blank

Reread Psalm 98 to help you fill in the blanks.

_H_____ is beautiful; _s_____ is ugly.

When Christ comes to _r_____ the earth, the people will _t_____.

His Kingdom will be __e_____ on earth.

_R_____ judgment will bring joy to the people.

Even the __t_____ will sing for joy at Christ’s return.

We are to rejoice in the __T_____ of God.

Short Answer

Check the times below when we are instructed to rejoice.

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| ___ contentment | ___ when something is unfair |
| ___ in sadness & grief | ___ during a blessing |
| ___ in trials | ___ during heartbreaks |
| ___ during prayer | ___ on the Sabbath |



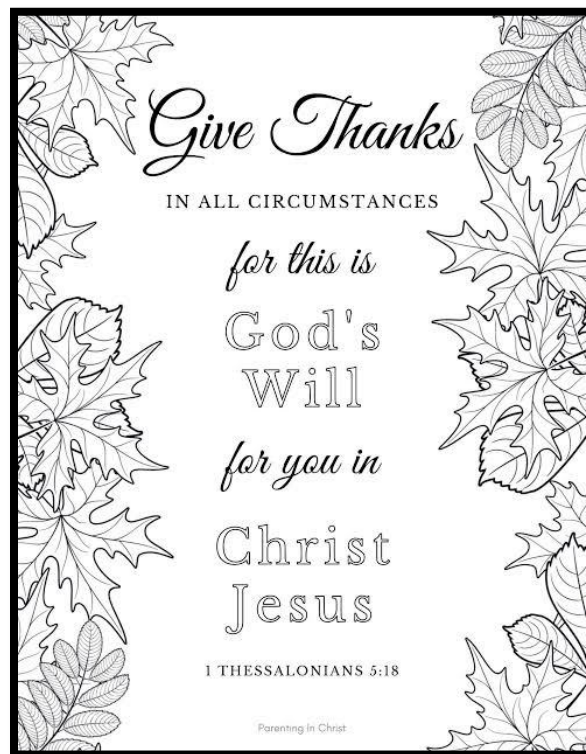
Respond to God

Short Answer

Name 3 new things you learned by reading this passage.

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When do you struggle to rejoice? How can you approach the situation differently with God's help?



Rejoice!

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Rejoice!

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Learning to be Kings & Priests

(Day 5—FOT)

Andrew Moses—September 30, 2026

Greetings brethren, welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles 2026. Time marches on. Hope everyone is doing well, having a wonderful Feast for the five days.

We have learned a lot of things, spiritually and physically, getting to know one another from different places People have come through with:

- different cultures
- different kind of environments
- different kind of rulership

All this we have faced throughout our journey, *and we have stepped into the Feast of Tabernacles*, which means *we will be ruling with Christ for a thousand years!*

What we are going to learn, what have we studied all this while is what is it about the Feast of Tabernacles? What is so great?

When people ask the question, what is so great about the Feast of Tabernacles? We have to give the answer that:

- we are dwelling together with God's people around the world
- we are getting to know each other
- we are dwelling together
- we are learning together
- we are moving together

That's how God made the Israelites come out from Egypt and be with the people all around, millions of people gathered together, *and they were in the wilderness for 40 years!*

There were a lot of problems they encountered, Moses especially encountered a lot of problems with dealing with people. Likewise, today, we have the same thing, that dealing with people, it's not easy.

But before we come into the Feast of Tabernacles, the Millennium:

- What is our purpose?
- What is our requirement?
- Why are we here?
- What do we need to do?

All this, a big question mark, is always in our mind, that we have come through a lot of difficult times, *and we know that what God requires from us is what we need!*

What we are going to study today, we are going to learn how to be kings and priests in the Kingdom. Before we can get into how to be kings and priests, ***we have to enter the Kingdom.*** It's not an easy task, but we have to make it. ***As the called ones, we are the called ones out of billions of people in the world,*** and there's a requirement for us to go through. Let's look at Matt. 25 and learn about the ten virgins.

Matthew 25:1: "Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be compared *to* ten virgins...

What is "ten virgins"? When we think about ten virgins, or when I was young, I always think about the ten virgins is ten ladies who will be waiting.

But the "ten virgins" are the ones ***who have not worshipped idols***, who have not worshipped any other god.

Exodus 20:1—the Ten Commandments: "And God spoke all these words, saying, 'I am the LORD your God Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me'" (vs 1-3).

That's the first commandment. That is the one we talk about, the virginity; the virgins.

Revelation 14:4: "These are the ones who were not defiled with women, ***for they are virgins***; they are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. They were purchased from among men *as* firstfruits to God and to the Lamb, and no guile was found in their mouths; for they are blameless before the Throne of God" (vs 4-5).

Here we understand that ***the virgins are the ones who qualify to be in the Kingdom!*** But again, there are ten virgins, ***which means all ten have not worshipped the idols.*** That's why they are called ***the virgins!***

Matthew 25:1: "Then shall the Kingdom of Heaven be compared *to* ten virgins, who took their lamps *and* went out to meet the bridegroom. **And five of them were wise, and five were foolish**" (vs 1-2).

What is the meaning of *foolish*? Five were wise, ***all ten are virgins!*** But only the five were being wise.

What are the foolish people doing? All been called, ***but only five have been chosen!*** The other five are called ***the foolish!***

Verse 3: "The ones who were foolish took their lamps, *but* they did not take oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels *along* with their lamps. Now, when the bridegroom was gone a long time, they all became drowsy and slept" (vs 3-5).

Verse 6: "But in *the* middle of *the* night there was a cry: 'Look, the bridegroom is coming! Go out to meet him.'"

Verse 7: Then **all** those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the

wise, 'Give us *some* of your oil, because our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest *there not be* enough for us and *for* you. But instead, go to those who sell, and buy for yourselves'" (vs 7-9).

Verse 10: "And while they went to buy, **the bridegroom came**; and those who were ready..."

Here are ten virgins: five **not ready**, but the five, they were ready! What is the difference? *Many are called, few are chosen!*

"...and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut. And afterwards the other virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us.' But He answered *and* said, 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you'" (vs 10-12).

Matthew 7:21: "Not everyone who says to Me 'Lord, Lord' shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; **but the one who is doing the will of My Father**, Who *is* in heaven. Many will say to me..." (vs 21-22).

Here, Jesus is talking about the people who know God. It's not the people of the world, but the people who know Who is God. Like the ten virgins, all ten of them, know who God is. **But only five were ready!** The other five, they were foolish. Why are they foolish? *Because they fall into these categories.*

Verse 22: "Many will say to Me [Jesus] in that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy through Your name? And *did we not* cast out demons through Your name? And *did we not* perform many works of power through Your name?' And then I will confess to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from Me, you who work lawlessness.' Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and practices them..." (vs 22-24).

Here is the key. Listen to the words or read the words ***and practice them***, examples:

God want us to be the example to the world. During this Feast of Tabernacles, the examples that stood out the most. What we have learned throughout the year and what we are doing, what we have practiced from the Passover right up to the Last Great Day.

What are we doing? *We have to put in practice!*

"...I will compare him to a wise man..."

Here again, the wise and the foolish. Those five virgins are the wise ones who Christ compares them with.

"...I will compare him to a wise man, who built his house upon **the Rock**; and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; but it did not fall, for it was founded upon **the Rock**" (vs 24-25).

The five virgins are founded upon “**the Rock**” That’s why they are ready. They are the ones who *listen and practice!*

What about the other five?

Verse 26: “And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not practice them shall be compared to a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand; and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell, and great was the fall of it” (vs 26-27).

Here we understand, keeping God’s Commandments *and practice...* James said, ‘Show me your work, I will show my faith.’ ***Faith without works is dead!***

Therefore, when we practice, when we here, we practice. Practice means ***we apply that on our regular life!***

We have seen a lot of people during the Feast and what we have seen in there. ***Those who are practicing God’s way, you can see them as wise ones!***

When the rain came down it blew—and the foolish who built the house on the sand—it fell on a great fall.

Verse 28. “Now, it came to pass *that* when Jesus had finished these words, the multitudes were amazed at His teaching.”

Here we learn about *how to practice* God’s way, *how to keep* God’s Laws and Commandments, and you need to subscribe to the book: *God’s Plan for Mankind Revealed By His Sabbath and Holy Days*. You can get the details out of all the festivals and about the Feast of Tabernacles is something great that we need to learn. Let’s learn what we are required to do.

Matthew 25:34: “Then shall the King say to those at His right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from *the* foundation of *the* world.’”

God already prepared His Kingdom for His people, and that is for ***the wise ones***, which means ***those who practice God’s Way!*** It’s not given to everyone. Only ‘many are called, few are chosen.’

Verse 35: “For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat...”

It’s talking about ***the wise***. Who are the wise? *The wise ones are the ones who give Him something to eat!*

“‘...I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me in; I was naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me’” (vs 35-36).

Verse 37: “Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and fed *You*? Or thirsty, and gave *You* a drink? And when did we see You a

stranger, and took *You in*? Or naked, and clothed *You*? And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and came to You?” (vs 37-39).

Verse 40: “And answering, the King shall say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you have done *it* to one of the least *of* these My brethren...”

We have done all this. Taking care of the brethren. Taking care of the people, God’s people. How we take care of them. How we treat them. All these are being recorded by God. **God knows:**

- what we have done
- what we are doing
- what we are not doing

This is a clear picture.

“...inasmuch as you have done *it* to one of the least *of* these My brethren, you have done *it* to Me” (v 40).

Now, here comes the wicked:

Verse 41: “Then shall He also say to those on *the* left, ‘Depart from Me, *you* cursed ones, into the eternal fire, which has been prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry, and you did not give Me *anything* to eat; I was thirsty, and you did not give Me *anything* to drink; I was a stranger, and you did not take Me in; *I was* naked, and you did not clothe Me; *I was* sick, and in prison, and you did not *come to* visit Me” (vs 41-43).

Verse 44: “Then they also shall answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and we did not minister to You?’”

Verse 45: Then shall He answer them, saying, “Truly I say to you, inasmuch **as you did not do it** to one of the least *of* these, **neither did you do it to Me.**”

Again, ***the practice***, this is Christ’s mind, the mind of Christ, **we have to practice and to do and to take care!** All this comes as how God determines a wise one and the foolish one.

1-Corinthians 6:9: “Don’t you know that the unrighteous shall not inherit *the Kingdom* of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor abusers of themselves as women, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit *the Kingdom* of God” (vs 9-10).

These are the things that people do who can never inherit the Kingdom of God.

Gal. 5—We see the same group of the people with same kind of attitude that cannot enter the Kingdom.

Galatians 5:13: “For you have been called unto freedom, brethren; only do not *use* this freedom for an occasion to the flesh; rather, serve one another with love.”

That's what we are practicing here at Feast of Tabernacles. We are serving the brethren with love and loving one another.

Verse 14: "For the whole Law is fulfilled in this *commandment*: 'You shall **love your neighbor as yourself.**'"

*James called that as **a royal law.***

I always said that whenever we attend Sabbath services, we keep the Sabbath, and we are fulfilling the two Commandments. Because we meet the brethren, we getting to know them, we know the difficulty they have gone through, and we encourage one another, edify one another, that is what we call ***the royal love!*** The royal law, which is, **love your neighbor as yourself!**

When we keep the Commandments of God, we are loving God. We are fulfilling both Commandments during the Sabbath Day. During the Feast, we are likewise doing the same thing.

Verse 15: "But if you bite and devour one another, watch out *lest* you be consumed by one another. Now *this* I say, **walk by the Spirit, and you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh**" (vs 15-16).

When we walk in the Spirit, we are coming out of the lust of the flesh. Lust and the Spirit always go against.

Verse 17: "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit..."

—lust is worldly, Spirit is of God!

Verse 16: "Now *this* I say, walk by *the* Spirit, and you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these things are opposed to each other, so that you cannot do those things you wish to do. 18: But **IF** you are led by *the* Spirit, you are not under *works of law.*" (vs 16-18).

When we have the Spirit of God, when we keep the Commandments, in such things there is no law, because we are keeping the Commandments.

That reminds me of Job. When you read the book of Job, you understand Job is an upright man. Why? *Because he was keeping all God's Commandments*, and what he needed to do. He was being very faithful, BUT what caught Him up? *Self-righteousness!*

But if you take away that, ***God knows He is being upright, because He is led by the Spirit!***

Verse 18: "But **IF** you are led by *the* Spirit, you are not under *works of law.* Now, the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*: **adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, strifes, jealousies, indignations, contentions, divisions, sects, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such things as these**; concerning which I am telling you beforehand, even as I have also said in the past, that **those who do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God**" (vs 18-21)

Look at the list! We know all those who are doing all this, *they cannot inherit the Kingdom!* Here we learn what we need to do. During this Feast of Tabernacles, what we are required to do.

Verse 22: “But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control; against such things there is no law. But those who *are* Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and lusts. **IF** we live by *the* Spirit, we should also be walking by *the* Spirit” (vs 22-25)

—which means **practice!**

- we are here to practice
- we are here to learn from one another
- we are here to grow in the grace and in the knowledge and in the mind of Christ

That is all about our calling!

Verse 26: “We should not become vainglorious, provoking one another *and* envying one another.”

These are the things that human beings commonly have towards one another.

We as God’s people, we have to overcome all these things because it’s nature. That’s why God gave us the law of sin and death within us. He has given us the free moral agency to think what we need to do, what we cannot do.

- what we need to build up
- what we need to grow
- how we need to grow
- what needs to be added

It’s all layered by layer; it’s added to us as the character. God is looking at the character of a person.

The ten virgins, the five not prepared, the five ready. ***God is looking at the five ready rather than the five foolish!***

2-Peter 1:1: “Simon Peter a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have obtained *the* same precious faith as ours by *the* righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in *the* knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, according as His Divine Power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and Godliness...” (vs 1-3).

We will read more about Godliness. What is Godliness? *When we are doing the will of God, we are doing the right thing!* The Godliness.

“...through the knowledge of Him Who called us by *His own* glory and virtue” (v 3).

What is virtue? ***Virtue is you are maintaining a very high level of standard in what you are!***

Brethren, we are God's people. We have our own standard. We are to be *the light of the world!* That is what virtue is all about.

A simple phrase you can put it as *light of the world!* Because light of the world is the standout upright standard that is *virtue*.

Verse 4: "Through which He has given to us the greatest and *most* precious promises, that through these you may become partakers of *the* Divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is in the* world through lust. And for this very reason also, having **applied all diligence**... (vs 4-5).

We are to be diligent in:

- studying God's Word
- in prayer
- in our Christian walk
- in our character

"...**besides add to your faith virtue**..." (5).

We have to add faith. 'Faith without work is dead.' We have to have the faith, the diligence, the faith and the virtue. When we have all these combined *we have virtue*, which means *diligently study God's Word and have faith and apply that in our life, daily life* before we can have the virtue.

"...and to virtue, **knowledge**" (v 5).

We get knowledge from study. The more we study the more we draw close to God, *God is giving us the knowledge!*

Verse 6: "And to knowledge, **self-control**

What we read in Gal. 5 those are the things which need self-control:

- lust of the flesh
- lust of the eyes

What we see, what we do *we need to have self-control* of not doing any of that.

"...and to self-control, **endurance**..." (v 6).

Endurance is what we have to hope for! We are waiting for. That is the endurance we need to have.

Patience; this is a long term patience, we call it as **endurance**. When we endure we know God is going to do something with us. There is a purpose in us.

When you look at the parable of the talents God has given each one a measure of talent. Even the least get one. Everyone gets the talent, and how you multiply it.

When you endure you know God is working out something, the gift that God has given to each and every one of us is going to work it out something. There will be something. That's why we are here in this Feast of Tabernacles, ***to know that we are the training ground for the Millennium to run with Christ for the thousand years!*** We need to learn all this.

“...and to endurance, **Godliness**” (v 6).

That is where our point is.

When we look at Gal. 5 the sins are ungodly; you can classify as the ungodly.

The nine fruits of Holy Spirit are Godliness! You can separate those two.

The first, the ungodly are the *five foolish!* ***The Godly are the five wise.***

Verse 7: “And to Godliness, **brotherly love...**”

We come for the Feast. We have all the brethren:

- to love
- to show
- to be together
- to learn from one another
- to show compassion toward one another
- to show love toward one another

All these are the brotherly love!

“...and to brotherly love, **the love of God**” (v 7).

You see how it all layered by layer before we can ever think about entering the Kingdom.

We should have all these things added to us before we come to the love of God! That's where we know that we are going to enter the Kingdom.

For if these things exist and are born in you, they will cause you to be neither lacking effort nor lacking fruit in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will not lack anything, brethren. That is something spectacular when we think about how God is working with each and every one of us. Why we are here? Because God has chosen us out of this world.

How many of us are gathering together? A very minority compared to the world. But we are blessed in so many ways. Why we are here? *It's because of God's love!*

But the one whom these things are not present is spiritually blind. ***The five foolish are spiritually blind!*** So short-sighted that he has forgotten that he was purified from his old sins. For this reason, brethren, be even more diligent to make your calling and election sure. Because ***IF*** you are doing these things, you will never fall at any time.

That is the promise! That is the promise! When we go to God, ‘Lord, Lord,’ we know God is going to call us. If not, God says, ‘I didn't know you. You were lawlessness.’ *All this applies!*

For in this way, you will be richly granted into the Eternal Kingdom. What about that? This is what we have been talking about:

- this is why we are here
- this is what we are hoping for
- this is the promise

For in this way, you will be richly granted an entrance into the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

What a promise, brethren! What a promise that all of us are waiting and hoping for! But we have a lot to do. We have work to do before we really can look for all this. Christ will return in His set time, and we have to be ready. This is the training ground that we always look for.

1-Peter 4:1: “Consequently, since Christ has suffered for us in *the* flesh, **arm yourselves also with the same mind because the one who has suffered in *the* flesh has finished living in sin.**”

Christ has done it. He died for us! That’s why we keep the Passover. Christ died for us. The only friend who can die for us is Jesus Christ. He died for us and He finished living in sin.

Verse 2: “*To this end: that he no longer live his remaining time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.*”

Why did Christ come as a human being? ***To show us what a human being can do!*** A human being can have questions.

- God didn’t know what is the life a human being lives
- God don’t know what is the difficulty a human being goes through

That’s why Christ had to come as a human being without sin!

He has passed and He have taken all the sins of the people. He died for us. Think about that. Who can do that for you if not Jesus Christ? He came into human form, human flesh. He experienced every emotion, every problem, every trial, every difficulty.

He faced everything what we face now and what He faced during His time, when He was about to die, the scourging and the torturing. No one has gone through. None of us have gone through. Christ showed us how to live a human life and enter the Kingdom.

He ascended to the Father. How is it possible as a human? ***IF*** we are to follow of Christ, ***we are duty bound to keep His Commandments!***

Verse 3: “For the past time of our lives *is* sufficient to have worked out the will of the Gentiles, when we ourselves walked in licentiousness *and* lusts, *and were* debauched with wine, carousing, drinking and wanton idolatries. In *seeing* this *difference in your behavior*, they are astonished *that* you do not rush with *them* into the same overflowing debauchery,

and they revile you. But they shall render an account to Him Who is ready to judge the living and the dead” (vs 3-5).

We had to flee. We had to run away from all this problem. Like Joseph, he had to run away from Potiphar’s wife. He ran away because he don’t want to sin. He don’t want to be part of it. Likewise

- Are we being tempted by the lust of the flesh?
- By what we see, the lust of the eyes?
- Are we getting tempted?
- Are we getting into them?
- Are we getting into the people?
- Are we getting along with those kind of people?

Friendship with the world is enmity with God!

Verse 6: “And for this purpose the Gospel was preached to those who have died so that, *although in the flesh* they may in fact have been judged according to men’s *standards*, on the other hand, they might live according to God’s *will* in *the Spirit*. Now the end of all things has drawn near. Therefore, be serious-minded and be watchful in prayers” (vs 6-7).

Brethren, our God is a very serious God. He’s a jealous God. He’s a merciful God, no doubt. But He’s a jealous God, ***and He is a serious God!*** What we do, even if it’s little or a small, there is no small sin/big sin, ***but sin is sin; God is very serious about that!*** Likewise, we have to be serious and be watchful in prayers.

Verse 8: “But above all, have fervent love among yourselves because love will cover a multitude of sins.”

Love one another. That is far more important. Remember:

Verse 9: “**Be hospitable to one another without complaining.**”

What God hates the most. *God hates complaining and murmuring!* If we are sitting down and complaining and murmuring:

- God is not helping
- God is not healing
- God is not doing that
- God is not doing this

This is all part of what the Israelites have done. God regretted creating mankind. We have to do that! We have to follow the examples. Whatever we read in the Bible, all those are examples given to us.

Why are all those examples given to us? ***For us to know is just not the words, it’s the examples of God’s people who lived through ages!*** We are here, sitting down, we can know what they have gone through in life and what we need to learn from that.

Verse 10: “*Let each one, according as he has received a gift from God, be using it to serve the others as good stewards...*

[that’s what we are learning. We have to be]:

...good stewards of *the* grace of God, *which* manifests *itself* in various ways. If anyone speaks, *let it be* as the words of God; if anyone serves, *let it be* as from *the* strength which God supplies; so that in everything, God may be glorified through Jesus Christ to Whom is the glory and the power into the ages of eternity. Amen” (vs 10-11).

Brethren, let’s see what we need to do during this Feast and what we have learned all these five days. We have to apply that and what we need to do more.

Ephesians 5:1: “Therefore, **be imitators of God** as beloved children...”

We have to be the imitators! That’s why we are here, ***the Feast of Tabernacles is where we learn to imitate God!***

Verse 2: “And walk in love, even as Christ also loved us, and gave Himself for us *as* an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, do not permit it even to be named among you, as is fitting for saints; nor filthiness, nor foolish talking or jesting, which are not becoming; but instead, thanksgiving” (vs 2-4).

Give thanks to God! How many of us always give thanks to God for what we have? Brethren, we are better than millions and millions of people, even in whatever degree we are in our life. We always need to be grateful and thankful to God in everything.

Verse 5: “For this you know, that no fornicator, or unclean person, or covetous *person*, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God.”

This is what we have been studying today, the inheritance in the Kingdom. To enter the Kingdom, we have to put on Christ.

Verse 6: “Do not let anyone deceive you with vain words; for because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience.”

God is going to punish. God is going to punish the whole world. God is going to punish those who are doing all these acts of immorality.

Verse 7: “Therefore, do not be joint partakers with them.”

Stay away if you have friends or anyone in school or in college, in workplace or whatever. Stay away from them.

Verse 8: “For you were once darkness; but now *you are* light in *the* Lord...”

We were all walking in the darkness at one time until we were baptized. ***Then we see the Light. God has given us the Light!***

“...Walk as children of Light, (because the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness and righteousness and Truth); proving what is well pleasing to the Lord; and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*” (vs 8-11).

We know we are living in this world. We cannot avoid it. *That's what Christ said to God!*

That we cannot put God's people out of the world. We have to live within the world with the people, within the people who are being evil and doing all kind of evil continuously. Christ is requesting God to give us the protection. Are we getting into that? We have all these gadgets, AI and everything.

You go in, you see 99% is sin. Everything lawlessness, what you open, what you see, what kind of video you watch, everything is evil to the maximum. People always love to see the negative videos.

Verse 12: “For it is shameful even to mention the things being done by them in secret. But all of these things being exposed by the light are openly revealed. Therefore, He says, ‘*You* who are sleeping—wake up, and arise from the dead! And Christ shall shine upon you.’ So then, take heed that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as those who are wise” (vs 12-15).

Here again, the fools and the wise. ***We have to walk like a wise. A wise man!***

Verse 16: “Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. For this reason, do not be foolish... [again the word *foolish*]

...but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*” (vs 16-17).

What we need to understand: What is the will of God? We are here, during the Feast of Tabernacles, we learn and God has assigned all these festivals for us. The Sabbath and the Holy Days. God has given us the festivals. We have to think about all this. *That is the will, God's will!* Keeping His Commandments; God's will!

Verse 18: “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is debauchery, but be filled with *the* Spirit: Speaking to each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and offering praise to the Lord with your hearts; giving thanks at all times for all things to God and the Father in *the* name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit yourselves to one another in *the* fear of God” (vs 18-21).

That's what we are doing now, Brethren. ***We are to love one another!*** We have to submit to one another. We know there's a difficult time when we get together with people. There's always difficult times where quarreling, vain words, offending one another. All these are part and parcel of getting together with the group. *We need to eliminate all these!*

That's why we need God's love in us. The fear of God must be within us. It always needs to apply. We don't have to worry about what others are thinking, what others are doing, what others

are saying, but what we need to do, *because every one of us have to be answerable to God, individually!*

Salvation is individual, though we are collective today, *but we all are subject to what we are doing in person!*

Ephesians 6:10: “Finally, my brethren, be strong in *the* Lord, and in the might of His strength. Put on the whole armor of God...

[that’s what we need to do]

...so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” (vs 10-11).

That is what the devil will try to do, Satan and demons. That’s what they try to do. They try to create discord among brethren. They know that we are keeping the Feast of God. Feast of Tabernacles. Satan knows all of us will be there together. *There will be always Satan will pick someone and instigate something!* That is naturally happening.

How are we going to fight all this? We have to do this. We have to be strong in the Lord, in the might of His strength.

Verse 11: “Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, because we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against principalities *and* against powers, against the world rulers of the darkness of this age, against the spiritual *power* of wickedness in high *places*. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having worked out all things, to stand. Stand, therefore, having your loins girded about with Truth, and wearing the breastplate of righteousness” (vs 11-14).

In other words, we have to put on Christ. Christ has to work within us. We have to have the mind of Christ:

Philippians 2:5: “Let this mind be in you, which *was* also in Christ Jesus.”

We have to have the mind of Christ to always work with us, to think about:

- who we are
- what we are
- what is our purpose
- what we are doing in life

We have been called as *the special ones!* All of us, rich, poor, whatever, disabled, healthy, whatever you can say. All of us have been called for a purpose. What kind of purpose is that? *To be kings and priests and to rule with Christ!*

We have to be ready;

v 15: “And having your feet shod with *the* preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Besides all

these, take up the shield of the faith, with which you will have the power to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one” (vs 15-16).

We can be able to stand how much of offenses, how much people treat us, how they do. I know many people will go through a difficult time during in the Church or outside the Church, because all of us are human beings. But in the Church:

- we need to have the mind of Christ
- we have to have the attributes of Christ working within us
- we have to have the love for one another.
- we have to have the Commandment to apply to one another

This will make us to have a better feeling towards one another. What other people do, it's not our problem. God knows what to do. Can anyone punish anyone? If God punishes, it will be in a different way. People know that God is in place.

Verse 17: “And put on the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.”

The Word of God, the sword!

What we learn, what we do, we have to have all this in us.

Verse 18: “Praying at all times with all prayer and supplication in *the* Spirit, and in this very thing being watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”

Brethren, we are here on Day 5. We have learned a lot during these 5 days. We learned more. We have a lot of things to overcome. We have a lot of things to look for. More great things can happen.

- spend time wisely
- spend time with one another
- get to know people

Don't be always with the people you know, being friends and relatives.

- get to know people
- get to know their culture
- get to know their tradition
- get to know how their place is all about

This is what we are here to learn about people. What people look like. How they look like.

- different in complexion
- different in words
- different in mannerism
- different in dressing

- different in so many, so many aspects

When we get to know people, we learn we can know what is the other side of the coin.

Take this Feast as a memorable one. Love one another. Treat one another. Go to meals with them. Have a lot of chat with them. It's not about always activity.

I know every Feast site, we have activities, but even that spend more time with one another even if you are in activity. Go and get along with people. Get to know people. There are so many people coming for the Feast with:

- a lot of difficulty
- a lot of dejections
- a lot of troubles
- a lot of things would have been carried them to the Feast

Why are they here? ***Just to be with God's people and in the presence of God!*** All of us are here in the presence of God. ***We have to be Godly!***

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Day 5: Learning to be Kings & Priests



What is So Great about the Feast of Tabernacles?

Short Answer

What is so great about the Feast of Tabernacles?

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For you, what is the best thing about participating in the Feast of Tabernacles?
Why?

Sentence Completion

We know that what God requires of us is...

All the ten virgins were called, but only five of them...

The foolish virgins did not...

The chosen virgins were those who...

The wise virgins practiced God's ways by...

True or False?

- ___ All ten virgins were called by God and knew His Truth.
- ___ The ten virgins were permitted into the wedding feast.
- ___ Only five of the virgins practiced God's Truth in their daily lives.



Practicing God's Way

Short Answer

Practicing God's ways includes serving the brethren by... (provide 3 examples)

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Some actions of those *not* inheriting the Kingdom are...

Those who walk in the Spirit practice...

Sentence Completion

At the Feast of Tabernacles, we have an opportunity to...

The royal law is...

To walk in the Spirit means we...

Godliness is...

Short Answer

Four ways to be diligent toward God include...

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Name four things that need to be added to diligence.

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Match each term with its meaning.

___ Patience

___ Endurance

___ Godliness

___ Diligence

___ Brotherly Love

A. Long lasting patience

B. Compassion

C. Accept changes without complaint

D. Persistent

E. Practicing things of God

True or False?

- ___ Practicing means learning from one another.
- ___ Our character is built in layers throughout our lives.
- ___ We should have all the attributes of walking in the Spirit before we ever get to the love of God.
- ___ The feast allows us opportunities to practice these things with the brethren.
- ___ The five foolish virgins are spiritually blind.
- ___ Christ came as a human being to show us what an immortal being could do and enter eternal life.
- ___ Developing and practicing the attributes of Christ are essential to becoming a wise virgin.



Getting to Know the Brethren

Sentence Completion

We are to love and be hospitable to one another without...

We are to serve others by...

The Feast of Tabernacles is where we learn to be...

One way to walk as a spiritually wise person is to...

Salvation is personal, but we are all responsible for...

Satan and the demons try to create...

Fill in the Blank

We are to walk in the _L_____ and be imitators of _G_____.

We can get along better if we put on the _a_____ of God.

We must develop the _m_____ of Christ.

Short Answer

In the church, we must all have...

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What are some practical ways you can learn to meet and get to know new people this year at the feast? List 3 below.

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Why will future kings and priests need to develop the character and attributes to be effective in the Millennium?



Respond to God

Short Answer

Name 3 new things you learned by reading this passage.

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What does this lesson show us about becoming kings and priests? What are some specific things you need to develop to increase in godliness?



Learning to Be Kings Priests

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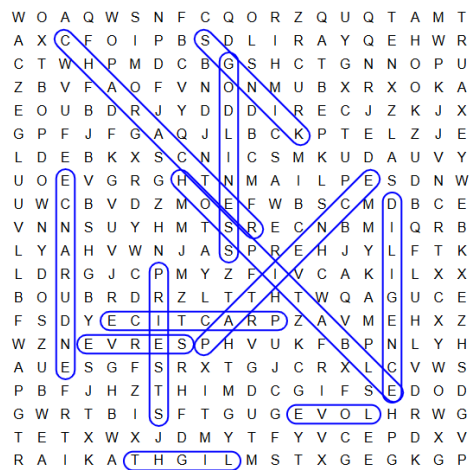
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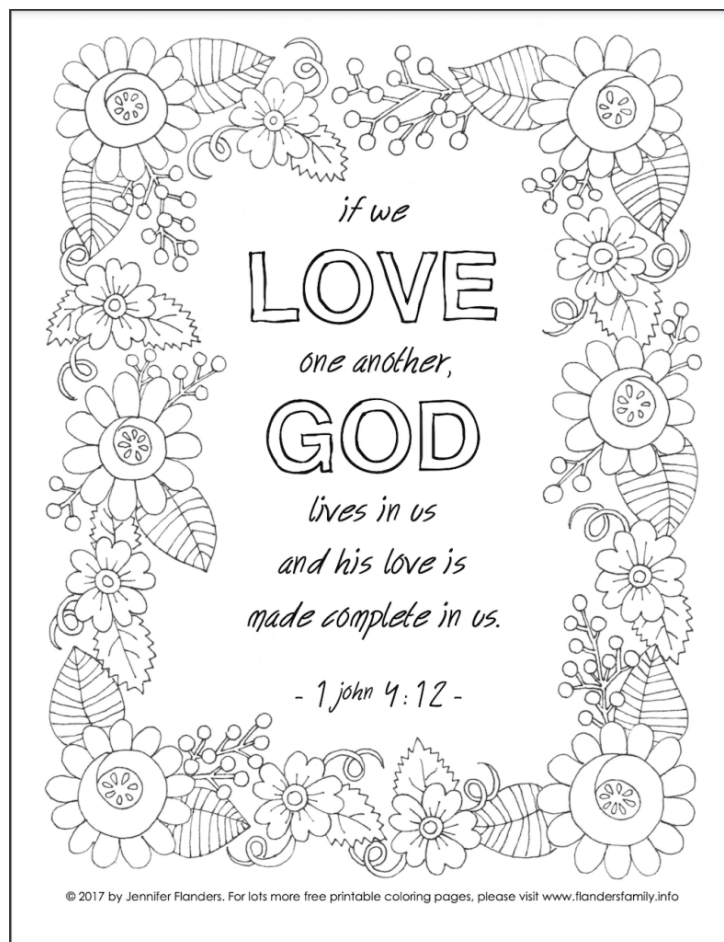
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What Is Man?

(Day 6—FOT)

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Greetings everyone, and welcome to day six of God's Feast of Tabernacles for this year. We say greetings to all those who are the saints of God, as well as all those who fear God and keep His Commandments. Today we're going to have a look at: *What is Man?*

Psa. 8—here, David is being inspired by none less than God Himself. It starts with a magnificent opening where it says

Psalm 8:1: "O LORD our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens! Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings You have ordained strength..." (vs 1-2).

That's a reference really to those who are in the Body of Christ,

- those who are of 'a meek and quiet spirit'
- those who 'tremble at God's Word'
- those that have humbled themselves before the mighty power of God

Verse 2: "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings You have ordained strength..."

Yes, because those who are the babes and sucklings whom God has called, they know that they have their strength not in themselves, *but in Almighty God!*

"...You have ordained strength because of Your adversaries, to silence the enemy and the avenger" (v 2).

A very clear statement there about the enemy of God, the enemy of the Church, and the enemy of all human beings, in fact, worldwide.

Verse 3: "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained."

Now comes the question. When David looked up, as we can, and sees the multitude of the heavenly bodies, and what we can see is actually very little of what, in fact, is out there.

David says:

Verse 3: "When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man...?" (vs 3-4)

—*in all that, in all Your creation?*

"...that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him? For You have made him a little lower than God and have crowned him with glory and honor" (vs 4-5).

In other words, in the entirety of the cosmos, in the entirety of everything that exists, this is what God has done for man:

“...You have crowned him with glory and honor. You made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet” (vs 5-6).

Then David goes on to show what God had put under man’s feet, going right back to Adam, the days of Adam and Eve.

In Heb. 2 we have Paul quoting Psa. 8. He makes a slight change:

Hebrews 2:5: “For *it is* not to *the* angels *that* He [God] has placed in subjection **the world that is to come**, of which we are speaking.”

A very important statement, particularly as we are here observing God’s Feast of Tabernacles, and then a little later, the Last Great Day on the eighth day.

Verse 6: “But in a certain place one fully testified...
[that’s David]

...saying, ‘What is man, that You [God] are mindful of him, or *the* son of man...
[the descendants of Adam and Eve]
...that you visit him?’”

Yes, God—as we have the Scriptures—*from time to time has visited man, and no greater time than when Jesus Christ was born* of a virgin and appeared as God in the flesh.

Verse 7: “‘You did make him a little lower than *the* angels; You did crown him with glory and honor, and You did set him over the works of Your hands; You did put all things in subjection under his feet.’....
[that’s us]

...For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing *that was* not subjected to him....” (vs 7-8).
Everything!

That’s all things, all things on earth, but eventually all things, *including the entire universe!*

“...He left nothing *that was* not subjected to him. But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him” (v 8)
—*that is to man, and the Son of man!*

But what we do see, Paul continues;

v 9: “But we see Jesus, Who *was* made a little lower than *the* angels, crowned with glory and honor on account of suffering the death...
[His crucifixion, on the day of the Passover]
...in order that by *the* grace of God He Himself might taste death for everyone.”

Where did all this begin? I think we all know where we can go to find that out. *Gen. 1!* We will find, we know that there it says that *God created the heavens and the earth*. We also know that *God*

created first the heavens, then the angels, as it says in Job, where they are called ‘the sons of God,’ and they sang for joy when God created the earth. Why? *Because they were going to be inhabiting the earth for a very special reason!*

Then, of course, what happened is we find that Lucifer, one of the great archangels, a cherub that God had created, ***rebelled against God, because he came to knowledge that he just simply could not stomach!*** He wrought havoc on the face of the earth and in his kingdom amongst the angelic realm.

Not all followed him, we know that, only one-third followed him. But we want to see that God created Adam and Eve, but here it just mentions what God’s Plan was.

Gen. 1:26—here is the beginning of the history of human beings, of mankind, in the man Adam and then his wife Eve. Very important, because this is: What is man? *We’re finding out right here.*

Genesis 1:26: “And God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness...’”

Image, we can say is His personality and the way He appears. We know that when Jesus Christ appeared as a man, He was God in the flesh. We know God made man in His image, man was made ***in the exact image of God***, not just in His physical appearance. ***But also in His character!***

But even Jesus had to maintain the character He had by being faithfully obedient to God the Father, otherwise we would not have a Saviour.

Verse 26: “And God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of heaven and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that crawls upon the earth.’”

What God did, we see in Gen. 2; God rested on the seventh day, and that became the day that is hallowed from that very day, the seventh day of the week. Every seventh day receives the same blessing, and it is to be observed in that same manner and fashion, as God mentions over and over and over again, there’s no mistake.

We find here that God created Adam and then Eve. Why was God doing that? What we find is that in John 14:30, that Satan is the ruler of this world.

He had been the ruler of the angelic realm in a previous existence of planet earth, but because of his rebellion, we know the earth was put into a state of absolute chaos and confusion. What we find in Gen. 1, ***God is re-creating the earth for the inhabitation of mankind!***

God did not remove Lucifer, who became Satan, or the demons, the third of the angels that followed Him. **Why did not God remove Satan at that point in time?**

I think it becomes very obvious why he did that. But again, remember, Jesus said:

John 14:30—*Jesus says:* “...the ruler of this world...”

[Satan]

...is coming; but he does not have a single thing in Me.”

There’s a clue there about what God created man for. ***God wants us to come to that very same state of Jesus Himself!*** That’s a very important point.

But why didn’t God remove Satan, put him out of the way, so He’s not going to interfere with mankind? What we find in Gen. 2: God gave man His Commandments. It’s in that reference where God ***commanded man which trees he could eat the fruit of, and which tree he was not to eat of!*** Because when he ate of that tree, God says:

Genesis 2:17: “...in dying, you shall surely die.”

Then God, once He had given Adam His instruction, very likely, in fact, certainly on the Sabbath Day He would have begun His teaching—the very next day after He was created—*God allows Satan into the garden!*

- Why would God do that?
- Why didn’t God remove Satan completely and put Him into outer darkness right then?

God never wastes anything that He’s created. Because God says, “Let us make man in Our image and Our likeness.”

In other words, God here is beginning His Family of sons and daughters. But when Adam was born, when Eve was taken from the side of Adam and made to be his partner, *they were innocent! They were pure!*

But one thing they lacked was character. What did God do? God put before them—like He did for Israel and like he does for you and me today—what He does is ***He gives us a choice!*** He gave them ***independent, free, moral agency!***

When He commanded man that he may eat of every tree of the garden except for the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, ***there was the test! There was a command!***

Do you think Satan didn’t know that? *Clearly he did, and he took advantage of it!* But God exposed man ***in order for mankind to begin the process of building Holy, righteous, perfect spiritual character***, which he did not have.

God was prepared to allow Satan to come into the garden *and tempt Eve!* We know the result of that, ***they sinned!*** Because of that, because of that sin, what happened?

- Did they develop the character of God?

Or

- Did something else happen?

What happened is that the sin that is in man, *the sin that dwells within*, was imputed into their life ***because of the wrong decision!*** Man was going to face a battle ***in order for him to build the character of God!*** We’ll see more of that as we proceed.

Let's just go back and have a look at one Scripture over in the book of Jude, regarding Lucifer and what happened to him, that he became Satan and his angels became demons. This is an important part of Scripture. Here what Jude is telling us, that the angels originally had the habitation on the earth.

Jude 6: And the angels who did not keep their own original domain, but deserted their habitation...

[Where was the habitation? *Planet Earth!*]

...He is holding in eternal bonds under darkness unto the judgment of *the* Great Day."

But again, as we say, ***God did not remove Lucifer***, who became Satan at that time, ***but God instead now re-created the earth, placed man on there as His first step in replacing Satan and his demons in the Government of God!***

That meant a battle between man and Satan, ***and*** between *Satan and God!* But God had a plan ahead of time; God was ready for it.

What ***IF*** Adam and Eve had obeyed God and hadn't eaten the fruit of the tree?

That's a ***what if*** question. We may find an answer to that sometime in the future. but right now, we don't even need to go down that path. ***The path we want to go down is the path we have outlined before in Scripture!***

After man sinned, we come up to Gen. 3, and we come to that very important Scripture.

How many times do we go to the Scripture? *Over and over and over again*, because it brings about the very first of God's Festivals—after the Sabbath—His annual Holy Days, beginning with the Passover.

Yes, first for the Sabbath, a command of God that man is to observe throughout his generations. Man will continue to observe that even after the return of Jesus Christ. Those who say we should keep Sunday instead of Saturday, *they're liars! They're repeating the lies of Satan the devil!* Nothing less than that. That's where that comes from.

But once Adam and Eve sinned, we know that in Gen. 3:15, God began to set the rest of His Plan. Here He *lays the foundation of His Plan!* Because Adam and Eve sinned, and because Adam was instrumental in that sin, God gives this declaration:

Genesis 3:14: "And the LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this you *are* cursed above all livestock, and above every animal of the field. You shall go upon your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. **And I will put enmity between you [Satan] and the woman**'" (vs 14-15).

That woman we find is a reference to *the virgin Mary*.

"...and between your seed..." (v 15).

That is Satan's demonic realm, but also those human beings *that are his followers, those who do his will!*

Verse 15: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed..."

The 'Seed' here, in your Bible, should be in a capital 'S,' her Seed is a reference to Jesus Christ. Most Biblical scholars and theologians recognize that this is a reference to Christ and to His crucifixion.

"...He [Christ] will bruise your [Satan's] head..." (v 15).

This is the reference. When is that going to happen? *It's going to happen on a future Day of Atonement, when Christ will remove Him for a thousand years!*

Yes, he'll come back at the end of the 1,000 years for a brief period of time, *then he will be cast into the Lake of Fire*, where the Beast and the False Prophet had already been cast. *Then he will, with his demons, inhabit a place of absolute outer darkness!*

That's the effect, never again to interfere with God's making of man to rule over all things. But that's a time for the future.

Verse 16: "To the woman He said, 'I will greatly increase your sorrow and your conception—in sorrow shall you bring forth children....'"

Yes, children that will have the opportunity of being part of the very Family of God, *the sons and daughters of God!* But they have to understand the Sabbath Day and keep that so that they can:

- come to know who God is
- begin to have an intimate relationship with Him,
- to understand His plan for mankind

We have in major book—*God's Plan For Mankind Revealed by His Sabbath and Holy Days*—which brings all the Scriptures regarding God's Plan for mankind, pulling all the Scriptures from throughout the Bible where they're referenced so it's easier for us to understand God's Plan for mankind as it is in His Sabbath and Holy Days, and of course, His Festivals, as well. *That's very important!*

Verse 16: "To the woman He said, 'I will greatly increase your sorrow and your conception....'"

She was going to have children, which are potentially—which were potentially, and are today potentially still—sons and daughters of God. *But there is a path we have to follow!*

Genesis 2:16: "...You may freely eat of every tree in the garden, but you shall not eat of the Tree of *the* Knowledge of Good and Evil..." (vs 16-17).

Isn't it interesting? *It's very interesting indeed!*

What does Jesus tell us? *We see it recorded there in Genesis 2, **Jesus said** that we should enter the narrow gate!* God told Adam right back at the beginning, ***He commanded Adam to obey Him!*** ***That's the narrow gate*** that Jesus said!

What about the wide gate? *As a matter of fact, Adam and Eve began their life—once God had instructed them—by making the wrong choice!* They chose the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. ***That is the wide gate that leads to destruction!*** That was right there ***from the beginning!***

But God's answer to that is here in Gen. 3:15. We can see here, because we have the rest of the Bible, it says, He [God] will bruise your [Satan'] head.

What does that tell us? *In order for Christ to bruise Satan's head, **Christ had to be born!***

- then Christ had to be crucified: ***Sabbath!***
- then there had to be Christ's return to this earth: ***Feast of Trumpets***
- then *the Day of Atonement*, which pictures Satan's removal, before
- the beginning of the 1000 year Reign of Christ: ***the Feast of Tabernacles***

which we're observing right now.

Then finally, it will be ***The Last Great Day***, which is the 8th day of the Feast. Here we have it. ***This is the beginning of God's Plan!***

God is showing through Gen. 3:15, through the Passover, that that opens up the way for man now ***to be restored to God!*** That demands and requires what? *It requires the **Feast of Unleavened Bread, the purifying of man through the blood and sacrifice of Jesus Christ!*** It requires **repentance** and **baptism** and **receiving of the Holy Spirit.** That's all wrapped up there in that statement.

That takes us to ***Pentecost!*** Pentecost is the day that ***God is going to resurrect His firstfruits!***

Those who were under the historical period of the Old Testament and the Old Covenant, God—even though they did not experience Christ—what they did is because ***God called and worked with*** those who sought Him and worked with Him. God actually gave men like Abel, Enoch, and then Noah—which is a type of how God is going to save the Church in that sense—once the terrible times of Tribulation come.

Yes, that requires the Passover! The Passover then leads into the ***Days of Unleavened Bread,*** *which is a time of learning to purify ourselves:*

- by following the Word of God
- by following in the footsteps of Christ
- by obeying the voice of God

That's what God was telling Adam when He said, 'Adam, I command you this.' God was telling Adam, 'Obey My voice.' He was also telling Him the same thing that Jesus said, ***'that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.'***

God had prepared him, *but man was weak!* Remember, God did not remove Satan. God did not remove him as ‘the ruler of this world,’ because God was preparing a Family. That Family headed up by Jesus Christ and all the saints, once they’re the sons and daughters of God, ***then** Satan will be replaced!* In the meantime, God has left him here on the earth.

Why? *Because Satan, with his temptations, **man***—particularly those whom God has called, and those who understand God’s law—***has to fight in a battle, struggling against Satan, the devil!*** That’s how God is forming the character in man.

Jesus said, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow gate.’ That’s what God wanted Adam to do. But he knew that likelihood, a very real possibility, *that he was going to fail!*

That’s where God had His plan to deliver man from sin. It’s all part of the process of building character, the very character of God. God says, “Let Us make man in Our image,” so we know that we look like God in person. But now God’s Plan is to build our character when we’re born.

We were born, yes, with a sin that dwells within, but we were born basically innocent. It didn’t take long for that innocence:

- to be upset
- to be destroyed
- to be demolished

in many people!

Let’s turn to one Scripture that helps us understand what God is doing: Gal. 4.

- this is what man is
- this is what man was created for
- this is the goal of man
- this is how the character of God is being formed within us

providing we continue striving, not only to enter the narrow gate! We’ve already done that, but now that we continue:

- to strive to walk along that path
- to walk along the way that Jesus walked

that very same path without sin!

His blood sacrifice was there for you and for me when we do sin.

Gal. 4:19—this is so powerful because it tells us God’s Plan for mankind. It tells us what God is forming in us for and how it is to be done. Paul says, and he’s addressing us on behalf of God the Father and Jesus Christ. They’re speaking directly to us in this:

Galatians 4:19: “My little children, for whom I am again laboring in pain...”

As the Apostle of God to the Gentiles, with all those Churches that God raised up through him in the manner that we can read.

“...I am laboring in pain...” (v19).

Notice very carefully the next statement, because this is why God created Adam and Eve. This is why you and I are in the *Church of the Living God* today; the Church that Jesus Christ established and continues to build and will do so right up until the very end.

“...until Christ has been formed in you” (v 19).

That goes right back to what God had in mind when He molded the dust of the ground, the clay into man. Because of that, and because of Eve, *you and I exist!*

We, of all people, little children that God has called, we’re God’s little children, through His calling, through His granting us the ability to repent of the sin that dwells within, and the sin that we do. He drew us to the waters of baptism, and we entered that baptismal covenant death with Jesus Christ.

We committed ourselves to die to this world *so that Christ can be formed within us!*

Philippians 2:5: “Let this mind be in you, which *was* also in Christ Jesus.”

We can tie that in with Gal. 4:19, but Paul is not finished with the subject:

Verse 6: “Who, although He existed in *the* form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God...

[What did He do?]

...But emptied Himself...” (vs 6-7)

—of all His power and Divinity and the glory that He had when He was originally with the Father in the first place!

Sidebar: **John 1:1:** “In *the* beginning was the Word...

[‘Logos’] .

..was **with God**...

[‘Theos’]

...and the Word [Logos’] **was God** [Theos].

What do we have there? *We have God and we have the Word! We have **two beings right from the beginning, even before the creation of the heavens and the earth!** What does that tell us? It tells us what God is saying in:*

Genesis 1:26: “...Let US...”

John 1:1—tells us that God is Father and Son, which we learn that later, was ‘Elohim’ and of Jehovah Elohim. In other words, there are two beings.

In fact, one of the translations I have, it actually has Jehovah Elohim as written in English, like in a possessive case. In other words, Jehovah, who we know is Christ, *is of Elohim, Who is God!* Very interesting.

Philippians 2:8: “And being found in *the* manner of man, He humbled Himself, *and* became obedient unto death, even *the* death of *the* cross.”

But he emptied himself of everything, as it says in verse 7. We do not have anything like that to empty ourselves of. But what do we have that we must empty ourselves of? *The very mind of Satan!* The sin that dwells within, which has a foundation of vanity and pride and arrogance and every evil that exists!

We may not perform every evil, but we’re still guilty of sin and death. If we can work with all our energy and strength on that particular factor, as it says: *Jesus emptied Himself of all His glory!*

Read Ecclesiastes, where Solomon writes that everything, *every chapter of Ecclesiastes shows us that vanity is the enemy of God and the enemy of man!*

God dealt with it first with Lucifer, and because of his sin, he was cast out. Let’s have a look at one very important Scripture, which helps us also in this topic of: *What is Man?*

We’re in a battle, a battle that will end for us and for all mankind. Some of that will end when Christ returns, removes Satan, and the new world is brought in: the Kingdom of God.

Satan will have been removed, and all the earthly kingdoms that Satan is the ruler of now, they will all be destroyed, totally destroyed, and that’s important. What will remain? *Those who live through the 1,000-year reign of the Feast of Tabernacles.* Those who live through it *will be resurrected and live through the time mentioned as the Last Great Day or the eighth day of the Feast!* They will not have to face Satan the devil, his demons, his temptations, *they will only have to battle and fight against the sin that dwells within!*

We are the Church of God, that’s not a boast, that’s a statement of God, because God is the One Who has built the Church through Jesus Christ. It’s God’s Church, but Jesus Christ is building it.

Right now, our warfare is so great, and it has to be. This is why God allowed Satan to remain on earth, why He didn’t remove Him, *because God begins His Family by establishing kings and priests! Jesus Christ is the first!*

Jesus Christ is the King of all kings and LORD of all lords. You and I, because of our battle, will qualify, IF we continue to the end, to be kings and priests under Christ. Christ was successful:

- He overcame Satan
- He overcame the world
- He overcame the sin that dwelled within Him

After His crucifixion and resurrection, He then ascended *and sits at the right hand of God the Father*, not only as advocate as our King and Lord of Master, as He will be in the coming Kingdom, *but also High Priest after the order of Melchizedek!*

It's interesting, as High Priest after the order of Melchizedek, He actually went and sat down beside the Father. You know, that in the earthly priesthood, the priests in servicing the tabernacle, never once sat down. That was never a part of their task.

Jesus Christ, *the ultimate in priesthood, as High Priest*, totally completed His role as the sacrifice of God, *and has been restored to His full power and glory!* Because he's finished the work that was a type in the old tabernacle and temple, *now He can sit down with that job completed!* But His job, His work is ongoing, and will continue to be *ongoing throughout the ages of eternity!*

2 Corinthians 10:2—*notice this warfare*: “But I am beseeching *you* so that, when I am present, I may not have to be bold with the confidence with which I intend to show boldness toward some, who think that we are walking according to *the* flesh. For although we walk in *the* flesh...

[and you and I do]

...we do not war...

[yes, we're in a war]

...according to *the* flesh....

[like the nations are today, in all the wars that are taking place]

... For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, **but mighty through God...**” (vs 2-4)
—*where the weapons come from! They're the weapons of God!*

“...to *the* overthrowing of strongholds” (v 4).

Those strongholds are Satan's bastions, and His attacks on us, His strongholds on us, which we successfully managed to break his power over us *when we repented, were baptized, and received God's Spirit by the laying on of hands!*

Verse 4: “For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to *the* overthrowing of strongholds”
—*Satan's!*

The world's that tries to draw us in, or Satan tries to draw us into his kingdom through the world, and by his temptations that He constantly throws at us, like His fiery darts.

Those are all strongholds, but God has given us weapons:

Verse 5: “Casting down *vain* imaginations...”

One of our major enemies is vanity and pride, and *oh does Satan like to throw his fiery darts and stir up the vanity and pride within us!*

Verse 5: “Casting down *vain* imaginations, **and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God,** and **bringing into captivity every thought.**”

Remember Gal. 4:19, where Paul said that *he was laboring* that Christ may be formed in the brethren, but also the messages to us today.

Verse 5: “Casting down *vain* imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **and bringing into captivity...**”

This is how God today in all the saints is building *the mind of Christ within us!* He’s putting that mind within us so that we can become under Christ *kings and priests*, and that calling ends at the resurrection on Pentecost. Those who come into the Family of God after that, will not be the kings and priests that we will be under Christ.

The reason being is that because we have the greatest battle.

Verse 5: “...every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ.”

- by getting rid of all those thoughts
- by constant communication and prayer with God the Father and Jesus Christ
- by our constant study of God’s Word

and with God’s Spirit, what does He do? He not only *gives it into our mind and in our heart*, so that we won’t forget it, He says that He will also *be inscribing it into our mind and in our heart, into our heart so that we don’t forget it!*

So that we can be assured that we will be in God’s Kingdom!

Verse 6: “And having a readiness to avenge all disobedience, whenever your obedience has been fulfilled.”

Regarding the battle that we are in, the battle *against Satan, the world, and the sin that dwells within:*

Romans 8:31: “What then shall we say to these things? **IF God is for us, who can be against us?** He Who did not spare even His own Son, but gave Him up **for us all...**” (vs 31-32).

Everything God has done is because of that one statement:

“...**for us all**, how shall He not also grant us all things together with Him?....

[with Christ]

...who shall bring an accusation against *the* elect of God? God *is the One* Who justifies” (vs 32-33).

Yes, Satan’s accusing us every day, but God’s justifying us as long as we are daily repenting.

Verse 34: “Who *is* the one that condemns? *It is* Christ Who died, but rather, Who is raised

again, Who is even *now* at *the* right hand of God, *and* Who is also making intercession for us.”

God is preparing His Family. That Family begins with God developing us as kings and priests. That’s why we have such a strong battle. That’s why God didn’t remove Satan, *because Satan was being used in order that we would build the character of God the Father and Jesus Christ under extreme conditions, with all the help of Him!*

God has provided everything that we need by the power of His Spirit, the spirit world in which we’re living and walking, even though we are still in the flesh. We’re walking through that narrow gate. We’re following the path, and that way is Jesus Christ. He’s the Door into the very Kingdom of God.

Verse 35: “What shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? Accordingly, it is written, ‘For Your sake we are killed all the day long...’” (vs 35-36).

That’s true! Killed not just in the flesh, but struggling daily with the threat of death on us every day ***IF*** *we depart from the power and the presence of Almighty God!*

“...we are reckoned as sheep for *the* slaughter” (v 36).

Yeah, we are like sheep, and the time is coming when many of the sheep are going to be literally slaughtered and martyred.

Verse 37: “But in all these things...
[in the present age, right up until the resurrection]

...we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us.”

Maybe we can end with that statement from Matt. 25. Once we have successfully accomplished the will of God:

- according to His Word
- obeyed His Word
- followed His instructions
- loved Him
- become like Him
- having the mind of Christ

When we stand before Him, we can hear the statement which is taken from

Matthew 25:21: “And his lord said to him, “Well *done*, good and faithful servant! *Because* you were faithful over a few things...””

We’re going to be told by God the Father and Christ:

“...*Because* you were faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things....” (v 21).

Then He concludes, and we can consider this even though it's from a parable, *these are the words that God has caused to be written for us today*:

“...**Enter into the joy of your Lord**” (v 21).

Scriptural References:

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God's Plan For Mankind Revealed by His Sabbath and Holy Days

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Day 6: What is Man?



The Fall of Man

Short Answer

“Out of the mouth of babes” in Psalm 8 refers to...

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Sentence Completion

True followers of God are called babes because they are...

In Psalm 8, David asks “what is man?” because...

Man was made in the image of God in both...

God did not remove Satan from the world because...

The result of Adam & Eve making the wrong choice was...

For Christ to bruise Satan’s head...

Fill in the Blank

God gave Adam and Eve independent free _m_____ _a_____ to make choices.

To become a son or daughter of God, we must follow His _p_____ that leads through a _n_____ gate.

At baptism, we pledged to die to the _w_____ so that _C_____ could be formed in us.

Short Answer

We are directed to keep the Sabbath day so we can...

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In your own words, explain how the plan of God is wrapped through the Holy Days.

True or False?

___ Half of the angels followed Lucifer when he rebelled against God.

___ Adam and Eve were pure in every way, including their character, when they were created.

___ God uses our struggles to fight Satan as a tool to build character within us.

___ Beyond entering the narrow gate, we need to walk God's path without sin.

___ Unfortunately, there is no hope for us when we do sin.

___ A major enemy we all share is vanity and pride.



The Battle

Short Answer

Complete the table comparing different aspects of the different parts of the battle between man and enemy.

Battle Before Christ Comes	Battle within the Kingdom of God

Christ was successful because He overcame...

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How can we bring every thought into captivity?

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True or False?

___ All Christians will have to fight Satan in addition to the sin that dwells within them.

___ We can qualify as kings and priests only if we endure to the end.

___ Christ sits on the left hand of God at the throne.

___ At His return, Christ will be restored to His throne in full power and glory.

___ Satan accuses the brethren day and night before God.

Sentence Completion

If we humble ourselves and study His Word, He will...

God is preparing His family to...

We are more than conquerors...

Short Answer

We accomplish God's will by... (check all the apply)

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|--|---|
| ☐ studying His Word | ☐ having the mind of Christ |
| ☐ going our own way | ☐ giving in to worldly lusts |
| ☐ focusing on the world | ☐ obeying God's Word |
| ☐ loving God | ☐ complaining & whining |
| ☐ becoming like God | ☐ obeying His Word |

True or False?

- ☐ We may be killed for our devotion to God's ways.
- ☐ God builds character in us all at once at baptism.
- ☐ God's Sabbath is of little importance today.
- ☐ Faithfulness is obedience to God's Word.
- ☐ God has provided us everything we need through His spirit.
- ☐ God's future kings and priests are developing His character now.
- ☐ Constant communication and prayer help us to overcome evil.



Respond to God

Short Answer

Name 3 new things you learned by reading this passage.

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How does this lesson help answer the question David asked in Psalm 8 – What is man?



Add details to this image to illustrate the paths presented to us and the choices we have with IFMA.

What is Man?

Find and highlight the words.

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BABES
CHOICE
PRIDE
BAPTISM

GLORY
NARROW
HUMILITY
CAPTIVITY

SABBATH
VANITY
BATTLE
CHARACTER



...what is man that You think
of Him?

Psalm 8

What is Man?

Find and highlight the words.

R J Q N A V E F F J I Q C U N S F P F T
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BABES	GLORY	SABBATH
CHOICE	NARROW	VANITY
PRIDE	HUMILITY	BATTLE
BAPTISM	CAPTIVITY	CHARACTER

ANSWER KEY

Conclusion of the Millennial Reign

(FOT—Day 7)

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Welcome to the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles. This pictures the Millennial reign of God on the earth and the last day of that reign.

Significant because it pictures the conclusion of the Millennial reign of the Kingdom of God with one more day left, the Last Great Day. We'll talk about that tomorrow.

But the conclusion of this Millennial reign of the Kingdom of God. What an amazing time the Millennium is going to be. This day is a very special day. It pictures the conclusion of that period. There are many prophecies that talk about the Kingdom of God and in them there is a stark contrast between the two worlds.

I call them worlds because it's Satan's world. Satan's wannabe kingdom. He wants to be 'the God.' He is the god of this world, and he is the prince of the power of the air. We see this all around us, don't we? We see it all the time, everywhere.

If you watch the news, you see it everywhere on the news. We see it on our roads at work and in the stores. We see it with our neighbors. We see it anywhere and everywhere we go. We see the result of Satan's world on people.

A world held captive to his evil and his wicked ways and it affects the minds of people. You have the Kingdom of God on the other hand and we're going to see what that new world will be like, the Millennium, and the difference, the stark contrast between the two.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in this new world? A world never before seen, like the Garden of Eden, the way God intended it to be in the beginning.

Again, this day—the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles—pictures the end of the 1,000 year Millennial reign of the Kingdom of God on the earth with Jesus Christ as the King and the saints as the kings and priests under Him helping to rule. Unprecedented peace, amazing, unprecedented peace that we've never seen before. Christ said, my peace I leave with you, not like the world. This will be just like Christ's peace. It will be total.

We know how we got here. This is at the end of the Holy Day season. The Plan of God for mankind, which is a teaching tool that teaches us:

- what His mind is
- what His will is
- what He's doing with this here on this earth
- what the goal is

The goal is to have family members in His Family, that the entire world would have an opportunity to be part of that Family.

You have Passover where it was decided by God, the Father and Jesus Christ, that Christ would come in the flesh to live a perfect life, showing us how to do that, that we would follow His example.

Not that we're perfect in any way, but we would try to do what He did, put His character in us, His mind, and grow to the stature of the fullness of Jesus Christ.

- He lived His life
- He died, willingly gave His life
- shed his blood
- was resurrected
- is now at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest
- overseeing us now in our journey, the seven-week journey to Pentecost
- coming out of the world
- coming out of Egypt, not being part of the world
- not being part of Satan's world

But coming through this seven-week period as we live our lives and die, and wait for the resurrection on Pentecost, to the Sea of Glass *as the firstfruits!*.

That's the Church Era, and that is showing that Christ is the ***First*** of the firstfruits, and we are the remaining firstfruits that are resurrected on the Sea of Glass. We learn how to assist Christ in coming back ***on Trumpets from the Sea of Glass*** to put Satan out, and his demons and the armies that have followed him in the world, put them away on the Day of Atonement, *and then usher in the Kingdom of God, the Feast of Tabernacles!*

What a wonderful time! What an amazing plan! Here we are almost at the end of God's plan. We're at the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, with the Last Great Day coming. Then after that, what we have is a new heaven and a new earth.

The Earth is purged, burned up, and God the Father comes. A new heaven, new earth, brings new Jerusalem to the earth. We don't know what happens after that, but we live with Him forever, in a family relationship.

Back at the second woe and the third woe, when the resurrection happens in the seventh trumpet is blown, the last trump, ***we hear the words spoken by the angel, 'the kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever!'*** He's going to reign past that time.

He's always going to be the King of kings. That sets the stage for the Kingdom of God. But we're still in this evil world right now, and we have to deal with all of this, and:

- we have to try to make it
- we have to endure to the end
- we have to be steadfast and endure hardships
- we have to build the character through the Holy Spirit

being the elect and chosen, those people that God has picked to be the firstfruits and to help Christ come back and then also help in the Millennium, be servants of God.

But we're still in this evil world. We aspire to that Kingdom, that excellent country, but:

- we have to ***deal with Satan***, the prince of the power of the air!
- we have to ***guard the door of our mind diligently*** all the time

Satan is the spirit that actively works in the children of disobedience! He's the prince of the power of the air:

- moods
- emotions
- broadcasting

We have to guard the door of our mind!

We daily witness these results of that around us in the human nature in the world. I almost hate to turn on the news because there's so many things going on. They are void of the understanding because they don't have God's Holy Spirit, they haven't been called, they don't know, ***and they are under the deception of Satan and led by Satan and his demons!*** Because of that, the violence and wars, etc. have increased and they're growing stronger.

In 2024 every 25 seconds there was a violent crime in the United States. There have been 37 million people killed worldwide in war since 1800. That's direct combatants, that's not counting the civilians that have been killed due to war-related:

- famine
- disease
- displacement

If you add those in and the smaller conflicts that are generated from these larger wars, you have quite a big death toll. *Satan is:*

- rebellious
- stubborn
- a liar
- a murderer

The father of that, and he was the first to rebel in the war against God. He knows about war and he brings that to man and brings that to his world.

God's world is not like that!

We see this one-world government getting stronger and it's obviously becoming more and more in control. We see it with AI and different things, 6G, all the things that are developing. We see it in the governments and the W.H.O., COVID and the shots and things that are going on around the world, and starting to come out more and more and more into the open.

The governments are getting stronger, they're getting more united, a one-world ruling government. We see that what's happening, where it's going is to Rev. 17 & 18. Babylon the Great, the great harlot who commits adultery with the kings of the earth and grows rich with excessive luxuries. It is known as a hub of global commerce, that's an earmark of Babylon the Great:

- global commerce
- controlling trade routes
- supply goods
 - ✓ gold and silver and precious stone
 - ✓ cinnamon
 - ✓ incense
 - ✓ ointment
 - ✓ the wheat and the grain
 - ✓ the cattle
 - ✓ the sheep
 - ✓ the horses
 - ✓ chariots

The last thing, the last thing is even more amazing when you look into it. sometimes we overlook this, but the last thing it says about this global commerce is that **they are dealing in slaves and the souls of men!**

I looked up that global scale, on a global scale—they call it labor—but it's forced exploitation. There are 27 million people that are in forced labor worldwide, and it generates 236 billion dollars in illegal profits *annually*. They call that forced commercial sexual exploitation; 40 percent of those are women and girls, 12 percent are children, unaccounted for, ***and who knows what happens to them!*** The missing child reports cover it up. The U.S., there's only a half a million children reported every year missing. Well, it's more than that; 2,300 go missing every day in child sex trafficking.

In 2025, that number was up 323 percent from 2024. Again, ***an earmark of Babylon the Great, Satan's government, or his kingdom—slaves and the souls of men!***

Then, of course, there's natural disasters and things. We'll talk about those broken families ***and the religious blinding of the world!*** Satan is 'the god of this world' who has blinded the minds of

all those! He's deceived them. There's a great deception coming still, and yet, *he's deceived the world!*

We have to keep our 'hard toes' and keep our minds guarded and stay close to God so we aren't deceived, as well. Satan's responsible for all of that, and it's going to go away, but right now it's still here. It's going to change at Trumpets and Atonement, and Satan and his demons will be put away. Time is quickly approaching, and we're seeing this one-world government grow and become more obvious and more apparent, and this rapid increase of evil that we're seeing.

On the other side of that, it stirs me to stay close to God, and there's sort of an excitement about the completion of God's Plan! It makes it even more amazing. It makes it more real to see this happening. We see it happening, and when it comes, we're going to sing praises to God, give thanks to His Holy name. It's going to turn mourning into dancing. We're going to be clothed with gladness.

Psalm 30:4_[tc]: "Sing praises to the LORD, O you saints of His, and **give thanks to His Holy name.**"

Isn't that amazing? That's an attitude that we're going to have.

When we begin to start to see:

Acts 3:21: "Whom *the* heaven must indeed receive **until the times of restoration of all things...**"

That's going to help us give thanks to God forever, to love Him, and to know that He is in charge. We start to see these things starting to be restored!

I mean, the earth is going to be in a mess. It's going to be devastating! ***That true restoration will come at the Kingdom of God!***

But right now, it's beginning in our minds. Our minds are being transformed and restored, and the Church is beginning to be transformed and restored.

Acts 3:19: "Therefore, repent..."

That has to happen first!

That's why God gives these periods of time where He allows man to think, and He wants them to repent, and they won't. Several times He gives them an opportunity, and they will not repent.

Man has to repent,

"...and be converted in order that your sins may be blotted out..."

[that's how that happens]

...so that **the times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord** (v 19).

We go through that process of repenting, coming to God, asking for forgiveness, truly repenting, *and He grants us that forgiveness through the blood of Christ!* or *justified and seen as the righteousness of Christ!*

Verse 20: “And *that* He may send Him Who was before proclaimed to you: Jesus Christ Whom *the* heaven must indeed receive until *the* times of restoration of all things, of which God has spoken by *the* mouth of all His Holy prophets since the world began” (vs 20-21).

Many, many Scriptures. We’ll see a few of those. The world, the creation that He’s made, is waiting, waiting for this time.

Rom. 8:19 talks about the actual creation, groaning and travailing, and looking for this freedom that comes from the Holy Spirit and the children of God.

Romans 8:19: “For the earnest expectation of the creation itself is awaiting the manifestation of the sons of God...

[waiting on us]

... because the creation was subjected to vanity...” (vs 19-20).

It didn’t have anything to do with it. It was just subjected upon the rebellion and the sin of Adam and Eve.

Verse 20: “Because the creation was subjected to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of Him who subjected *it* in hope, **in order that the creation itself might be delivered from the bondage of corruption...**” (vs 20-21).

Just like the world is in bondage, the creation is in bondage!

“...into the freedom...” (v 21).

Where the Spirit is, there is liberty, there is freedom. That Spirit will be available in the Millennium, in God’s Kingdom.

Verse 21: “In order that the creation itself might be delivered from the bondage of corruption **into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.**”

That glory indicates a changed family, a changed individual, the children of God.

Verse 22: “For we know that all the creation is groaning together and travailing together until now.”

It’s actually in pain, groaning, crying out for this to be finished, God’s Plan.

Today, I want to look at this amazing transformation that takes place between Satan’s kingdom and those individuals in it, and the world that’s in travail, and the Kingdom of God. That transformation to the Kingdom of God, the Millennium, on this last day.

We’re going to look at the Scriptures and the prophecies that are there. It is amazing! The comparison of this evil, present evil world, to that of this wonderful, beautiful, breathtaking reality called ***the Millennium, Kingdom of God!***

The very first thing that has to happen, *human nature has to be changed!* It’s the heart of the matter.

Romans 12:2: “Do not conform yourselves to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

Being transformed, the renewing of our minds so that we have *the metamorphosis* that takes place in the mind, *a change*. ***That’s a miracle!*** To take a carnal mind and put the Holy Spirit in, coupled with the spirit of man, and then have it grow, and have it change! Push out the vanity and the evil, ***and bring in the character of God, the love of God!*** A miracle!

That’s the ultimate cause, the mind and the heart, ***this evil heart and mind, this carnal nature that is enmity against God!***

It has to be renewed to a mind and a heart ***that is yielding and submissive to God!*** But right now it’s under the influence of Satan the devil. But he’ll be gone one day, but what will still remain is the carnal mind.

- God gives us choice
- He gives us that freedom to choose

You have that carnality and the choice, and they’ll have to fight that, just like we do.

Even though Satan’s influence is gone, Christ tells us what that state the human heart and the mind is, and where the evil comes from. I

Mark 7:21: “For from within, out of the hearts of men go forth evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickednesses, guile, licentiousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness; **all these evils go forth from within, and these defile a man**” (vs 21-23).

That’s what defiles a man, these evil thoughts, the mind, the base carnal mind, which is deceitful and desperately wicked.

The way we think is the way of life, ***but it’s a way of death***. We need God, and that’s what God wants the world to understand, as He brings them through the Tribulation and to the Millennium. ***Then we can restore everything!*** With Satan gone, you still have to deal with your carnal mind. But that spiritual poison is going to be neutralized! It’s going to be out, because Satan’s going to be gone:

- he’s going to be cast out
- he’s going to be put into an abyss

for a thousand years! He’s unable to broadcast, like he did with his wavelengths of:

- evil
- rebellion
- stubbornness
- pride

to go out into the human mind!

Joel 2:28 tells us what the condition in the Millennium will be so that man will have an opportunity to change. It'll be so much easier. This tells us of a time in the future:

Joel 2:28: “And afterward it shall be *that* **I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.**”

During this period of time, God offers a complete, overall, a change of heart, *an opportunity to be converted*. Today we take this, we think of this for today, but this will also be available in the future.

Hebrews 8:10—*Paul tells us:* “For this *is* the covenant...
[of life and death]

...that I will establish with the house of Israel after those days,’ says *the* Lord”

Israel will come back through that. There'll be a remnant, a small amount that will come back into the Millennium.

“...‘I will give My laws into their minds, and I will inscribe them upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they will be My people’” (v 10).

Ezek. 36 tells us the same thing. This was written by Ezekiel in the Old Testament. *God promises:*

Ezekiel 36:25: “And I will sprinkle clean waters upon you, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from your idols.”

That's what David said, 'cleanse my heart.'

Verse 26: “And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh...
[a soft heart]

...And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My ordinances and do *them*” (vs 26-27).

Keep My Laws and be happy! The law of love, love God ‘with all your heart, mind and soul and your neighbor as yourself.’ He'll put that within them instead of them pushing God out. Instead of rebellion, there's going to be an attitude in the society and in man that will be categorized and characterized *by the love of God*, a ‘philos’ and ‘agape’ love. We will teach the nations the foundational command that was back in Deut. 6:5.

We're going to teach in the Millennium this same principle.

Deuteronomy 6:5: “And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Basic principle! That will permeate the society and every area of society, the government, finances, health, all of the things that are there, economy. There will be no military. We're going to look at that. It's going to permeate everything. In the Millennium, God's love is not abstract, but it's active and visible.

It's going to be seen through the restoration process in everything, even the animal kingdom, even the hills, the flowers, the trees, the nations. *They're all going to live in harmony! Everything's going to be in harmony, reflecting God's original design, even justice, mercy, long-suffering, all those things!*

God's love characterizes the Millennium because it's a time when God's love is exercised in everything:

- in the government
- in mercy
- in restoration

*It's a vision of the world where God's justice and peace are not just ideals, **but reality!***

Where His love is the driving force behind every good thing, and everything that is done and said. This hope inspires believers; it inspires all of us to live right now faithfully and develop that sort of character that God wants us to have.

God's love will one day be fully revealed to the world and everyone in it with the reign of Jesus Christ right there, and the sons and daughters as kings and priests, the saints. It's going to be obvious.

When a good king rules, everyone is happy (Prov. 29:2).

There was a curse that fell upon the earth because of sin and will be lifted and *it's going to transform the physical environment in ways that will make daily life an absolute joy!* I walk out back during the morning and have my coffee and I look at the birds and the trees and the squirrels and everything and it really gives me a shot in the arm. *It brings me close to God!*

This will be true joy when we see this change. The animal kingdom: now in Satan's world, *it's predatory!* It is not harmonious. It's the law of the jungle, kill or be killed, 'survival of the fittest.' Even we fear everything:

- the spiders
- the snakes
- the wild beasts

and we keep our distance, and they keep their distance from us sometimes.

But in the Millennium, the very nature of wild animals will be changed. They'll be restored to the way it was originally when Adam named the animals in the Garden of Eden. They weren't predatory.

But that fall, that curse, that turning from God and rebelling and being put out under Satan disrupted the creation, making animals dangerous and hostile.

Remember this ‘earnest expectation of the creation is waiting the manifestation of the sons of God.’ So they could be delivered from this bondage of corruption *into the freedom of the glory of the children of God*. It’s groaning and waiting just like we are. What a wonderful time this will be in the future.

When all of this is put back, the animal kingdom will no longer be predators. They will be liberated from the bondage and decay and restored:

Isaiah 11—This is a prophetic passage that talks about that promises that predators will no longer hunt and animals will grow up safely. It’s a restoration, restoring back to the original.

Isaiah 11:6: “Also, the wolf shall dwell with the lamb...
[not seen today]

...and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the cub lion and the fatling together; **and a little child shall lead them.**”

Ambassador College did a video of a girl and a child and a lion all sitting together and the song was: *It Won’t Be Long Now*

It won’t be long now till the world is at peace, till troubles have ceased, it won’t be long.

Verse 7: “And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper’s den. ‘They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea’” (vs 7-9).

The knowledge of the Lord involves all of this: ***love the laws following the principles of God and caring and loving for your neighbor and the animal world and the creation!***

Isaiah 65:25: “The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox...

[Can you imagine that was canines are probably going to be gone? *I don’t know!*]

...and dust *will be* the food of the serpent. They will not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy mountain,’ says the LORD.”

In Ezek. 34:25 we see another prophecy or indication of what it’s going to be like this restitution of all things that are going to happen in the Millennium. By day seven we’re looking back at this we’ve seen this now for all this time a thousand years we’re looking at it it’s a beautiful place and this is a joy.

Ezekiel 34:25: “And I will make a covenant of peace with them, and will cause the evil

beasts to cease out of the land. And they shall dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. And I will make them, and the places around My hill, a blessing; and I will bring down the shower in its season. There shall be showers of blessing” (vs 25-26).

Probably more than rain, everywhere being blessed in every way!

Verse 27: “And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. And they shall be safe in their land...”

You can go out camping, you can go out walking in the woods, not anymore, there are reports of animals attacking people, so you can’t do that now. But you will be able to do that in the Millennium. Sleep in the woods if you want.

Verse 27: “And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. And they shall be safe in their land, and **they shall know that I am the LORD...**”

They’re going to have to be disciplined and brought back to that. Through all the things that go on in the battle of Armageddon, and all of that putting Satan away. That’s the point, to “...**know that I am the LORD...**”

“...when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hands of those who enslaved them” (v 27).

Who is that? That’s Satan and his demons!

Verse 28: “And no more shall they be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beast of the land devour them. But they shall dwell safely, and none shall terrify *them*.”

Why will they not be devoured? *Because the animals will be changed!* In the Millennium, animals are going to live in peace with us, *reflecting God’s original intention for that creation!*

Another thing that’s going to be restored is the climate and the weather patterns. I don’t know about you, but I have certainly seen some violent weather patterns. Some things that make you really scratch your head as to what’s going on! Is the weather pattern being changed? *I don’t know!*

But the earth will have its weather patterns changed. No more extreme weather, droughts, hurricanes, expanding deserts, and natural disasters that we see all the time!

Millions live in a barren situation in desolate regions in the desert. The deserts in the Millennium will bloom. The harsh climates of the earth will be healed. God promises that that shall happen. These waste places will be like Eden. They’re going to be happy and thankful.

Isaiah 51:3: “For the LORD shall comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of melody.”

That makes me think of something that I heard about the birds. When they come out in the morning, they start singing, chirping, and their song. Actually, the flowers respond and open up to that. They turn to it. They take in the dew, and take in the sunshine, and the fresh air. They're interrelated. They work together. *The creation has a voice of melody!*

I remember a gentleman that was playing the guitar and singing with a very beautiful voice and very soft music. He would sit in an animal enclosure with all different kinds of animals. But he'd go into the rhinoceros area and start playing. Eventually you'd see the rhinoceros turn and come toward him. His ears were turning. He brought his horn and laid it on the guitar. He was feeling the vibration of that and listening to the man's voice.

All of them did that. A seal came up behind him, put his head on his back, and listened to him sing. He felt that vibration. *There's a voice of melody in the creation!* They respond to that. *God created them that way!*

Ezek. 36 is talking about these deserts blooming and all these things are going to be gone. These whole waste places.

Ezekiel 36:34: "And the wasteland shall be tilled, instead of being desolate before all who pass by. And they shall say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the Garden of Eden....'" (vs 34-35).

The restitution of all things! Back to the way it was. God uses agriculture, the cycle of planting and growth and harvest:

- to teach us
- for us to learn

Agriculture has been devastated as well. Famines and all the things that have happened. I can't get anything to grow in the garden.

I think there's something I did when I first moved here, but now I can't get anything to grow. I've changed the dirt and all of that. There's something not right. I know it's probably me, but I can get some things to grow, but I can't get everything to grow. But anyway, today famine ravages everything, everywhere. The soil is depleted. The erosion and the practices of greed blow off. The wind erosion and water erosion on the farms are starting to lose their topsoil. Pestilence, unpredictable rain and change in the rain currents and the rain patterns.

They leave millions hungry. The ground is devastated. But in the Millennium, *agriculture will cause abundance in food!* It'll be so great that famine will be a thing of the past. Several Scriptures in Ezek. tells us about this.

Verse 29: "I will also save you from all your uncleannesses..."

All things that you've done that Satan has encouraged you to do All the things that you've sinned in that way against God and against the principles!

“...and I will call for the grain, and will increase it, and will lay no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruits of the tree and the increase of the field, so that you shall never again receive the curse of famine among the nations” (vs 29-30).

Those curses will be gone. The ground will be restored. The practices that cause these famines and food not being able to be grown will be gone.

Isaiah 65:21: “They will not build, and another live *in them...*
[no more homeless]

... they will not plant, and another eat; for like the days of a tree *are so will be* the days **of My people**, and **My elect** will long enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for calamity. For they *are* the seed of the beloved of the LORD, and their offspring with them. And it shall come to pass, **before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear**” (vs 21-24).

He answers quickly. He knows because we’re doing what is pleasing to God. The Spirit is everywhere. He is listening to us because we don’t have evil thoughts in our mind anymore. Satan is not influencing us. We have our own problems with our carnal mind. We have now, ***but the world in the Millennium will have that!***

Verse 25: “‘The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust *will be* the food of the serpent. They will not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy mountain,’ says the LORD.”

Isaiah 55:10 talks about this natural cycle of rain and tells us that it’s going to be perfectly balanced the way it’s supposed to be. The former and the latter rain. It’ll follow the patterns, the seasons, and things that will come and go. Which they don’t do now. We just have very, very violent periods of time or nothing at all.

Isaiah 55:10: “For as the rain comes down, and the snow from the heavens, and does not return there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, and gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My Word be which goes out of My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall certainly do what I sent it to do. For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break out before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands” (vs 10-12).

Again, the creation singing and responding; happy with the Spirit of God everywhere. Thorns and briars didn’t come around in the Garden. They happened after that. Today, agriculture is overrun with these weeds and briars and thorns. It reminds us of Genesis and the Genesis curse that happened.

But in the Millennium, the flowers and the plants of the earth will be restored to their beauty. They won't have to pick out all the weeds and everything. They're going to be gorgeous.

Verse 13: "Instead of the thorn, the fir tree shall come up; and instead of the brier, the myrtle tree shall come up; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign *which* shall not be cut off."

A memorial of the way that it was. It shall not be cut off, it's going to be that way forever. It's not going to come back. It's going to be restored. ***The restitution of all things happening!***

We look back from this seventh day back on all of this and the beauty. ***We praise God and thank Him!***

Government in Satan's world is stressful, unstable, and it's corrupt for the most part. There's also this constant threat of military conflict. We always have that. I think maybe seven years out of the history of man, there's been peace.

In the Millennium, these institutions will be completely rebuilt. Economics, the greed and debt will change to wealth and equity. Everything that's done so that you keep your land. If you inherited it, they don't take it from you. All the things, the tithing and everything that's put into the government and into the society to help one another. But today it's built on:

- debt
- inflation
- taxation
- corporate greed.
- at least millions in poverty

You can barely have enough money from week to week to buy groceries. While a small amount of people get wealthy. Mom and Pop shops are going away, have gone away. The Walmart's are there, but even they are a conglomerate. Everything has been showing this ***one-world ruling government! This power base is coming!***

The economy is going to be built on God's Law. The simple tithing system takes care of the widows and everything that needs to be done in the community. God will bless the physical wealth of the earth, making precious metals and resources abundant. In other words, oil, gold, all the things are going to be abundant.

Isa. 60:17 tells us that. God can do that. He can make the gold and the silver that's already there be found and come up or replace it, make it make more, make it multiply.

Isaiah 60:17: "For bronze I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver; and for wood I will bring bronze, and for stones, iron. I will also make your overseers to be peace, and your rulers to be righteousness. Violence will no more be heard in your land, *neither* wasting nor ruin within your borders; but you will call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise" (vs

17-18).

Isn't that amazing?

Verse 21: "Your people also *will all be* righteous; they will inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, so that I may be glorified. A smallest will become a thousand, and the least one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in its time" (vs 21-22).

All to glorify God!

Daily life is going to be free from crime and robbery and financial ruin. Everything will be restored and put back. Every family will be able to secure the ownership of its land. They won't lose it. They won't lose it like before. Everybody will be sitting under his own vine and under his own fig tree.

The political corruption in governments now will be changed to the rule of the saints under Jesus Christ, the King. No more corruption and oppression and lying and self-serving leaders, ***but servants and shepherds!***

Christ is going to rule from Jerusalem and be king over the entire earth, supported by the saints as kings and priests and teachers. Everyone is going to be happy. They're going to be happy.

Psalm 47:1: "**Clap your hands**, all you people; shout to God with the voice of triumph, for the LORD Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us and nations under our feet. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom He loved. Selah. God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a horn. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises, for God is King of all the earth; sing praises with understanding. God reigns over the nations; God sits upon the throne of His Holiness" (vs 1-8).

You sing those praises because you understand that God is good. All the things that are happening right now around you are because of God's presence and love and the Holy Spirit.

Those administrations of righteousness are going to be establishing stability based on the fact that that righteousness is there under this government.

Remember about David. Christ is going to sit on the throne of David. That's prophesied in:

Ezekiel 37:24: "And **David My servant shall be king over them**. And there shall be one shepherd to all of them. And they shall walk in My ordinances and obey My Laws, and do them."

Amazing!

- no more fighting
- no more armies

- no more military
- no more war-torn nations

But total disarmament and love!

Nations today under Satan spend trillions of dollars developing terrible weapons of mass destruction. Some we don't even know. I did some research on it.

There are some things that are amazing. You wouldn't think. Things that we don't see, they don't tell us about. There are amazing weapons of mass destruction being developed. They train millions of young people to fight and to kill.

But under the Government of God, those military industrial complexes will be completely dismantled. The places of teaching war will be gone.

Micah 4:3: “And He shall judge among many people, and will rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. But they shall sit each one under his *own* vine and under his *own* fig tree; and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken, for all people will walk, *each* one in the name of his god; and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever” (vs 3-5).

That's interesting because that goes on out. Each one in the name of his small 'g.' That's the kings and the priests who have been changed and are spirit beings.

We will walk in the name of our 'LORD': God the Father in Jesus Christ. ***We're going to walk in the name of the Father our God forever and ever!***

There are not going to be any standing armies, no military academies, no weapons of mass destruction. ***Peace will be absolute! 'My peace that I leave you' will be now the law of the land!***

There's a final judgment that has to take place. On this 7th day of the Feast, it is critical because billions of people will be born into this perfect environment. They're going to grow up with this perfect education. Everything's perfect:

- perfect food
- visible spirit teachers
- no temptation
- no demonic influence

Yet, they have free moral agency and the right to choose right from wrong for salvation!

They become complacent and Laodicean. This is a great warning for us right now ***as we strive not to become Laodicean!*** Not that we are, ***but you've got to guard against that!*** What happened with the Laodiceans, they were rich and increased with goods.

At the end of the Millennium, that *last generation has a massive problem with complacency* and a Laodicean attitude. They were born into that society. They have this silver spoon in their mouth, you know, and human nature tends to get bored or ‘I don’t need to do anything. I’m rich and increased with goods’:

- they’re going to resent their teachers
- they’re going to resent being told what to do

The visible Government of Christ and the saints, it’s going to be tough for them. ***It’s going to be tough to bring this final generation into a conversion and a change to walk with God!***

Day 7 pictures this dramatic climax, this exile of unrepentant to Gog and Magog just like Adam and Eve were put out of Eden, and Cain was sent to Nod. God’s going to exile these unrepentant nations and individual to a specific geographic territory called Gog and Magog.

Revelation 20:7: “Now, when the thousand years have been completed, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison; and he shall go out to deceive the nations that *are* in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, of whom the number *is* as the sand of the sea, to gather them together...”

That’s a lot of people. You wouldn’t, I was surprised when I read that. That in that environment, that *that many people would be rebellious and not want to do*—and get on the game plan here with what it takes—*to yield and submit to God and His*.

Now here we have Satan left out for a short season to come and be, to act on them, on the exiled and the bitter people and the carnal-minded people in Gog and Magog and tell them he’s ‘God.’ and they should go down and take over. *You know:*

- they haven’t had any wars
- they don’t have any armies or any ‘West Points’
- they’re just sitting ducks down there

Let’s go get them! They do, but God’s going to protect his people, and:

Verse 9: “Then *I saw* them go up upon the breadth of the earth and encircle the camp of the saints, and the beloved city; **and fire came down from God out of heaven and consumed them.**”

This is their first death! They’re killed and consumed. That’s the final judgment of Satan and his demons. The permanent removal at the end of Day 7 of that ultimate source of evil, ***the devil!***

Verse 10: “And the Devil, who deceived them, was cast into the Lake of Fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *had been cast*; and they, *Satan and the demons*, shall be tormented day and night **into the ages of eternity.**”

To be permanently cast into the blackest darkness forever. Completely cut off from God!

That is a warning to everyone: *that being rebellious and stubborn doesn't pay!* Here we are at the end of the 7th day, looking at what's forward, knowing that ***IF*** you rebel, you don't do things right, there's going to be consequences. The Lake of Fire is looming over there. But yet, you turn around and you see all this beauty and all this wondrous love of God and the things that He's restored. ***What a wonderful world tomorrow is going to be!***

We could focus on that, *and that is our hope!* We need to keep focused on that. You know, we used to live in a neighborhood where we didn't have locked doors, and there were very few sirens. Of course, there's always been war and disease. ***But we were filled with this***—and of course, I was younger—***joy and this pursuit of doing things the way God wants it done!*** Building, gardening, creating, learning things; the same thing that will be in the Millennium. Life is anchored in the presence of God and there's joy when that happens.

Isaiah describes a beautiful daily connection between man and his Creator.

Isaiah 65:24: “And it shall come to pass, before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.”

As we mentioned before, an incredible calling that we're preparing for today to help train those in the Millennium. ***We're being trained through the trials and the suffering and the grief that we go through to become kings and priests and teachers*** to help usher in this glorious age.

Let's heed the warning of the latest sin, complacency. Let's be:

- zealous
- fired up
- find a first love again

IF we've gotten in the doldrums and down

- love God with all our heart
- yield to the Holy Spirit and its lead

So that we may stand on that day:

- ready to teach
- ready to serve
- ready to welcome all of humanity

into the wonderful, peaceful Kingdom of God!

Have a wonderful rest of the Feast, what's left of this day, and a Last Great Day coming up tomorrow.

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Day 7: Conclusion of the Millennial Reign



Two Worlds

Short Answer

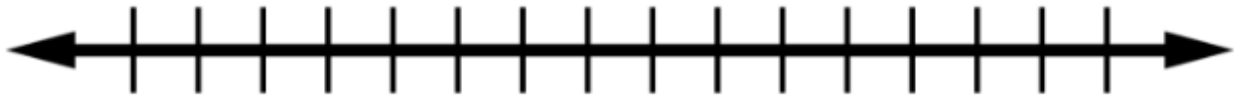
Compare the two worlds discussed in the passage by writing specific aspects of each world in the table.

Satan’s World (Current World)	God’s World (Future Kingdom)

The Plan of God is a teaching tool that teaches us...

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Create a short timeline of the key events in the Church Era throughout God’s Plan.



Satan is the prince of the power of the air, which includes...

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Satan is a...

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Even in Satan's world, we must...

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Sentence Completion

The seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles pictures...

The goal of God's Plan is to have...

After the Last Great Day, there will be...

True or False?

___ Christ is the first of the first fruits and we are the remaining of the first fruits.

___ It is easier to guard our eyes and minds against Satan now than it used to be.

___ God's world is full of peace rather than rebellion.

___ Guarding our minds against the enemy takes great effort.



Earmarks of Babylon the Great

Short Answer

List 4 different earmarks existing nations share with Babylon the Great.

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True or False?

- ___ Governments are getting weaker.
- ___ Governments are controlling human souls through forced labor.
- ___ There has been a dramatic decrease in sexual slavery across the world.
- ___ The earth cries out for God to finish His plan.
- ___ Where the Spirit is, there is liberty and freedom.



The Great Transformation

Sentence Completion

During the Millennial reign...

True transformation of hearts and minds will be possible because...

Satan will be...

In my opinion, the most amazing transformation during the Millennium will be...

Short Answer

Make a list within the table of things that are transformed during the Millennium reign. Describe what each item looks like before and after the transformation.

Items Needing to Be Transformed	Before Transformation	After Transformation
Carnal Hearts & Minds		
Restoration of the Earth		
Attitudes in Society		
Government		
Nature of Animals		
Weather/Climate Patterns		
Plant and Growth Cycles		

True or False?

___ There is a melody of creation that causes wild animals to respond.

___ During the Millennium, crops will be able to grow in fertile soil around the world for plenty of food.

___ Once Satan is removed, curses will be gone and ground will become fertile.

___ There will be no predators during the Millennium.

___ People living during the Millennium will no longer have free will to choose.



A Memorial of the Garden of Eden

Sentence Completion

Flowers and plants will...

The economy during the Millennium will be built on...

Christ will rule from...

God's government can be described as...

Short Answer

Check items one will see during the Millennium... (check all the apply)

☐ children with lions

☐ people fighting

☐ crops growing

☐ disarmament

☐ poverty

☐ creation flourishing

☐ armed forces

☐ dictators and slaves

☐ peace between people

☐ peace and love

The perfect world will include...

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Unrepentant nations/people will be sent to...

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Sentence Completion

The final judgment of Satan will take place...

The Lake of Fire is reserved for...

We are being called to...

True or False?

___ There will be spirit beings teaching, healing, and encouraging people.

___ Millions will be born into the Millennium without the influence of Satan.

___ The last generation in the Millennium will have a difficult time with having Laodicean attitudes just as we do today.

___ Those in Gog and Magog will be stirred up to fight and create weapons.

___ We must be stirred up now to be prepared to teach and serve others later.



Respond to God

Short Answer

Name 3 new things you learned by reading this passage.

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What do you look forward to most during the Millenium?

Conclusion of the Millennial Reign

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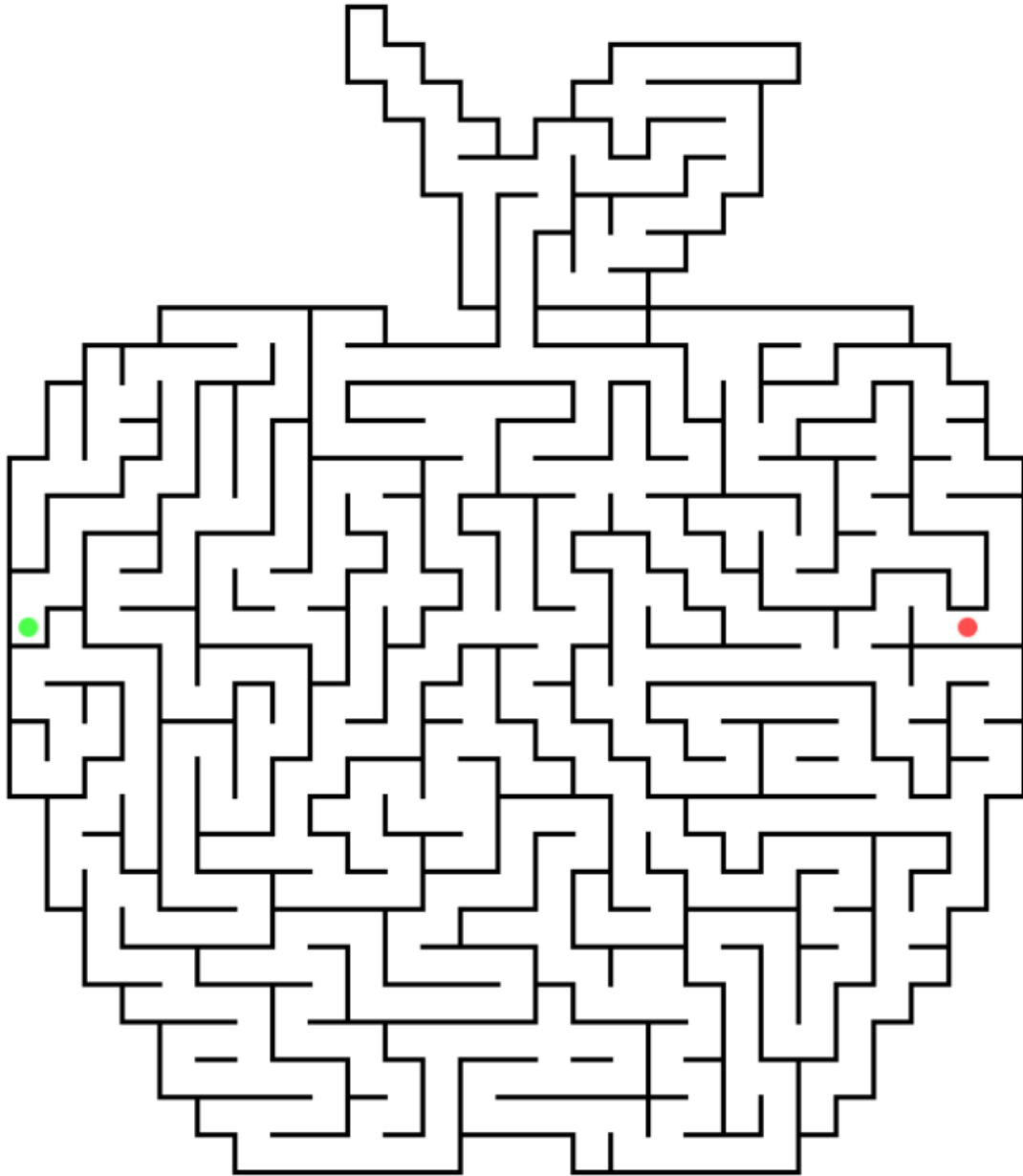
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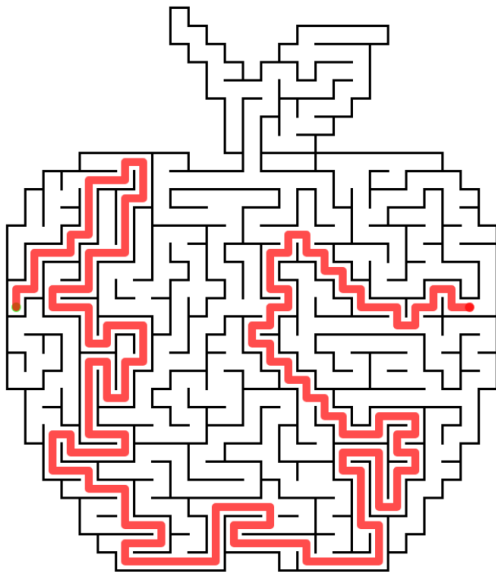
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ANSWER KEY

MILLENNIAL MAZE

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The Day of Judgment

(Last Great Day)

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Welcome to the Last Great Day, 2026, *and it is indeed a great day!* This is a day that sums up the plan for all humanity. This is the day that provides so many answers regarding God, regarding His Plan, and what He is doing right now. It's an amazing thing!

Let's go to Lev. 23. We're going to start there, where there's a Commandment to keep this day and keep it Holy. We're going to see some aspects about this day, because this day is a very, very special day. Though it is barely mentioned, that's what we're going to see in Lev. 23:

We have a command to come before God in this day and to keep it Holy. We're going to see the characteristics of this day in the Commandment in:

Leviticus 23:34—*God says*: ““Speak to the children of Israel, saying, “The **fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days** to the LORD. On the first day *shall be* a Holy convocation. You shall do no servile work *therein*””” (vs 34-35).

We kept that; we know that that was the Feast of Tabernacles. That's what He's going to say. ***But in the first day is a Sabbath!*** It says, “You shall do no servile work therein.” We know that this chapter outlines all of the Feasts of God. It starts with the Sabbath, because ***it is the foundation of all of them!***

But then in v 36:

“Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD....”

Because there are seven days in the Feast. That's what we just read in v 34! There are seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles; that's what we have kept and that's what ended yesterday. The seventh day ended, and that's the Feast of Tabernacles; ***but there's one other day!***

Verse 36: “...On **the eighth day** shall be a Holy convocation to you. And you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly. And you shall do no servile work *therein*. These *are* the Feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be Holy convocations to offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, everything on its day” (vs 36-37).

He says, 36:

“Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD....”

We kept the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles. The first one, it says that it's a no work shall be done. But it says “...**On the eighth day shall be a Holy convocation...**” (v 36). ***It's in addition to, is one more day! It's called the eighth day!***

We're also going to see where the name, the Last Great Day comes from. But here, it calls it *the eighth day!* We are also commanded to come, to have a Holy convocation, and:

- it is a solemn assembly
- to offer an offering made by fire to the LORD
- to do no servile work therein

Because it is an annual Sabbath!

Today, it actually falls on the weekly Sabbath in this year, 2026. But in other years, it may fall another day of the week. *That's an annual Sabbath, a day of rest!* We are also commanded to bring an offering to the Lord. That's what we're going to do. We're going to pause and collect an offering.

All the offerings are used to serve the brethren, and to preach the gospel to all nations. We're going to see the tremendous meaning of this day. *because this is the day of salvation for all the nations, and everyone who has not yet been called into God's wonderful plan!*

(pause for the offering)

Welcome back, brethren. Today is the Last Great Day. This is a day that answers so many questions about the Plan of God for humanity, about what is going to happen to all those:

- who have never heard the name of Christ
- who have never been called to His Truth
- who have never even heard the name Jesus mentioned in their lifetime

This is a very, very important day. But let's go to John 7, because we're going to see exactly what happened when Jesus was going to keep this Feast.

We're going to see where the Last Great Day name comes from in John 7:2. We're going to follow along here and see what Jesus did, and what He said when He was going to keep this Feast.

John 7:2—*the Apostle John tells us:* “Now the Jews’ **Feast of Tabernacles was near.**”

He's talking about the Feast of Tabernacles. That's the context that He was saying. He puts it as *the Jews*, because they were the ones who were keeping it and celebrating it.

There's nothing wrong with it being the Feast of the Jews, in addition to the Feast of God, because that's what they really are. They're the Feast of God. But here is just the term so that people would place it and understand what this Feast was. It's the Feast of Tabernacles, it was near.

Jesus' brothers were telling Him, ‘Hey, go up to the Feast and show Yourself, because if You are Who You truly say You are, You should tell everybody; You should manifest Yourself.

Verse 8—*Jesus answers His brothers and He tells them,*

“‘You go up to this Feast. I am not going up to this Feast now, for My time has not yet been fulfilled.’ And after saying these things to them, He remained in Galilee. But after His

brothers had gone up, then Jesus also went up to the Feast, not openly, but as it were in secret” (vs 8-10).

Jesus Himself went to Jerusalem and went to the Feast, the Feast of Tabernacles.

In v 14 it tells us more details about what He was doing at this Feast.

Verse 14: “But then, about the middle of the Feast, Jesus went up into the temple and was teaching.”

That’s what He did. About the middle of the Feast, He went actually into the temple. First, He was like in secret. He did go. He didn’t want to tell everybody. His brothers were encouraging Him to do this, but He said in:

Verse 6: “...‘My time has not yet come...’”

But then He was teaching (v 14).

Verse 15: “And the Jews were amazed, saying, ‘How does this Man know letters, having never been schooled?’”

It was an amazing thing, because it was *His Father* that had taught Him everything.

- He was always teaching Jesus
- He was always with Him
- He was always telling Him what to say

They were amazed, *because God is amazing, and His Word is amazing!* He will always show us something else, *something more deep about His Word!*

That’s why they couldn’t understand ‘having never been in schooled,’ because Jesus was not in their schools.

- He was not taught by the Jews
- He was not taught in the rabbinical schools.
 - that’s not how He learned
 - that’s not how He taught

John 7:37: —*which talks specifically about this day:* “Now, in the last day...”

Remember, that’s what we saw, we saw Feast of Tabernacles for seven days, and now this is the eighth day—*that is the last day!* He wasn’t talking about the last day of the Feast of Tabernacles, because it says,

Verse 37: “Now, in the last day, *the Great Day* of the Feast...”

How is it a ‘Great Day’ of the Feast? *Because:*

- it is the last one
- it is the eighth

- it is a Holy assembly
- it is a day, a Sabbath Day of rest, where you shall do no servile work therein

We read that. The seventh day is **not** an annual Sabbath, the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles.

It only talks about the ***first day of the Feast of Tabernacles!*** The ***last day, because it says eighth, that is the one where He said these things.***

“...in the last day, **the Great Day of the Feast...**”
is where the name, **the Last Great Day,** because it’s both.

- it’s the last
- it’s the great
- it’s the eighth day

It’s all of that!

“...Jesus stood and called out, saying, **‘IF anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.’**” (v 37).

This is very important because He says, **‘IF anyone...’** This day is the day that provides answers for anyone, ***for all those who have never been called!*** We’re going to see that it provides the answer to so many other questions that many people have:

- about Christianity
- about the Bible
- about Jesus Himself
- about God and His plan

It says here, “...**‘IF anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. The one who believes in Me,** as the Scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water” (vs 37-38).

The explanation is right here in

Verse 39: “But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, which **those who believed in Him would soon receive;** for *the* Holy Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

We’re going to see how ***God is going to give His Spirit so that:***

- people understand
- people have the opportunity to really know and obey God
 - ✓ and be part of His Family
 - ✓ and be part of His Kingdom

But what we are seeing here is that there’s one requirement:

v 38: **“The one who believes in Me...”**

Rev. 20:4. We're going to read about the end-time, and what's going to happen after the fulfillment of the Day of Atonement, when Satan is locked up in the abyss.

Revelation 20:4: "And I [John] saw thrones; and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given to them; and *I saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and those who did not worship the beast or his image, and did not receive the mark in their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

We know that's a Millennium, and we know that's what the Feast of Tabernacles represents, as has been discussed during this Feast.

In v 5, once again, just like we saw in Lev. 23:36, that is only half of the verse that talks about this day. Here is only half of the verse that talks about this day. It's actually in a parenthetical statement. Again, it almost seems like an afterthought. It seems like an insert. It seems like something hidden, because it is. It's a great mystery about the Plan of God.

Verse 5: "(But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were completed.)...."

That's what this day represents. The Last Great Day when the rest of the dead live again after the thousand years.

Because the other half of the verse has another sentence.

"...This *is* the first resurrection" (v 5).

Not the rest of the dead. That's not the first resurrection. That's why it's in parentheses.

Because the first resurrection is who he's talking about in v 4. It's all the ones that were beheaded, that died for the Word of God, that they did not worship the beast, etc.

But this parenthetical statement, *half a verse*, just like we saw in Lev. 23:36, *just half a verse, is the one that gives us the clue to so many things in the Plan of God!*

Verse 5: "(But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were completed.)...."

This tells us that those who obey and loved God, those that are the firstfruits, those that are in the first resurrection, they live and reign with Christ a thousand years, "(But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were completed.)...."

Who are the rest of the dead? *Everybody else! Every other person that has died*, except those that are thrown in the Lake of Fire, the Beast and the False Prophet. Except them, *everybody else that had died will live again!* "...the rest of the dead did not live again..."

- we're going to see that
- we're going to see the great meaning

- we're going to see it from the perspective of what Jesus said

Jesus said something very important concerning this day, and not just this day, but the Plan of God in general in John 5.

We're going to see that Jesus declared what's going to happen. He declared, because the Father told Him that this is the way it's going to be. They have a plan. They have an agreement. ***This day is the day that answers so many questions with regards to the rest of the world!*** It is an amazing thing, because this is ***all to the glory of God!***

- this is the final episode of that plan
- it's the culmination of the Plan of God

It's going to be so fantastic. But we're going to see how Jesus talked about it in John 5:25. Jesus is saying these things. Let's pay attention to the very words of Jesus, because He says:

John 5:25—*Jesus said*: “Truly, truly I say to you, *the* hour is coming, and now is, when **the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God**; and those who hear shall live.”

He was talking about a spiritual thing, because the dead cannot hear; we know that.

That's what he says in Ecclesiastes, ***the dead know nothing!*** The dead, spiritually speaking, is what Jesus was talking about. “...**the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God**...” because He said, “...and now is, when...” ***and the Son of God was right there, He was speaking!*** That's why He went about the middle of the Feast.

He was teaching. That's why He cried out in the last day of the Feast, ***because He was the Word of God!*** The Word became flesh, so He's saying these things. He's speaking spiritually.

“...now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear shall live” (v 25).

Then he goes now back again into the plan. He starts to outline what the Plan of God—the Father with Jesus Christ, under that covenant that They made—what that entails.

Verse 26: “For even as the Father has life in Himself, so also has He given to the Son to have life in Himself; and has also given Him authority to **execute judgment**...”
[keep that word in mind]

...**because He is the Son of man**” (vs 26-27).

Now he tells us a little bit more of the details of how this is actually going to come about.

Verse 28: “Do not wonder at this, for *the* hour is coming in which all who are in the graves shall hear His voice and shall come forth: those who have practiced good unto a resurrection of life...” (vs 28-29)
—*that's what we just saw in Rev. 20:4*:

- those who have practiced good

- those who have not bowed down to the image of the Beast
- those who would die for the Word of God
- those who have the testimony of God

Those are the ones who are resurrected into a resurrection of life!

In Revelation, He actually tells us that they live and reign with Christ for a thousand years. ***That's the resurrection of life!*** Let's pay attention to the second part of this verse, because Jesus says,

“...and those who have practiced evil unto a resurrection of judgment” (v 29).

Not condemnation, not death. *It does not say that.* It can certainly result in that. But it says,

“...unto a resurrection of judgment” (v 29).

That is key; that's why He said that He was the ‘Son of man.’ ***He had authority given by God the Father to judge!***

All judgment, authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of man! This is amazing because what He was saying is:

‘I’m living the human experience. I know what it is to be a man, so I can judge’ ***because He was God in the flesh!*** Now he says:

John 5:28: “Do not wonder at this, **for the hour is coming** in which **ALL who are in the graves...**

[this is exactly what we read, the rest of the dead]

...shall...

[What happened?]

...hear His voice and shall come forth...” (vs 28-29).

He's talking in third person about Himself, the voice of the Son of man!

“...those who have practiced good unto a resurrection of life...

[as we read in Rev. 4:20]

...and those who have practiced evil unto a resurrection of judgment” (v 29).

We're going to read in Revelation a little bit more about the judgment later on. But first, I would like for us to understand just a little bit more about timing. Because people think that because He says ‘ALL,’ ***then all shall hear the voice***, that He's only going to call once. ***But that's not the case***, because there's going to be times, *and we saw that!* We saw ***not all are going to be resurrected at the same time!***

- some to ***a resurrection of life*** before the thousand years
- the rest of the dead ***after a thousand years***

But we're going to see that *the rest of the dead are going to come up together!*

Matt. 12:38—we're going to see evidence in here in the Gospels, that Jesus Himself talked about this. This is not something that we're making up ourselves; *this is provable!*

These are amazing things that Jesus says. He doesn't necessarily elaborate on these things, because just as we read in Lev. 23 and in Rev. 20, *the meaning of this Last Great Day is not out in the open!* We're going to see that *God purposely did it this way!*

Matthew 12:38: “Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, ‘Master, we desire to see a sign from You.’

After they asked him that they started to see a sign that he was truly the Messiah who was to come, because that's Who He said He was.

Verse 39: “And He answered *and* said to them, ‘A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, but no sign shall be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

For just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, in like manner the Son of man shall be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights” (vs 39-40).

Basically saying, ***IF*** you believe in a Friday crucifixion and a Sunday resurrection, *you're worshipping a false Jesus, because there's no three days and no three nights!* That's the only sign He gave. That's what He's saying.

But then on account of that, because they were asking for a sign, *they did not believe Him* based on:

- the miracles that He had done
- the words that he had spoken
- all the ones whom He healed
- all the ones whom He fed

They didn't believe Him!

Then He pronounces His judgment, which gives us insight into the Plan of God. Then He says:

Verse 41: “*The men of Nineveh shall stand up in the judgment...*”

Remember that word? Jesus has the judgment:

ALL those who had done evil to a *resurrection of judgment!*

Verse 41: “*The men of Nineveh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation...*”

They will stand up at the same time. When? *After the thousand years have been completed!*

They will “...stand up... with this generation and shall condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah; and behold, a greater than Jonah is here” (v 41).

- that was Himself
- that was God in the flesh

- that was the Son of God
- that was the Messiah Who was prophesied and promised that He was going to appear

We just want to point out that it is ***the rest of the dead and they all do come together, come up together after the thousand years have been completed***, because it says, ***‘the men of Nineveh.’***

When was Nineveh? When was the book of Jonah written? About 798, almost 800_{BC.}; 800 years before Christ was there, ***that’s when the men of Nineveh lived!*** It says ***‘the men of Nineveh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation’*** at the same time.

An 800 year gap? *It doesn’t matter because he already prophesied it in Revelation:* ‘the rest of the dead.’

Verse 42: *“The queen of the south shall rise up **in the judgment with this generation** and shall condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; **and behold, a greater than Solomon is here.**”*

When was Solomon’s time? *More than 200 years removed from the men of Nineveh and about a thousand years before Christ was born!*

We see that there’s a thousand year span, a hundred year span, and He said *“The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation...”*

You have groups of people at the same time, specific people, and they’re all with that generation. He says:

*“...and [she] shall condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon *is* here” (v 42).*

Again, ‘the one who believes in Me ***out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water!***’ That’s what we’re going to see about the Spirit of God ***and the meaning and the fulfillment of the meaning of this day!***

But right now we have seen that *it’s hidden!* The meaning of this Last Great Day is hidden ***in two half verses!*** That Jesus spoke and told us about:

- judgment
- the Day of Judgment
- the resurrection
- who’s going to come up
- when are they going to come up

We see all of these details about ***this great and wonderful day!*** But as we said, ***it was hidden!***

We’re going to see something else that Jesus said and did, because this also has to do with what we’re talking about in the great meaning of this day.

Matthew 11:20—*Matthew narrating:* “Then He began to castigate the cities in which most

of His miracles had taken place, **because they did not repent.**”

Jesus is saying this:

21: “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that have taken place in you had taken place in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon **in the Day of Judgment** than for you” (vs 21-22).

What is that? ***That is the Last Great Day!*** The meaning of this day ***is that period of judgment!*** He’s talking about Tyre and Sidon compared to these cities: Chorazin and Bethsaida.

Verse 23: “And you, Capernaum, who have been exalted to heaven, shall be cast down to the grave...

[as a city]

...For if the miracles that have taken place in you had taken place in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. **But I tell you, it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you**” (vs 23-24).

Why? ***Because the land of Sodom will also rise up in the Day of Judgment!*** We read that **ALL** who are in the graves will hear His voice and shall awake; *they shall be resurrected!*

We’ve seen that there’s one part before the Millennium ***to a resurrection of life*** and the other part after the thousand years have been completed to ***a resurrection of judgment!***

Verse 25: “At that time Jesus answered and said, ‘I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that **You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent, and have revealed them to babes.** Yes, Father, **for it was well pleasing in Your sight to do this**” (vs 25-26).

Yes, Father, for it was well-pleasing in your sight to do this. Amazing! It was well-pleasing in the sight of ***the Father to hide these things from the wise and intelligent!*** That’s why most people don’t know about the Last Great Day. They don’t know. Why is it that God would do the things that He would do and say the things that He would say? *Because it doesn’t compute!* The image that people have of God is not necessarily a complete picture of God.

We’re going to see that. We’re going to examine a couple of examples where God says things that for a human being to comprehend with human intelligence and human feelings and emotions, it doesn’t necessarily make sense.

Let’s go to Deut. 7 to see one of those examples. We’re going to examine the example of all of those people, ***all those people that were going to be expelled from the ‘promised land’ in order to bring Israel in it!***

This has caused a lot of questions among Christian circles. That’s the question that many atheists and many people that are antagonistic to Christianity ask. Quite frankly,

- without the Last Great Day, there is not an answer
- without the meaning of this day, there is not an answer that makes sense

But with knowing the meaning of this day, we not only can make sense of this, but also can see beyond into:

- the thoughts and the heart of God
- the intent of God's Plan
- the purpose of God's Plan
- the wonderful things that He's planning to do for all mankind

Not only for those who have not been called, yet! It's an amazing thing what God will do. These are some difficult things to understand from a human perspective, *but we have to seek to understand from God's perspective!* Because He is *the Way, the Truth, and the Life!* Jesus Christ said that He is, and God the Father is the God of ALL the earth,

- not just of Israel
- not just of the Jews
- not just of the Church

That's why this day is so amazing. That's why He calls it 'great.' Because in God's eyes, this day *is great*, it represents the final period of judgment for those who have practiced evil

- because they didn't know Him
- because He had not revealed Himself to them

Deuteronomy 7:1: "When the LORD your God shall bring you into the land where you go to possess it and has cast out many nations before you—the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you. And the LORD your God shall deliver them up to you, you shall crush them, **and utterly destroy them**" (vs 1-2).

Did you get that? *Complete annihilation of these people!*

"...You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them" (v 2).

They were to completely eliminate them. We're going to see in more detail what that really meant. Here is the reason why:

Verse 3: "Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to his son, nor shall you take his daughter to your son, for they will turn away your sons from following Me so that they may serve other gods. Then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you **and will destroy you suddenly**" (vs 3-4).

It was utter destruction what they were to do.

Deut. 20—to read more about the details. It's because God wanted Israel to Himself and to Himself alone, not to any other gods. We know that's what happened to Solomon. It doesn't matter:

- how much money
- how much wisdom
- how much power you have

anyone can fall prey to deception and to false gods!

God doesn't want that. He didn't want that to happen for Israel and His people. That's why He commanded this. But it's harsh! *It sounds really harsh!*

Deut. 20—he's telling them as background in this chapter, what they were to do with all of the peoples that they encounter on the way to the 'promised land.' ***Basically, a summary of it, I'm paraphrasing: WHEN*** you come into these other nations, you should declare peace to them. ***IF*** they say peace, ***THEN*** they shall pay tribute to you. They will pay tribute to you, and they will be your servants.

But ***IF*** they don't, ***THEN*** you shall smite them, and you shall kill all the men with the edge of the sword; that's what he says in:

Deuteronomy 20:13: “And when the LORD your God has delivered it into your hands, you shall strike every male of it with the edge of the sword. But the women, and the little ones, and the animals, and all that is in the city, all the spoil of it, you shall take to yourself. And you shall eat the spoil of your enemies, which the LORD your God has given you” (vs 13-14).

Meaning, fine, kill the men of war, take over, that's fine. The women, the children, that's fine. Because these were not the nations that were so polluted with their idols, and they were not set for punishment by God. ***That's why he said that they could do that!***

Verse 15: “So you shall do to all the cities, *which are* very far off from you, which are not of the cities of these nations.”

These seven nations, as we read in Deut. 7:1

Verse 16: “But of the cities of these people, which the LORD your God gives you *for* an inheritance...

[here's the instruction]:

...you shall save alive nothing that breathes.”

That sounds harsh! The little ones, it's talking about babies, suckling babies, talk about all the animals, talk about everything devoted to destruction.

“...you shall save alive **nothing that breathes.** But you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites; as the LORD your God has commanded you” (vs 16-17).

Why?

Verse 18: “So that they may not teach you to do according to all their abominations which

they have done to their gods. So you would sin against the LORD your God.”

Human logic would tell us, ‘Don’t kill the babies, just teach them to fear the right God.’ When God says something, *it’s because*:

- He knows the end from the beginning
- He knows there’s a plan
- He knows He has this Last Great Day

where everybody, *the rest of the dead*, are going to have an opportunity:

- to know God
- to be saved
- to be taught by God

Let’s not take things into our own hands that don’t belong to us. He said, do not do that! Do not spare. We can say ‘Teach them, do that.’

Human logic would say, how is an animal going to teach you to do? We’re going to see that that’s actually what happened later on, *sadly! They did not obey the instructions of God!*

But apart from the meaning of this day, this sounds really harsh. How is it that God commanded to completely eliminate a whole group of people?

- that sounds like ethnic cleansing
- that sounds like a genocide
- it literally is a genocide

How do you have an answer to that *without the meaning of this day? You cannot! No Christian can!*

This is amazing that God has revealed to us that we are babes, that we are nothing. We’re the least of anybody. *We’re the weak and base things!*

Deut. 25, because God actually told them that this was going to happen, that they were going to have to eliminate another group of people. Not only these seven nations, *which they did not do, and that was their downfall!* There’s another group of people God said to eliminate completely.

Deuteronomy 25:17: “Remember what Amalek did to you by the way when you came forth out of Egypt, how he met you by the way and struck those of you who lagged behind and all the feeble behind you when you *were* faint and weary. And he did not fear God. And it shall be when the LORD your God has given you rest from all your enemies all around in the land which the LORD your God gives you *for* an inheritance to possess it, **you shall blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. You shall not forget**” (vs 17-19).

*Blot out the remembrance **did not happen!***

1-Samuel—we're familiar with this passage, but it's important to read it again in the context of what we're talking about for *The Last Great Day*. It tells us with even more details who they were to kill and they were to kill every single one of them and their animals! They were to completely eliminate them!

That is an amazing thing that without this day there is no real explanation, possible explanation. How is He a God of love when He commands people to do this?

1-Samuel 15:2—*this is where God comes to Saul and He tells Him this is what you're going to do.* “Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘I will punish Amalek for *that* which he did to Israel, how he set against him in the way when he came up from Egypt. Now, go and strike Amalek, and completely destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and donkey’” (vs 2-3).

This is *everything and everyone! Kill them all!* That's what God said.

- without the meaning of the Last Great Day
- without knowing that the rest of the dead will live again when the thousand years are completed

this really doesn't compute with the character of God!

BUT God knows the physical life is not an end to itself. It's just a means to an end. When He has a time and when He has a purpose, **He will bring it to pass** because those who have done evil will also rise **to a resurrection of judgment**, not necessarily of death. yet. We're going to see that.

Verse 13—this is to show that God meant it and it was not a figure of speech. That's what some apologists have actually said, that 'it's a figure of speech.' They can say, 'Oh, the whole country went to...'—**NO! NO! NO!**

- when God says 'the whole country,'
- when He says 'every single one' and 'every single animal'

He literally means it!

We're going to read these verses to prove that that is true, because God was displeased with Saul for not having done this.

Verse 13: “And Samuel came to Saul. And Saul said to him, ‘You *are* blessed of the LORD. I have performed the Commandment of the LORD.’ And Samuel said, ‘What then *is* this bleating of the flock in my ears? And *what is* the sound of the herd which I hear?’” (vs 13-14).

He was literal about every single animal and every person!

Verse 15: “And Saul said, ‘They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God. And the rest

we have completely destroyed.’”

He understood the instructions, he just didn't carry them out exactly that way.

So, he understood the instructions, he just did not carry them out exactly that way.

Verse 16: “And Samuel said to Saul, ‘Stay and I will tell you what the LORD has said to me tonight.’ And he said to him, ‘Speak on.’ And Samuel said, ‘When you *were* little in your own sight, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? And the LORD anointed you king over Israel And the LORD sent you on the way and said, “Go and completely destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until you destroy them”’” (s 16-18).

Verse 19: “Why then did you **not obey** the voice of the LORD? Why did you fly upon the spoil **and do evil in the sight of the LORD?**”

Saul couldn't see it, *because from a human perspective*, we don't understand that God has a plan and He's a wonderful God. He has a wonderful plan. We do not understand that.

Verse 20: “And Saul said to Samuel, ‘Yes, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD...’”:

- How is an animal going to teach me false religion?
- How is he going to teach me to worship their God?

It was ALL in a cursed thing! God wanted it gone because He knows that all those people who have practiced evil, Jesus said it, ***would stand up to a resurrection, a judgment after the thousand years are completed!***

Verse 20: “And Saul said to Samuel, ‘**Yes, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD**, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, **and have brought Agag the king of Amalek...**”

God said, ***destroy everybody, including the king! Saul did not do that!***

“***...and have completely destroyed the Amalekites...***

[except for the king and except for all the cattle]

...But **the people** took from the spoil, of *the* flock and herd...” (v 20-21).

You [Saul] were the king, **you** were supposed to obey and do it thoroughly, complete destruction!

“***...the best of the things devoted to destruction...***” (v21).

Saul knew that they were devoted to destruction ***and he did not stop them!*** He did not command them, ‘I am the king, you have to kill them all, kill all these animals.’ NO! they took the best things:

“...to sacrifice to the LORD, your God, in Gilgal” (v 21).

Verse 22: “And Samuel said, ‘Does the LORD *have as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice! To

hearken *is* better than the fat of rams, **for rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.** Because **you have rejected the Word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king!**” (vs 22-23).

This proves that God meant what He said. Literally, every single word. He had a reason and He had a purpose, *because He knew He was going to raise them up in the Last Great Day, in the period of judgment, after the thousand years had been completed!* God knew He was going to do that.

But Saul did not do that. Without this day, ***there is no answer to this!*** How can we reconcile a God that is good, that is merciful and that He says that He is that way Himself? Let's go to Exo. 34 to read that, *what God says about Himself.*

Without this day, we cannot comprehend this. People have tried, Christians have tried because:

- they believe God
- they believe the Word of God

BUT IF it has not been revealed to them, they can't see this!

It's an amazing thing not to glory ourselves or anything like that, but just to ***acknowledge and be thankful to God for this wonderful day and for the hope that this day brings to all humanity, to everyone who has ever lived:***

- all your family
- all your friends
- everybody whom you love

but:

- they have not had their eyes open, yet
- they will in that day

Exo. 34:6—this is what God says about Himself. We're going to see that there's harsh things and not just about those sinners and those wicked people, because they were devoted to destruction, because their wickedness had gotten to the full.

That's what God told Abraham, it's like they're going to be sojourners in the land of Egypt for 400 years 'because the evil of the Amorite has not come to the full.' They have not developed, yet, to the full, but once they got to the full, it was time to go.

God said, I'm going to use Israel to do that because God can use anybody, anytime to fulfill His purpose.

Exodus 34:6—*this is when God passes and lets Moses see his backside:*

“And the LORD passed by before him and proclaimed, ‘The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy to

the thousandth *generation*, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, **but Who will by no means clear the guilty**, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, to the third and to the fourth generation'" (vs 6-7).

Because that's the God we serve. *He's a God of love, He's a God of mercy*, but *He's also a God of justice!* He knows that this flesh and this life *is not all there is*, that He can and will use it as punishment:

- for our mistakes
- for our sins
- for our iniquities

I include myself because we all have human nature, *we all sin!* Yes, we all need forgiveness, *but that doesn't mean that we will not reap the consequences of our actions!*

But we do serve *a merciful, loving God!* Amazing thing that He declares about himself.

Exo. 35—there's a command and we're going to see something very interesting on the heels of what God declared Himself to be. *He is a merciful, loving, patient, forgiving God!*

Exodus 35:1: "And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together and said to them, 'These *are* the words which the LORD has commanded, *for you* to do them. Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you a Holy Day, a Sabbath of rest to the LORD. Whoever does work in it shall be put to death'" (vs 1-2).

Amazing! It sounds harsh and people do not understand it. They can't compute and they say 'it was a mean and harsh God in the Old Testament, but now Jesus is loving and kind.' **NO, He is the same One!** But what we have to understand is that God has a plan. *He has a Last Great Day*. He has a period of judgment after the Millennium.

Verse 3: "You shall kindle no fire throughout your living places upon the Sabbath Day."

Now we're going to read an example of when this was broken. It was actually the first time that this Commandment—as far as something that was written—was written *about somebody breaking this Commandment!* It appears presumptuously or willingly.

Without understanding the meaning of this Last Great Day:

- we cannot understand these Scriptures
- we cannot understand how a loving God can be like this
- how He can kill a person, put someone to death, or ask the people to put someone to death, for breaking the Sabbath

But with this plan, knowing that He not only knows the attitude, *He knows the thoughts and intents of the heart!*

That's ***the Word*** of God. That's the One Who gave these Commandments. He can see when we keep the Commandments, whether we keep them full of:

- love
- appreciation
- thankfulness
- joy

or whether we're keeping it out of

- just being afraid
- just trying to do it because we know better
- just out of obligation

He knows that!

Numbers 15:32: “And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath Day.”

Interesting; you can read on your own. For sake of time, we're not going to go there. But right before this, what is given is the law of sacrifices and the sacrifices for sins that were committed in ignorance.

But then God says that, but the one who acts presumptuously—with knowledge, with intention—to go against God, *then that person shall be cut out from your people!* That's what it says.

Verse 33: “And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation. And they put him under guard **because it had not been clearly said what should be done to him**” (vs 33-34).

It had been clearly said! But maybe there was, debate:

- whether he did it presumptuously
- whether he did it in ignorance
- whether he did it in error
- whether he wasn't aware that it was a Sabbath Day

The people were trying to be merciful to this person, but they didn't know what to do.

Verse 35: And **the LORD said** to Moses, ‘The man **shall surely be put to death....**’”
*—because God is ***the same yesterday, today, and forever!****

That doesn't mean that today we can exact capital punishment for that, because we are not in a theocracy anymore. This was the country of Israel, the land of Israel, where God was their King, and those laws were the laws of the land. That's another topic for another message. ***But we know***

that we cannot do that today! This was the consistency of God, ***knowing that there's a Last Great Day***, that there's ***an opportunity for this man to repent and to really get to know God!***

“... ‘The man shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp.’ And all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died, even as the LORD commanded Moses” (vs 35-36).

That's an amazing thing!

Then we see how he may have been, you know, based on misremembering or something, because that's when the tassel things come about.

Make fringes so that you remember (v 38) But it sounds harsh. It sounds harsh to put someone to death for breaking the Sabbath one time. But that's what God determined, ***because of this day, this day is the answer!***

We're going to see that it wasn't just going to be for them. We're going to see that God didn't just do it like for one person. He didn't do it just for a group of people that were not called. Israel also sinned, ***and sinned in a grave way!*** The punishment for that was death. We're going to read about it, but we're going to see that this is actually:

- because of God's mercy
- because He understands
- because He has a plan
- because He has declared this plan

Immediately after this, it says:

Numbers 16:1: Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, took both Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben; even they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the assembly...

[this was not a small group]

...chosen men of the congregation, men who were well-known” (vs 1-2).

Verse 3: “And they gathered themselves against Moses and against Aaron, and said to them, ‘*You take* too much upon you since all the congregation are Holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you lift yourselves up above the congregation of the LORD?’”

He was telling Moses that He was lifting up himself above the congregation, ***which we know was not true!***

Then the LORD gets angry at them, and He wants to destroy them. We're going to see what was the response from Moses to Korah:

Verse 8: “And Moses said to Korah, ‘Hear now you sons of Levi: *Is it* too little a thing to

you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel to bring you near to Himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD and to stand before the congregation to minister to them?” (vs 8-9).

*Meaning you're special. **Don't do these things!***

Verse 10: “And He...
[the LORD]

...has brought you near, and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you. And do you seek the priesthood as well?”

This is very interesting because he's acting presumptuously.

Verse 11: “Therefore, you and all your company *are* gathered against the LORD...
[He's warning them]

...And what is Aaron, that you murmur against him?’ And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab. And they said, ‘We will not come up’” (vs 11-12).

You can see the response because that's what happens when somebody is seared. God says that **it's better that they sleep, the sleep of death, until the resurrection, until this Last Great Day.**

They responded to Moses

“...And they said, ‘We will not come up.’”

Verse 13: “*Is it* too little a thing that you have brought us up out of a land that flows with milk and honey...
[that is not the truth]

...to kill us in the wilderness, but must you *also make* yourself a prince over us? Besides, you have not brought us into a land that flows with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance in fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up’” (vs 13-14).

You see the rebellion? This is the rebellion of Dathan and Abiram. This is what happens. That's why God is going to do an amazing thing.

This is what God told Moses that he was going to do. You know about this story, but we're just reading it to see the rebellion that God sees. That God is not a respecter of persons. It's not just because there were pagan nations, because He had not revealed Himself to them. It was not just because it was the Sabbath or one person. **This applies to everyone all the time!**

Numbers 16:20: “And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ‘Separate yourselves from among this congregation, so that I may devour them in a moment’” (vs 20-21).

God was willing and ready to destroy the entire congregation!

Verse 22: “And they fell upon their faces...”

This is the fear of God that Moses and Aaron had for God, and the zeal for God!

“...and said, ‘O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin and will You be angry with all the congregation?’” (v 22).

Then God says that He’s going to do something different.

Verse 23: “And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ‘Speak to the congregation saying, “Get away from the tents of Korah and Dathan and Abiram”’”(vs 23-24).

Okay, they’re all rebellious, they all have the same attitude; but we’re going to do it just for them to see ***IF they learn the lesson!***

Verse 28: “And Moses said, ‘By this you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, *and that I have not done them from my own heart*’ ...

[because Moses never set himself like that]

...***IF*** these men die the common death of all men, or if they are visited according to the fate of all men, the LORD has not sent me....

[because the LORD sent Him]

...But ***IF*** the LORD creates a new creation, and the earth opens her mouth and swallows them up with all that they have, and they go down alive into the pit, ***THEN you shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD***” (vs 29-30).

It’s incredible what happens!

Verse 31: “And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words...”

- God is always there
- He’s always hearing
- He’s always listening

As soon as he was done speaking:

“...the ground under them split apart. And the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who *were* for Korah, and all *their* goods. They and all that they had went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them. And they perished from among the congregation” (vs 31-33).

Verse 34: “And all Israel around them fled at their cry. For they said, ‘Lest the earth swallow us up *also*.’”

Yes, they were just as rebellious; but God was executing this judgment at that time. This is an amazing thing. Because when we think about it, it was everybody went in the earth. ***The earth swallowed them up alive!*** Incredible thing.

- because God has the Last Great Day

- because God has hope for His people

and not only for His people, but for ALL who have ever lived, ***‘the rest of the dead.’***

Now we’re going to see whether the people learned that lesson. God was ready to destroy the entire congregation. But even like that, even seeing them fall and being swallowed up by the earth, ***they still didn’t learn the lesson!***

Numbers 16:41: But on the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron saying, ***‘You have killed the people of the LORD.’***”

Amazing! The evil and the human reasoning and the human thinking going on, the level of human reasoning going on, to say that they killed them, that ***that was not of God! Incredible! Incredible!*** They ***did not learn*** the lesson. We see, first, these men come, 250 people. Now all of these people die. It’s an amazing thing, because that’s what happened.

Verse 35: “And there came out ***a fire from the LORD and burned up the two hundred and fifty men*** who offered incense.”

All the companies were swallowed up. Then the 250 that came, they were burned up, fire from God. Now the people are accusing Moses and Aaron that ***they did it!***

Verse 42: “And it came to pass when the congregation was gathered together against Moses and against Aaron, they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation. And behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared. And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ***‘Get away from this congregation so that I may consume them as in a moment.’*** And they fell upon their faces” (vs 42-45).

It’s like God had enough of them! ***He knew it’s better that they were raised in the period of judgment!*** It’s better!

Verse 46: “And Moses said to Aaron, ‘Take a censer, and put fire in it from the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly into the congregation and make an atonement for them. For wrath has gone out from the LORD. The plague has begun.’ And Aaron did as Moses commanded and ran into the midst of the congregation. And behold, the plague had begun among the people. And he put on incense and made an atonement for the people. And ***he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stayed***” (vs 46-48).

God actually stopped the plague *for the sake of Moses and Aaron!* But listen to what it says.

Verse 49: “And those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand, seven hundred, besides the ones who died about the matter of Korah.”

Over 15,000 people died in those two days because of their rebellion. How do we make sense of that? That His own people He put to death because of their rebellion. ***The Last Great Day is the answer!***

This ***Last Great Day*** is the answer because He gives us understanding about:

- the character of God
- the love of God
- the love that He has for His people, and for ***ALL*** the people that He has ever created!

Ezek. 37—We don't have time to read it all, but we're going to read a few verses because this is very important. This connects these themes.

We see 15,000 people died here because of their rebellion, but we're going to see what happens in Ezek. 37 ***because it's specifically talking about Israel!***

It's specifically talking about the people that we just read about. But we read about other peoples, we read about the people of God in the wilderness, ***one single person, the judgment!*** We know about the Judgment of God in ***The Last Great Day!*** That will come. That will be an opportunity.

Ezekiel 37:1: "The hand of the LORD was on me, and brought me by the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of a valley, and it *was* full of bones. And He made me walk among them all around. And behold, very many *were* in the open valley. And lo, *they were* very dry. And He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?....'" (vs 1-3).

We're going to see that they're going to live, but we're also going to see ***there's a physical life!***

"...And I answered, 'O Lord GOD, You know.' Again He said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, "O dry bones, hear the Word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews on you, and will bring up flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ***you shall live. And you shall know that I am the LORD.***'"'" (vs 3-6).

Verse 7: "So, I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise. And behold, a shaking! And the bones came together, a bone to its bone. And as I watched, behold the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them above. But *there was* no breath in them" (vs 7-8)

No life, yet, and it was bones, and skin, and flesh. ***This is physical life! This is NOT spirit beings!***

Verse 9: "And He said to me, 'Prophecy to the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, "Thus says the Lord GOD, 'Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain that they may live.'" So, I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army" (vs 9-

10).

This sounds just like when God created Adam and He breathed on him *the breath of life!* He prophesied that the wind would come and breathe in them the *breath of life, the human breath, the human spirit!*

Verse 11: “And He said to me, ‘Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel....’”

- God knew that they were going to live
- He knew that they were going to have a physical life
- He knew exactly who they were

He explains it to them, *the whole house of Israel*, including those 15,000 we just read about. *That’s what this day is!*

This is the day of the second resurrection! “The rest of the dead did not live again.”

There were some that lived again, *first resurrection*, living and reigning with Christ for a thousand years, this Feast of Tabernacles. *Now is the day for the rest of the dead, the whole house of Israel!*

“...Behold, they say, “Our bones *are* dried and our hope is lost; we ourselves are completely cut off”” (v 11).

But what does God say? No, it’s not!

Verse 12: “Therefore, prophesy and say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves...’”

That’s what Jesus said! They will hear the voice of the Son of Man! Another proof that He’s the same One Who became flesh.

“...‘I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, and will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I *am* the LORD when I have opened your graves’ *And you shall know that I am the LORD when I have opened your graves*” (v 12-13).

I will give you understanding.

“...‘O My people, and have brought you up out of your graves....
[and the most important thing]:

...And I shall put My Spirit *in* you...” (vs 13-14).

The Holy Spirit in them! An opportunity for salvation!

The Last Great Day! That’s what this day is all about. *This is the day that provides the answers!* This is the *greatest day!*

This is the day of completion of the Plan of God, of this space of the Plan of God anyways, because there's a new heavens and a new earth. But this is the completion of it. ***I will put My Spirit in you and you shall live, truly live!***

That's what Jesus said. ***The ones that are dead shall hear His voice and shall live.***

"...and I will place you in your own land..." (v14).

That was the desire of God from the beginning. This is the culmination, this is the consummation of the Plan of God. ***All of His Plans will be fulfilled!***

He says in Isaiah that His Word will do what He sends it to do.

"...And **you shall know** that **I the LORD have spoken it** and have done it,' says the LORD" (v 14)

—signed again; this is My signature!

- I will bring you up
- I will give you life
- I will reveal Myself to you
- I will put you in your own land that I wanted you to have from the very beginning
- this is the love that I have for you

This is not just for Israel, this is for the rest of the dead. But He's going to accomplish that for Israel, as well.

Rev. 20—just to read a few more details about this great period of judgment. we did not read that. It says more about the 8th day, ***The Last Great Day***, the meaning of it.

Revelation 20:11: "Then I saw a great white throne, and the one who was Then I saw a Great White Throne and the One Who was sitting on it, from Whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and no place was found for them."

Verse 12: "And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God...
[this is the *rest of the dead*]

... small and great. and *the* books were opened..."

What are the books? *The books of all their works!* But it's a period of judgment.

"...and another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*.... "
[an opportunity for names to be written in the *Book of Life*.] (v 12).

That's what He said, 'I will put in you My Spirit.' That is an example of what's going to happen. It's not just for Israel, it's going to be for 'the rest of the dead.' He does not exclude anybody else. He doesn't leave anybody behind.

"...And the **dead** were judged...
[anybody who has been dead is the rest of the dead]

... out of the things written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead *that were* in it..." (vs 12-13).

This is all of it This is everybody who has been dead, regardless of whether they were at sea or on the ground.

"...and death and *the* grave gave up the dead *that were* in them" (v 13).

- there is an opportunity for salvation
- there is an opportunity to know God

God promised that He was going to put His Spirit in them. *In all who had ever lived! **What an amazing day this is!*** This is **The Last Great Day!**

"...and they were judged individually, according to their works" (v 13).

This is the culmination of this part of the Plan of God!

Verse 14: "And death and *the* grave were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death."

Meaning there is no more, there is no more physical death. *You either die the second death in the Lake of Fire **IF** you reject God, **or you live forever in His Kingdom!***

That's it! That's it! **There's no eternal punishment for physical people!** There isn't such a thing.

Verse 15: "And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was cast into the Lake of Fire."

That's what we're talking about. That consumes and ends that life *that doesn't want to be with God!* That's the punishment. The punishment is the Lake of Fire. That's what it says!

Verse 15: "And **IF** anyone was not found written in the Book of Life..."

Because they were all given an opportunity to be in the Book of Life. That's what we saw. That's the amazing thing! God declares how great He is.

Isa. 2—we're going to see a couple of Scriptures that talk about this very thing, talk about:

- the mercy of God
- the Plan of God
- the goodness of God

We're going to see that He says the same things that it says in Revelation in some cases, because it is an amazing thing. The Word of God, it's ONE, and it's consistent, and it's beautiful, *because God knows best!* God knows that the flesh profits nothing. That's what Jesus said in John 6, 'The flesh profits nothing.' That's not the point.

In our small minds, some of these punishments may seem too harsh, but in God's mind, *it's what's needed!* It's what's needed because He knows that He will see them again,

- that He will open their eyes
- that He will put His Spirit in them
- that He will give them that opportunity
 - ✓ to know Him
 - ✓ to love Him
 - ✓ to be with Him in His Kingdom for all eternity

Isaiah 2:2: “And it shall come to pass, in the last days the mountain of the LORD’S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and **ALL nations** shall flow into it.”

What will they say?

Verse 3: “And many people shall go and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways...”

That's what we read in Ezek. 37. **“I will put my spirit in you.”**

“...and we will walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (v 3).

That's what will happen!

Verse 4: “And He shall judge among the nations...”

Isn't that what we saw? Jesus said in Matthew, *that judgment has been given to Him!* Not just Israel, *the nations!*

“...and shall rebuke many people...” (v 4).

Meaning they still have things to change! They still have things to do. It's not done.

“...and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore” (v 4).

War is done!

Isa. 25—there is a great connection here with the meaning of the Last Great Day. It explains a lot of the things that we just read in Rev. 20. Because this is prophetic. This is what's going to happen.

Isaiah 25:6: “And in this mountain the LORD of hosts shall make a feast of fat things for all the people...”

We saw the eighth day, the Last Great Day, is:

“...a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of refined wines on the lees.
And He will destroy in this mountain **the face of the covering, which covers ALL people, and the veil that is woven over ALL nations**” (vs 6-7).

Take a minute to process that. ***This is the Last Great Day.*** That veil that is woven over **ALL** people, over **ALL** nations. That’s why this is talking about the Last Great Day.

- He will destroy that covering
- He will let them see Him for Who He really is

Today we’ve seen that:

- God is good
- God is righteous
- God is merciful
- God has a plan

*This is what we just read, **death and the grave were cast into the Lake of Fire!***

Verse 8: “He will destroy death forever...
[there will be no more death]

...and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces....”

There’s not going to be a single face that is not wet with tears :

- for seeing the Creator
- for loving Him
- for knowing Who He really is, and Who He was all along: ***The Creator God of all the earth***

“...And He shall take away from all the earth the rebuke of His people, for the LORD has spoken it. And one shall say in that day, ‘Lo, this *is* our God. We have waited for Him, and He will save us’” (vs 8-9).

This is the Last Great Day! This is the Day of Salvation!

“...This *is* the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation”” (v 9).

Tremendous! ***There is nothing like this! Absolutely nothing like this day!*** This is the Day of Salvation.

Psa. 117—talks about this very thing. This is all prophesied. This is showing the unity of Scripture, the inspiration of God throughout all the ages.

- to all His servants
- to Moses and to David
- to His very own Son Jesus Christ Himself

This is the inspiration in all of the Word of God for this Last Great Day. With this Psalm we will finish the Feast for 2026.

Psalm 117:1: “O praise the LORD, all you nations; praise Him, all people, for His merciful kindness is great toward us; and the Truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!” (vs 1-2)

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Day 8: The Day of Judgment

Last Great Day



An Important Holy Day

Short Answer

List 3 things God requires on this appointed day.

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Since there may be some new information presented in this sermon, complete the first 2 columns of this chart now and that last one after you read the entire sermon.

List information you already **KNOW** about The Last Great Day and God's plan to bring His Kingdom to Earth in the first column. List questions or things you want to know more about as you read in the **WONDER** column. After reading the entire sermon, list things you have learned in the **LEARN** column.

KNOW	WONDER	LEARN

***'If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.'* (John 7:37)**

How does the quote above symbolize The Last Great Day?

Sentence Completion

The day following the Feast of Tabernacles is special because...

The Last Great Day is especially grand for those who...

"The rest of the dead" are those who...

True or False?

- ___ Jesus learned by reading the Bible and studying at rabbinical schools.
- ___ The Holy Spirit was given to the disciples before Jesus was glorified.
- ___ It is easier to guard our eyes and minds against Satan now than it used to be.
- ___ God's world is full of peace rather than rebellion.
- ___ Jesus and His disciples kept the feasts of God as instructed in the Bible.
- ___ Guarding our minds against the enemy takes great effort.



Second Resurrection

Short Answer

Those who are raised to new life in the second resurrection are those who...

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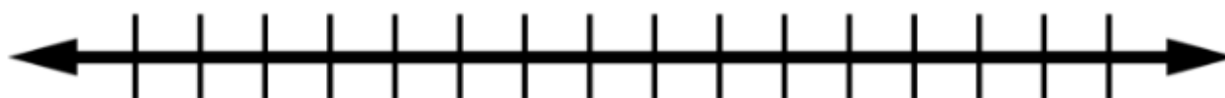
Jesus gave us the meaning of the Last Great Day with these hidden details:

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Clarify the events happening between the start of the Millennium and when the new heaven and earth are created after the Last Great Day by placing each event on the timeline.

Start of Millennium

New Heaven & Earth



Fill in the Blank

The Last Great Day refers to a time of _j_____.

Only _C_____ is qualified to judge.

Sentence Completion

Those who have practiced good will be resurrected to...

Those who have practiced evil will be resurrected to...

The sign of Jonah is...

The resurrection to life will take place just before...

The resurrection to judgment will take place...

God probably hid much of the meaning of the Last Great Day from the wise and intelligent because...

True or False?

___ God calls for the resurrection once.

___ Believing a different doctrine makes it true.

___ God purposefully hid the meaning of the Last Great Day from most.

___ The rest of the dead are not resurrected at once.

___ Celebrating a Friday crucifixion and Sunday resurrection is means you are worshipping a false Jesus since it is not based on truth.



Understanding God through Biblical Examples

Sentence Completion

One example of something difficult for humans to understand about God and His actions in the Bible is...

Seeking God's perspective rather than our human perspective can help us...

God often directed Israel to eliminate their enemies because...

From the story of the people of Korah being swallowed by the earth, we can learn several lessons. Name one.

Sometimes God knows it is better that someone is raised up later than to...

List one scripture that references a resurrection to physical life with a fuller knowledge of God. _____

Short Answer

Understanding more about the Last Great Day helps us to understand more about God and His questioned actions in the Bible. What four things can we understand about God?

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The rest of the dead will have an opportunity to...

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Explain Saul's thinking when He disobeyed God (I Samuel). What was God's reaction?

Fill in the Blank

Rebellion is as the sin of _w_____.

Stubbornness is as the sin of _i_____.

Most people are _b_____ to the Truth and understanding of the
_L_____.

God is a God of _l_____, _m_____, and _j_____.

God is also _p_____ and _f_____.

The example of the man gathering sticks on the Sabbath was acting in a
_p_____ manner – he knew better and did it anyway.

True or False?

___ Anyone can fall prey to false gods.

___ The rest of the dead will have an opportunity to know God.

___ Without an understanding of the Last Great Day, there is no answer for the harsh actions of a loving God.

___ Partial obedience is acceptable to God.

___ God's ways and plans are much higher than ours.

___ In the Bible, God declares Himself to be loving, merciful, and just.

___ God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.



Resurrection to Physical Life

Sentence Completion

When He opens the graves, they will know Him because...

The Last Great Day is great because...

The books mentioned on the Last Great Day are...

The Book of Life contains...

You die in the Lake of Fire if you...

God will destroy the covering (veil) to...

In Christ's Kingdom, we will be...

One example of God's love and justice is...

Short Answer

When He opens the graves of the rest of the dead... (check all the apply)

☐ they will know Him

☐ bones & flesh will come together

☐ many will believe

☐ they will remain dead

☐ they will start breathing

☐ God will give them breath

☐ they will arise

☐ they will be angry & confused

☐ His spirit will be in them

☐ they will be put in their own land

True or False?

- ___ The Last Great Day provides lots of answers.
- ___ The Last Great Day is the culmination of God's plan.
- ___ This resurrection to life is just for Israel.
- ___ Judgment involves the books of everyone's works.
- ___ The rest of the dead includes anyone who has been dead.
- ___ The Lake of Fire is eternal punishment for physical people.
- ___ Once they understand who He is, the rest of the dead will be given an opportunity to live God's way before their judgment.
- ___ The Last Great Day lasts longer than a 24 hour day.



Review

Number the following events in chronological order as you understand them based on the information in the passage:

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| ___ 1 st resurrection | ___ 2 nd resurrection |
| ___ Great Throne Judgment | ___ new heaven & earth |
| ___ 1,000 yr. Millennium | ___ Christ's return to earth |



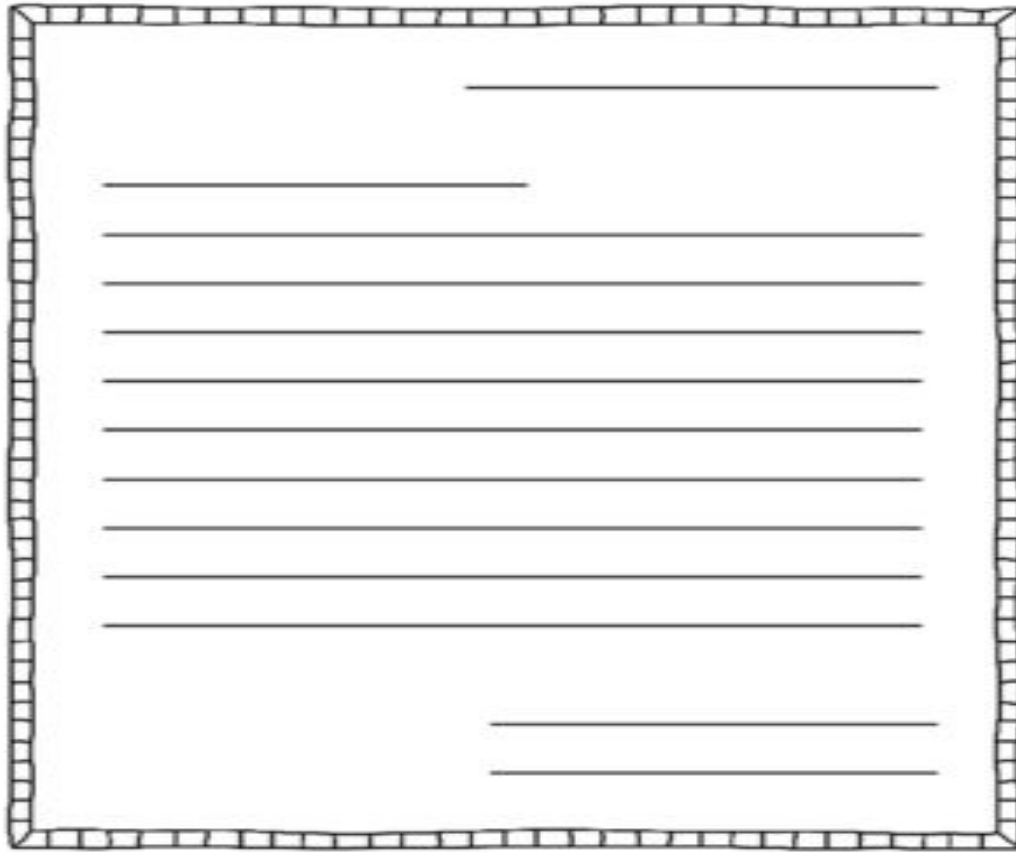
Respond to God

Short Answer

Name 3 new things you learned by reading this passage.

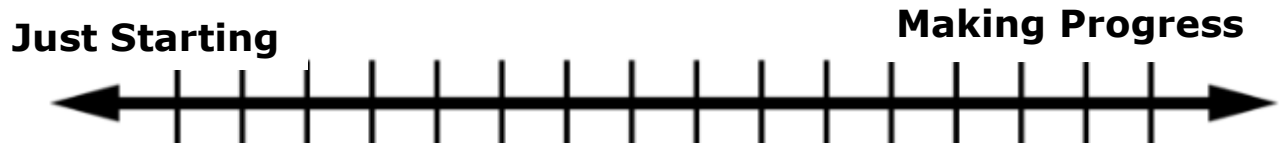
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Write a prayer to God about your hopes for dwelling with Him for eternity.



How Well Am I Moving Toward the Goal?

Think about the end goal – to be like Christ & receive eternal life. How well are you overcoming & growing in grace & knowledge? Place an X where you think you stand today.





CRYPTOGRAM

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The Day of Judgment

Find and highlight the words.

N P X U L K D T P C W W C G B T O K T B
A C U E A J C U L M I N A T I O N J Z Q
R N G R G B F K D Z K X U N G I S N O V
Q M T X P L A O W J I J U D G M E N T H
T B P T H O P P O R T U N I T Y N C B R
R M P E G Q S O P Z S M R H R R R I Z U
T Q T Z R Y G E D K E E N V D E V G P M
A N N A Z S M Q U C V H Q J X S S E S L
Z O I G I L P T N E D F I Y I U U M K G
D I H S L W B E A E U P B W F R O P X U
U T C X K P H L C V M A P N O R U Y Z R
P A M X D Q E E J T Q S X N H E T J T O
F V M X M D P U E L I H V H V C P I O K
U L K T G T S B E V I V F H N T M N R Y
D A M C I M Y S T E R Y E R Z I U G N X
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U I N P G M W X X U Z B W W Z N E C L Y
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Keep a record of at least one thing you learn every day this week in the spaces below.

Day 1:

Day 2:

Day 3:

Day 4:

Day 5:

Day 6:

Day 7:

Last Great Day:

The Day of Judgment

Find and highlight the words.

N P X U L K D T P C W W C G B T O K T B
 A C U E A J C U L M I N A T I O N J Z Q
 R N G R G B F K D Z K X U N G I S N O V
 Q M T X P L A O W J I J U D G M E N T H
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 D A M C I M Y S T E R Y E R Z I U G N X
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 Q S T V J M E K P W I P A H V W R N Z I
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Cryptogram: *Then I saw a new
heaven and a new earth.*

ANSWER KEY

