

Opening Message For the Feast of Tabernacles

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Greetings, brethren! Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles 2026! For a lot of us, we didn't think we would get this far. For some others, they've already graduated to the grave and awaiting the resurrection. Either way, the Feast Days of God are the most important, but here is a little secret of God.

For the very important things that God is going to expand and make greater than what it appears to be, He's put it in a [obscure] place in the Bible: Lev. 23.

That's why we have the book, ***God's Plan for Mankind, Revealed by His Sabbath and Holy Days***.

This Feast of Tabernacles, we won't go through all that are listed here, but it starts out with what? *Very important*. We'll just read the first couple of verses here.

Leviticus 23:1: "And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 'Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, "**Concerning the appointed Feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim...**"'" (vs 1-2).

- not ignore
- not put to the side
- not say that it's for the Jews

because the Jews don't keep the Feast of Tabernacles the way that they should! It's like one Jewish man said: he put God on trial because of all the suffering of the Jews.

Whereas ***IF*** they would read the Bible, they would find out what they are going through ***is the penalty that they brought upon themselves when they rejected God manifested in the flesh, the only begotten of the Father, Jesus Christ!*** That has followed them wherever they go.

What they need to do is *put themselves on trial* and ***compare it with the Word of God!*** That's what we all need to do all of the time anyway. Isn't it? *Yes, indeed! The appointed Feasts.*

What was the first thing that God revealed to Adam and Eve? ***The Sabbath!*** Amazing! He kept the Sabbath with Adam and Eve.

Verse 3: "Six days shall work be done, **but the seventh day is the Sabbath of rest, a Holy**

convocation. You shall not do any work. It is a Sabbath to the LORD in all your dwellings."

Then we find out later, these are appointed in ***all*** of their generations. When you take those two little phrases and put them together, that tells us ***we need to keep the Feast of God beginning with the Sabbath!*** Everything that we have, as you will find in the book, *God's Plan for Mankind...* shows what God is doing.

But because men rebelled at God, and even like Adam and Eve. God told them, 'Don't eat of the ***Tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil***, for in a day that you eat thereof, you shall surely die.' *Satan comes along and says,*

NO! NO! NO! You won't die! I'll help you to gain eternal life *my way*. You don't have to do it God's way!

That's why we are where we are today!

When it comes down to the Feast of Tabernacles, this is one of the great Feasts of God, because everyone has wondered for centuries:

- What is God doing?
- When is Christ coming?
- When is the Kingdom of God coming on the earth?

They read it in the Bible, but they have no clue as to when it's going to come.

IF they would keep the Feast of God, and especially right now, this time of the year, *the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day*, they would know:

- these Feasts are so great
- the meaning of them is so spectacular

that it is absolutely overwhelming when we understand it:

- that God is going to do what He's going to do
- that He's going to bring the Kingdom of God on the earth

and a special thing for all of those who are in the first resurrection. We find that the book of Revelation:

- that we will be kings and priests

- that we will reign on the earth with Christ

and then a great salvation for all the rest of the nations begins!

That's when God begins to unfold His Plan in a mighty, miraculous way. One of the first things that needs to be done is to get rid of wars. You stop and think about it. Think about it this way:

Down through time, has there ever been a time where there is not a war?

How many wars have we had since the turn of the 20th century? 1900:

- Spanish-American War
- First World War
- The Cold World War
- Second World War
- Korean War
- Vietnamese War,
- Kuwait War
- Iraq War

That's just us! And whatever other wars that were going on in any other places that we weren't involved in.

Every time I watch one of these programs about archaeology unearthing things in the dirt and between the rocks, I think about:

- When has there ever been a time when there is no war? *Yet, everybody says they're working for peace!*
- Remember when the League of Nations came around? *They said that this is going to bring peace to the world.*

That lasted long enough for Hitler to get going, and the Japanese to go in the Far East. Wars didn't stop, ***but only God can stop wars!*** That's what this Feast of Tabernacles pictures.

Isaiah 2:1: "The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass, in the last days the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it" (vs 1-2).

That's the only one world government that's going to work!

- has to be by God
- has to be with His Spirit
- has to be with His Laws

Men will never learn that peace can never last! ***Only IF God brings it!***

Verse 3: "And many people shall go and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, ***and we will walk in His paths.***'"

That will be for those nations who will submit to the power of Jesus Christ, and 'the government, shall be upon His shoulders' (Isa. 9)!

"...For out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (vs 3-4).

Just stop and think about how much money and wealth has been spent on war.

- What's the current budget for just America this year? *One and a half trillion dollars!*
- Do we have peace yet?
- Is Donald Trump going to be like one plaque sent to him said, the Prince of Peace? ***No! It will only be Jesus Christ!***

Then they have to change their ways. They have to:

- learn the way of God
- learn the way of Truth
- understand what God wants

That's what the Feast of Tabernacles is all about: ***to bring salvation to the world!***

Isaiah 11—Here's what it's going to be like during the Millennium. Even though we can read these words and see them, and know what they will bring, ***it's going to be an amazing thing to see it happen!***

Isaiah 11:1: "And there shall come forth a shoot out from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him..." (vs 1-2).

Everything that is missing in the ability of men to come to peace, resides in Christ. But will they come to Him God's way? ***No!***

Verse 2: "And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the

Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. And His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. And He shall not judge according to the sight of His eyes, nor after the hearing of His ears. But with righteousness..." (vs 2-4).

This is a key important thing for the Feast of Tabernacles. We will see in John 7 that during the Feast of Tabernacles, Jesus told the religious leaders: **judge righteous judgment!** We have a whole series that we've done concerning Feast of Tabernacles and *Judge Righteous Judgment*, and we have a whole booklet entitled, **Judge Righteous Judgment**.

Because that's what needs to be done. Look at what we have with the courts today. They're a farce, they're satanic.

Verse 4: "But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and shall reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. And He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked." *No more, what we're seeing happen today!*

Verse 5: "And **righteousness** shall be the girdle of His loins, and **faithfulness** the girdle of His reins. Also, the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the cub lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them" (vs 5-6).

Now that's quite a thing, because it shows that the knowledge of the Word of God is going to be like the oceans that cover the earth. That's what it says.

Verse 9: "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My Holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be the Root of Jesse standing as a banner for the people; **to Him the nations shall seek; and His rest shall be glorious**" (vs 9-10). *That's what the Feast of Tabernacles pictures!*

- the Kingdom of God
- the peace of God
- the rest of God

No more toil in sin!

Verse 11: And it shall come to pass in that day, the LORD shall again set His hand, the second time, to recover the remnant of His people that remains, from Assyria and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Ethiopia, and from Persia, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the coasts

of the sea. And He shall lift up a banner for the nations, and shall gather the outcasts of Israel and gather together the scattered ones of Judah **from the four corners of the earth**" (vs 11-12).

That's a great peace which is coming! That's what this Feast of Tabernacles pictures for the world:

- end of war
- end of armies
- end of bombs
- end of all the implements of killing and death, to wage war

Of course, we know when we read Rev. 20, that before the institution of the Feast of Tabernacles, **Satan is put in prison, because Satan is the one that causes all of this!**

Verse 16: "And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people, those left from Assyria; as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt." *They're all going to be brought back!*

Then **Babylon is going to be brought down, the whole world system!**

God has something special for us. All of those in the first resurrection, Rev. 20. Then we will look at some Psalms that give us great encouragement of what is coming and what we can look forward to **as pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles and God's great plan!**

Revelation 20:4—*after the Satan is put away: "And I saw thrones..."—types of authority.*

Christ said to the Church at Thyatira, 'You rule the nations with a rod of iron.' That **doesn't mean** you're going to beat them down as a dictator. *That means that **the rod of iron composes the laws of God, the Truth of God, and there's no way you're going to bend it or change it!*** That's what it is.

"...they that sat upon them, **and judgment was given to them...**" (v 4)

- we're going to teach
- we're going to help
- we're going to inspire

and people will come into conversion!

They will live a hundred years as will be explained by some of the other messages that are coming. Then they will be changed at that time **from flesh to spirit beings!**

Verse 4: “And I saw thrones; and they that sat upon them...” **That’s us! We’re going to rule and reign with Christ!** *What a picture it is for us!*

- that’s why we’re here for the Feast of Tabernacles
- that’s why we learn the things that we learn here

We know that ***Christ is going to keep His Word!***

- Christ is going to return
- the Kingdom of God is going to be set up
- wars will cease
- the knowledge of God will increase like ‘the waters that cover the sea’

Verse 4: “And I saw thrones; and they that sat upon them, and judgment was given to them...” *That’s something!*

Judgment! Righteous judgment! That’s what we read that Christ is going to do.

“...and I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and those who did not worship the beast or his image, and did not receive the mark in their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years” (v 4).

That’s quite a thing! That’s a major part of God’s Plan!

Verse 5: “(But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were completed.)...” *God has a whole lot more!*

That’s why when you read Lev. 23 for the Feast of Tabernacles, that’s seven days. **Then there is the eighth day! That eighth day will even be greater than everything that happens during the Millennium!**

Think about that! ***God’s way is so great, mighty, righteous, good, fantastic that He has devised it this way!*** Let’s see what else here.

Verse 6: “Blessed and Holy...”—*that’s what God says of us.*

- Are those not qualities of God?
- “Blessed and Holy”? ***Yes!***
- Will we be the sons and daughters of God? ***Yes, we will!***
- Will we be in the Family of God? ***Yes, we will!***
- Are we going to rule and reign with Christ a thousand years? ***Yes, we will!***

Verse 6: “Blessed and Holy is the one who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power. But they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.” *That’s quite a thing!*

Part of the eighth day is going to picture one of the greatest fantastic things that are ever going to take place, ***and that is the coming of New Jerusalem.***

Psa. 91—Let’s see what we have here. This will be good, because these are special Psalms kind of put in sequence ***for us:***

- who will be of that first resurrection
- who will be appointed as kings and priests and rule and reign with Christ

Psalm 91:1: “He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”

That’s all of us now for the promise to be delivered as we read in Rev. 20.

Verse 2: “I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, **in Whom I will trust.**’”

- that’s how we’re going to get there
- that’s how we’re going to resist the Mark of the Beast
- that’s how we’re going to resist the things that’ll be coming in this world

“...‘He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in Whom I will trust.’ Surely He will deliver you from the fowler’s trap and from the destroying pestilence” (vs 2-3).

And we will be! The first resurrection will deliver us from all of those things!

Verse 4: “He shall cover you with His feathers...” *That means a close personal relationship with God, close personal protection from God!*

“...and under His wings you shall take refuge. His Truth shall be your shield and buckler. You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flies by day, nor for the plague that walks in darkness, nor for the destruction laying waste at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand; it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes you shall behold and see the recompense of the wicked” (vs 4-8).

We will be able to see that, all of that leading up to entering into the Kingdom of God. How are we going to do that?

Verse 9: “Because you have made the LORD, Who is my refuge, even the Most High, your habitation.” ***That’s what God promises!***

Verse 14—**LORD God speaking:** “‘Because he has set his love upon Me...’” ***That’s prophecy of Christ, but also a prophecy of us!***

- Has God set His love upon us? **Yes!**
- Has He given us His Truth? **Yes!**
- Has He forgiven our sins? **Yes!**
- Has He given us His Holy Spirit? **Yes!**

All of those things are there!

“...therefore, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation” (vs 14-16). ***That’s eternal life!***

Psa. 93-96 talks about *the reign of God!*. We won’t go through all of them, but they follow along with ***the Lord reigns!***

Remember what we read, He’s going to be King over all the earth Just think what that’s going to be like.

Psalm 93:1: “The LORD reigns; He is clothed with majesty; the LORD is clothed with strength. He clothed Himself and the world also is established; it shall not be moved. Your throne is established of old; You are from everlasting” (vs 1-2).

So that’s quite a thing! It’s going to be all of it there.

Verse 4: “The LORD on high is mightier than the thunders of many waters, yea, mightier than the mighty waves of the sea. Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house forever, O LORD” (vs 4-5).

Let’s see what we have here in Psalm 96. This is all part of it and all what we’re going to share in the fulfilling of the Feast of Tabernacles for all of those in the first resurrection:

- special blessing
- special office
- special sons and daughters of God to rule the world

That’s going to be quite a thing!

Psalm 96:1: “O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.”

I don’t know what that’s going to be like. What is the sound going to be like on a Holy Day or a Sabbath Day ***when the whole world is keeping those days and they’re singing praise to God!***

- no more fighting
- no more warring
 - ✓ the Love of God
 - ✓ the Truth of God
 - ✓ the Grace of God
 - ✓ the Righteousness of God
 - ✓ the Peace of God

Verse 2: “Sing to the LORD, bless His name; proclaim His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among **ALL** people” (vs 2-3).

- that’s our mission
- that’s what we are to do

Don’t look around us and think *we’re not very many today!* Remember this, before anything came to Abraham, God told Him, ‘Look to the heavens and count the stars **IF** you’re able to number them, **so shall your seed be.**’

Abraham had no idea of the great and awesome Plan that God was going to unfold bit by bit after that; **until we come to today when we have a great deal of understanding of what His Sabbath and Holy Days actually mean!**

“...**ALL** people, for the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods, for all the gods of the nations are idols...” (v 3-5). *They’re all gone now.* Here’s what it’s going to do:

Verse 6: “**Honor and majesty are before Him...** [that’s how we’re going to worship God] ...strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. Ascribe to the LORD, O you kindreds of the people; give to the LORD glory and strength” (vs 6-7).

That’s what we need to do during this Feast of Tabernacles, ***look at what God is going to do!***

- thank Him in our prayers
- praise Him for His love
- thank Him for His understanding
- thank Him for all that He has to give to us

That’s amazing!

Verse 8: “Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to His name; bring an offering and come into His courts. O worship the LORD **in the beauty of Holiness...**” (vs 8-9). *What is that going to be like?*

- all of us together
- all of us in glory
- all of us in spirit being

and we come to worship God in the beauty of Holiness!

We have never yet experienced that at all, but that’s going to be something!

- this is special for the Church
- this is special for those in the first resurrection

Verse 10: “Say among the nations, ‘**The LORD reigns...**’”

Isn’t that what we read in Rev. 20? *We’ll rule and reign with Christ!* There it is right here.

‘The LORD reigns, **and the world shall be established...**’” (v 10)

The whole purpose of the world and all human beings. What a time that will be ***and all will know it!***

“‘...it shall not be moved; He shall judge the people with righteousness.’ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad...” (vs 10-11). *That’s the whole meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles!*

- taking away the sin
- taking away the wars
- taking away the sickness and disease
- taking away the hatred
- taking away the animosity
- everyone loving and serving God
- everyone loving each other

Psalms 97:1: “The LORD reigns; **let the earth rejoice...**”

What is that going to be like? You turn on your news today and what do we see?

- the earth mourns
- the earth is in trouble
- the earth is in wars
- the earth is in disasters and sickness

*Here it is **rejoice!***

Psalms 99:1: “The LORD reigns; let the

people tremble. He sits between the cherubim; let the earth quake. The LORD is great in Zion, and He is high above all the people. Let them praise Your name as great and awesome; Holy is He. The strength of the King also loves justice; You established uprightness; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God and worship at His footstool, for He is Holy” (vs 1-5).

That’s quite a thing, isn’t it? An amazing thing indeed!

Psa. 100—a short little Psalm, and we will end with this as a welcoming to the Feast of Tabernacles 2026.

- a time of love
- a time of gathering
- a time of serving God
- a time of drinking in of His Word and His Truth
- a time of putting it together so we understand what God is doing

Psalms 100:1: “Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.”

I don’t know what that’s going to sound like, but what’s it going to be like that on a given moment or a given time, everyone on earth assembled wherever they are assembled, ***will all shout for joy to God!*** It’s going to happen.

Verse 2: “Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God. He has made us, and we are His; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture” (vs 2-3).

The whole substance of the Feast of Tabernacles right there for the whole world.

- that’s what’s going to happen
- that’s why we keep the Feast
- that’s why we come together
- that’s why we look at the things we need to look at
- that’s why we change and grow and overcome
- that’s why the things we need to repent of, we *repent of*

The things that we need to grow in grace and knowledge in, *we ask God to help us grow in knowledge and all of that.*

Verse 3: “Know that the LORD, He is God. He has made us, and we are His; we are His people

and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates **with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; give thanks unto Him and bless His name**” (vs 3-4).

Think of this when you come to Rev. 20, ***that we will see God face to face***. How are we going to do it? *This one verse tells us:*

- in love
- in Truth
- in greatness
- in joy
- in absolute worship of God

“...give thanks unto Him and bless His name, for the LORD is good; His steadfast love is everlasting; and His faithfulness endures to all generations” (vs 4-5).

This gives us a brief introduction for the Feast of Tabernacles, where:

- we can come before God
- we can learn of His Word
- we can live by it
- we can rejoice in it
- where we’re able to get together with the brethren, rejoice with them

Thank God! Have the fellowship that you need and the closeness that you need.

All of those things come with the keeping of the Feast of Tabernacles now. **But look forward to the time when we will be the sons and daughters ruling and reigning and serving God the Father and Jesus Christ in righteousness and truth and bringing peace to the whole world!**

That the knowledge of God will cover the earth as the seas!

Let’s put all of this in God’s hands!

Bow your head, please. Father, we thank you very much for this Feast of Tabernacles that we’re all ready to start partaking of. Bless us with your spirit. Bless us with your knowledge, guidance, and understanding. Help us to realize the greatness of Your promises for the world, the greatness of Your promises for Your people, the greatness and promises that You have given to Jesus Christ to be King of this world, that we can serve with Him, that we can bring peace and joy to the whole world and help many enter into Your Kingdom.

We ask your blessing on this Feast of Tabernacles, wherever any of your people are keeping it. Help them with joy. Help them with love. Grant them with understanding. Open their eyes to the Truth and help us to love You with all our heart and mind and soul and being.

We commit ourselves in this Feast to You, in Jesus’ name, Amen!

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