

FEAST OF TABERNACLES LAST GREAT DAY

Introduction

Today we celebrate the eighth day, which Jesus Christ called the last, the great day of this feast of the Lord. We rejoice on the many manifold blessings of the Almighty! This day is a sabbath and holy convocation. Gathering in the fruit of the land has included the Lord providing for us in more ways than we can count. The Lord's provision has moved beyond our needs to include our desires, both physically and spiritually. May we celebrate this feast with excited anticipation at the hope for the future that is to come.

Memory Verse: Isaiah 64:4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

Biblical Application

Isaiah 64 begins with an intense longing for the Lord to rend the heavens and come down. The context of the situation is revealed by Isaiah 63:18 and 64:10-11. The adversaries of the Lord had trodden down the sanctuary, and God's house was burnt with fire. Zion was a wilderness and Jerusalem a desolation. In the midst of difficult times and oppression from their adversaries, Isaiah desired for the Lord to appear and show his power. His confession and repentance were combined with a hope for the future. By faith, he knew that the Lord had a plan for the future that was greater than he could imagine. The Apostle Paul also experienced persecution and adversity; he made a similar groan with an earnest desire to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven (II Corinthians 5:4). This eighth day points to the future new heavens and new earth which the Lord promised. As we encounter adversity and hardship in this life, may the Holy Ghost reveal the future hope that God has prepared for us. This world is not our home. We are strangers and pilgrims passing through. He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

- Longing for the Lord. Isaiah 64:1-12; I Corinthians 2:1-13
- The new heavens and new earth. Revelation 21:1-27
- The Lord has blessed with increase. Deuteronomy 16:13-16

Everyday Life Application

Compare and contrast the characteristics of those that have a part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone with those that are called sons in Revelation 21.