

**FEAST OF TABERNACLES****Introduction**

In Leviticus 23:41, the Lord said, Ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. The Hebrew word \*(chagag) translated celebrate is a verb and means to move in a circle, i.e., specifically to march in a sacred procession, to observe a festival; by implication, to be giddy (Strong's Dictionary). The same word was used by Moses and Aaron in their first approach to Pharaoh when they said, thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness (Exodus 5:1). The phrase: that they may hold a feast is chagag. Exodus 5:1 marks the point at which the Lord began to implement his plan for the celebration of his feasts. At that time, there was a future application of the feasts. There remains a future application for us today. This feast points prophetically to the 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ when He returns to earth.

**Memory Verse:** James 5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

**Biblical Application**

James 5:7 exhorts us to be patient until the coming of the Lord. He compares the long patience (to be long-spirited, i.e., (objectively) forbearing) of a farmer as he waits (await, look for, expect) for the early and later rain to help produce fruit of the earth (Strong's Dictionary). Along with patience, believers are encouraged to establish (to set fast, i.e., literally to turn resolutely in a certain direction, or to confirm) their hearts. There is urgency in the responsibility to establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. The need for each individual to establish their heart occurs despite having received a new heart. James gives a practical application on establishing your hearts and points to the patience of the prophets and Job. We must endure, maintaining focus on what Scripture has already revealed about the Lord. Jesus taught about some of the signs that would occur in the sun, moon, stars, and the distress of nations before his return. One of the signs will be men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken

(Luke 21:25-26). As we march in the sacred procession of the Lord's feasts, may we establish our hearts. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry (Hebrews 10:36-37).

- Establish your hearts. James 5:7-19
- When shall these things be? Luke 21:5-38, Revelation 20:1-15
- Keep the feast. Leviticus 23:33-44

### **Everyday Life Application**

Does the Bible say we will observe this feast in the future? How can you convince others of the current relevance of this feast?