

FEAST OF TRUMPETS**Introduction**

May we celebrate this feast of the Lord with hope of its future fulfillment. The Scriptures are clear that in this life we will have tribulation (John 16:33). Job described our lives in this way: Man, that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not (Job 14:1-2). In this life we have times of joy and sorrow. Solomon sought to understand life's difficulties. And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven: this sore travail (adversity in employment/affairs) hath God given to the sons of man to be exercised therewith (Strong's Dictionary) (Ecclesiastes 6:12). There are some things we encounter in this life that we may never understand.

Memory Verse: I Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Biblical Application

I Corinthians 15 proclaims the resurrection of Jesus Christ with surety. Paul looked to a future time when the corruption we experience in this body would be changed. This mortal body is subject to decline and disease as a result of the sin of the first Adam. Heart disease, cancer, arthritis, pain, etc., are all a result of sin that caused corruption and mortality. However, the last Adam, Jesus Christ, overcame death and the grave in his resurrection from the dead. We are all fading away as a flower and will one day encounter death (unless Jesus returns while we are alive). As you navigate the troubles and sore travail of this life, do not lose hope! One day, this mortal must put on immortality; this corruption will be raised in incorruption. This natural body will go away, and we shall be raised a spiritual body. As we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Rest assured, you will receive a new body; flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption (I Corinthians 15:49-50). Job asked a rhetorical question If a man die, shall he live again? May we reach the same conclusion as Job did. All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change

come (Job 14:14). Be diligent to stay focused on the hope of the last trump and return of Jesus Christ!

- Till my change comes. Job 14:1-15; 19:25-27
- The last trump will sound. I Corinthians 15:1-58
- Comfort one another with the Word. I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Everyday Life Application

I Corinthians 15 concludes with an exhortation to action because we possess the victory in Christ. How are you fulfilling this call to action?