

## **OBSERVING THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES**

Leviticus 23 clearly lists God's Holy Days. Notice that God calls them HIS. The first Holy Day He mentions is the weekly Sabbath (see my article on "An Overview of the Holy Days" for more Sabbath information). Also, remember that in the Ten Commandments God says, "REMEMBER the Sabbath Day and KEEP it holy. God made it holy and we are to KEEP it holy.

The Holy Days picture the purpose and plan God is working out on earth through humans. Man is ignorant of the purpose of human life because he has REJECTED God's Holy Days.

Following is a written copy of a sermon I gave on Jesus' Millennial Reign on Earth. Please study it together with the other sermon given last year at the Feast of Tabernacles.

## **JESUS MILLENNIAL REIGN ON EARTH**

It seems strange to bring up a subject from the Bible and realize that practically no one knows what you are talking about. The Bible makes very specific and dogmatic statements on the key issues of life itself and yet most people just do not get the point. The holy people of old were able to forge forward and please God because they actually saw and envisioned God in their daily lives.

We today have a much more difficult time because the truths of God have been so watered down or changed they are no longer recognized as coming from God.

There are many subjects from which we could choose but the topic of Jesus millennial rule on earth will clearly illustrate the point.

Let me ask a few questions to illustrate the point. What do you actually know about Jesus return to this earth? Do you know why He is returning? If "Christians" are flitting off to heaven the moment they die then why would Christ need to return to earth?

At this point I feel the need to give each of you a word of caution. What you are hearing over this Witness program through The Living God Ministry are the actual words of God. But you need to understand a very basic point before we proceed. Jesus Christ Himself stated emphatically that NO ONE CAN COME TO CHRIST (become a true Christian) unless or until God the Father chooses him (John 6:44). Repeatedly the Bible states that the rest of mankind has been blinded LEST THEY UNDERSTAND! Let us consider some of these verses.

John 12:39-40 "For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere: He (God) has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes nor understand with their hearts, nor turn - - and I would heal them."

Romans 11:7-8 “What then? What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain BUT THE ELECT DID (those specifically called by God). The others were blinded, as it is written: “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see and ears so they could not hear to this very day””

1 Corinthians 1:26-28 shows God has seldom chosen the wise, noble and educated of this world as HIS ELECT or CHOSEN ONES but rather chooses the weak and less noble to confound and confuse those who think of themselves as wise. It is an unbelievable privilege to be one of THE CHOSEN.

2 Corinthians 4:4 The “god” of this world has blinded the minds of people so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. “ The “god” of this world is Satan the devil.

These are just some of the points we need to understand if we hope to grasp what God is doing through humans in this life.

Let us get on with the main message - - Jesus millennial rule on earth.

Jesus Christ is returning to this earth. The Feast of Trumpets, which we just observed, pictures Christ’s return. But this time when He comes He will be coming as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS (Revelation 17:14) and no human can stand in His presence.

**THERE WILL BE NO ATHEISTS OR DOUBTERS THEN SINCE HUMAN BEINGS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DENY THE EXISTENCE OF JESUS CHRIST WHEN HE COMES IN HIS GLORIFIED STATE.**

Once Christ returns to this earth, we, (who have truly served Him according to the instructions in the Bible) will be given positions of rulership in His kingdom. We will be changed from mortal to immortal once He comes. Thus we will become AT ONE WITH GOD which is depicted or pictured by the Day of Atonement

Then the millennial reign of Christ (See Revelation 20:4) begins. This is pictured or depicted by the Feast of Tabernacles

It is absolutely necessary that Jesus Christ return to this earth. We find in Matthew 24:21-22 just how terrible those days will be as He returns to earth. If He did not return and stop humans there would be no flesh saved alive on earth.

Christ returns with the sound of a trumpet call (Matthew 24: 31, I Corinthians 15:50-54 and I Thessalonians 4:13-18).

You need to jot those scriptures down and study them carefully and prayerfully so as to understand what God is holding out to you IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE ONE OF THOSE GOD THE FATHER HAS SELECTED FOR HIS FAMILY.

Let me repeat those verses again for you: Matthew 24:31, Christ returns to earth with the sound of the last trumpet and God’s true people are gathered from the four corners of the earth.

I Corinthians 15:50-54, Christ returns at the last trump and God’s true saints raised from the dead or those still alive as human beings will be changed from mortal to immortal.

I Thessalonians 4:14-18, Christ returns to the earth at the last trump and the dead in Christ (dead true Christians) will be resurrected to life again and those still living will be changed to spirit beings.

Let us pay careful attention to Revelation 20:4-6, which shows that when Christ returns to this earth He resurrects those who have been faithful to Him during their lifetimes. As verse 6 states, those resurrected beings (true saints of God) will REIGN WITH CHRIST A THOUSAND YEARS.

This is describing events of the future or else God is a liar. There is an Almighty God working out a tremendous purpose through human beings.

Ironically many claim to "believe in" God but they do not even know what He teaches and what He is going to require of us humans. Life is running out for each one of us. We do not know what tomorrow will hold for us. But TOMORROW is coming. The kingdom of God is coming to this earth. David will be resurrected and made king over Israel.

Ezekiel 37 gives part of the events to transpire when Christ returns. Please study this chapter carefully. This is speaking of the time when Christ returns to earth and establishes all the 12 tribes of Israel in their original inheritance. Vs. 22 states that Israel and Judah will never again be divided into two nations but united as one with ONE KING OVER THEM.

Vs. 23 God says they will become His people and He will be their God.

Vs. 24 David will be resurrected from the dead and become the king over all the tribes of Israel

Vs. 26 God will then make an everlasting covenant with, not only Israel, but the whole of mankind.

Those whom God calls and selects from the non-Israelite countries will be made rulers over the people of their race during the millennial reign of Christ on earth.

Vs. 27 God's dwelling will be among these people and they will know God.

Zechariah 14 picks up the story and shows a few more points

Let us read these

Vs. 1-4 On that day Christ's feet will stand on the Mount of Olives

Vs. 8-9 Living waters will flow from Jerusalem. This means NOT JUST clean and pure drinking water but THE WATERS OF LIFE

As verse 9 says, Christ will be Lord over all the earth. Other passages show we will be right there with Him as He ushers in His kingdom

Vs. 11 Jerusalem will never be destroyed again.

Vs. 11 through rest of chapter: Current events show how Jerusalem will become the focal point of what will become World War III - - the "East" against the "West." The Crusades of the middle ages were only a type of the ultimate conflict between the Muslim world and those calling themselves "Christians" of the "West" led by the Catholic Church. There will be an invading army coming down against Jerusalem made up of 200 million soldiers (Revelation 9:16). This time period is the specific time that Christ must intervene so as to prevent mankind from destroying all life on this earth. As we find in Zechariah 14:12, the flesh of those armies (who will actually be fighting against Christ when He returns to earth) will melt away from their bones and their eyes and tongues will dissolve. Revelation 11:19-21 describes Christ

returning to earth as a conquering king and the destruction of those who dare attempt to fight against Him. It is during this time that the false prophet of Revelation (the Pope of Rome) will be revealed for who he truly is.

Then, as Zechariah 14:16-21 show, all humans LEFT ALIVE ON EARTH will be required to keep God's Feast of Tabernacles.

Isaiah 35 shows how blessed the entire earth will be under the rulership of Jesus Christ and His true people who will then be spirit beings and help Him rule the entire earth.

This one thousand-year reign of Jesus Christ on earth prepares the earth for the events described in Revelation 21 when God the Father brings His throne to this earth.

At that time we will have passed from this human existence into the spirit realm.

Jesus millennial rule will show that humans can and will obey the spiritual laws of God so as to have their physical composition changed to spirit.

The beginning of this glorious time is just ahead of us.

We have the privilege of being a part of this glorious time and will be used by Jesus Christ and God the Father to bring many more sons and daughters to glory. And to be a part of making this earth blossom like a rose? Wow, what a future!

Can you imagine what this earth could be like if it had no war, no disease, no sickness, rain in due season and all the other blessings of God FOR A THOUSAND YEARS?

You and I have the opportunity to assist Jesus Christ in bringing about this glorious plan.

He holds this out to us.

Can you grasp the calling God holds out to you?

Can you take hold of it and let nothing distract you from that plan?

Keep in mind - - Jesus Christ is returning to this earth  
He will rule this earth for one thousand years  
True saints of God will help Him rule

You really should study these scriptures and also request the material we offer.

You truly can have part in this glorious future.

The millennial reign of Christ on earth is available to you.

As you keep the feast this year, keep ever in mind that it pictures your ultimate purpose of being a member of the very family of God

God will use you to bring peace, happiness and prosperity to your family members who really do not know God at this time or your ancestors who have long since been dead. [These people will be

resurrected and given their chance for salvation during what is called "The Last Great Day" - - see the information I will be sending the last festival of the year.]

You will be used by Christ to take the true knowledge of God to the entire world beginning with your own country.

Carefully study Romans 8:19 and note that the whole creation is WAITING WITH GREAT EXPECTATION for you personally and individually to become that spiritual son of God in the family of God.

Once we are in the spiritual family of God, the whole creation then will be given the chance to be LIBERATED FROM THIS HUMAN BONDAGE AND BROUGHT INTO THE GLORIOUS FREEDOM OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD (Romans 8:20-21).

And as verse 23 states, we ourselves groan inwardly as we struggle with this human flesh even though we are God's firstfruits - - we groan as we await the redemption (changing) of our bodies.

And you and I have been given the opportunity to be a very important part of this plan and to help Jesus Christ carry this plan out.

This should excite each one of us greatly

I pray that it does excite you and that I can learn of your excitement from reports of your feast celebration.

May the Great God of the universe we serve be with you during this festival is our earnest prayer!