

Every Day Is A Feast!

Exo 34:22 "You shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks, that is, the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year.

Exo 34:23 "Three times a year all your males are to appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel.

Exo 34:24 "For I will drive out nations before you and enlarge your borders, and no man shall covet your land when you go up three times a year to appear before the LORD your God.

In the book of Exodus God told Israel that if they would appear before God three times a year that He would drive out their enemies, enlarge their borders, and that no one would come in to take their land. The three times that they were to appear before the Lord involved feasts. These feasts represented something the Lord wanted His people to remember. In remembering what these feasts were about led the people to live consecrated lives to the Lord. The three feasts that every Israelite had to attend each year in Jerusalem was the Feast of Pentacost, the Feast of First Fruits, and the Feast of Tabernacles.

To a Jew these feasts meant:

1. Feast of Pentecost- This was to remember the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai.
2. Feast of First fruits- This is when a sheaf of grain was waved before the Lord that insured all the rest of the harvest would be holy to God
3. Feast of Tabernacles- This was a reminder to the people of Israel that they lived in booths after they were delivered from Egypt. This feast also was to remind the people that one day their Messiah would come and tabernacle with His people

If the Jews kept these three feasts then God promised victory over their enemies, increase, and protection.

These Feasts all represented what Jesus would come and accomplish for all of mankind. The Jews did not see the full meaning of these feasts back then. Today a Christian can celebrate these feasts every single day! To the Christian these feasts mean:

1. Feast of Pentecost- This was fulfilled with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It brought in the age of grace to replace the Law. The Holy Spirit came to fill us with power. This feast is celebrated each time we pray in tongues before God.

2. Feast of First Fruits- This feast was fulfilled when Jesus was raised from the dead as the first fruit. The morning Jesus was raised from the dead the priests were waving the sheaf of grain before the Lord. Jesus resurrection was a sign that our sins are all forgiven and we have new resurrection life and one day would have resurrection bodies like His. We are new creatures in Christ. We were raised together with Him! We celebrate this feast by believing and confessing who we are in Christ and what we have because of it.

3. Feast of Tabernacles- This feast is fulfilled in a Christian's life because God has come to permanently dwell in the heart of the believer. We have His abiding presence. We celebrate this feast by practicing the presence of God in our lives. He is always with us no matter what we are going through.

If God promised such great things to natural Israel for observing mere shadows of Christ in the Old Testament do you think that He has greater blessings when we see what these feasts mean in full reality and celebrate them by our faith? YES!

Each day as we pray in tongues we are celebrating the Feast of Pentecost. Each day when we thank God our sins are forgiven and we are born again and righteous we celebrate the Feast of First Fruits. Each day when we acknowledge and practice the presence of God in our lives we are celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles. When we pray in the Spirit, renew our minds to being born again and raised in newness of life, and practice the presence of God in our lives then every enemy will be routed out of our lives. There will be no room for them any longer! Our focus determines what we tap into- either this world or God. If we just focus on our circumstances or what we see that is what we are going to experience. If you change your focus you can have a feast.

Pro 15:15 All the days of the afflicted are bad, But a cheerful heart has a continual feast.

God will constantly increase us more and more and our borders will expand. Not only that but we will be protected from every creature both demonic and human that would want to take what belongs to us. The New Covenant is a better covenant based upon greater promises! Every day can be a feast instead of a bummer. Choose to focus on what these feasts represent and celebrate them today by faith and see the blessing and power of God released in your life!