

Rivers of Living Water

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John 7

10 But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

11 Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, "Where is He?"

12 And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, "He is good"; others said, "No, on the contrary, He deceives the people."

13 However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

14 Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.

15 And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"

16 Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

17 "If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.

18 "He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

19 "Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"

20 The people answered and said, "You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?"

21 Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel.

22 "Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

23 "If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?

24 "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

25 Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill?"

26 "But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ?

27 "However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from."

28 Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in the temple, saying, "You both know Me, and you know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

29 "But I know Him, for I am from Him, and He sent Me."

30 Therefore they sought to take Him; but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

31 And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?"

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him.

33 Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me.

34 "You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come."

35 Then the Jews said among themselves, "Where does He intend to go that we shall not find Him? Does He intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?"

36 "What is this thing that He said, 'You will seek Me and not find Me, and where I am you cannot come'?"

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

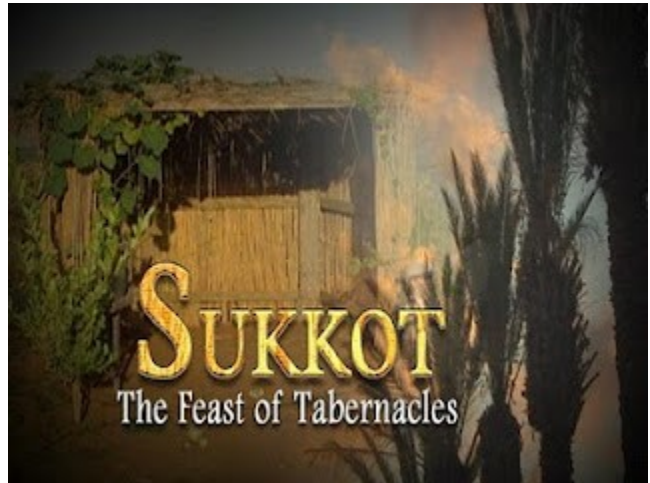
The Feast of Tabernacles, Ingathering, Sukkot,

Deuteronomy 16

13 "You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress.

14 "And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates.

15 "Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the LORD your God in the place which the LORD chooses, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice.



Leviticus 23

33 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

34 "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days to the LORD.

35 'On the first day there shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work on it.

36 'For seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation, and you shall offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a sacred assembly, and you shall do no customary work on it.

37 'These are the feasts of the LORD which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering and a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink offerings, everything on its day-

38 'besides the Sabbaths of the LORD, besides your gifts, besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill offerings which you give to the LORD.

39 'Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the LORD for seven days; on the first day there shall be a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest.

40 'And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

41 'You shall keep it as a feast to the LORD for seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month.

42 'You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths,

43 'that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.'"

44 So Moses declared to the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.



Nehemiah 8

13 Now on the second day the heads of the fathers' houses of all the people, with the priests and Levites, were gathered to Ezra the scribe, in order to understand the words of the Law.

14 And they found written in the Law, which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month,

15 and that they should announce and proclaim in all their cities and in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the mountain, and bring olive

branches, branches of oil trees, myrtle branches, palm branches, and branches of leafy trees, to make booths, as it is written."

16 Then the people went out and brought them and made themselves booths, each one on the roof of his house, or in their courtyards or the courts of the house of God, and in the open square of the Water Gate and in the open square of the Gate of Ephraim.

17 So the whole assembly of those who had returned from the captivity made booths and sat under the booths; for since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness.

18 Also day by day, from the first day until the last day, he read from the Book of the Law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day there was a sacred assembly, according to the prescribed manner.



Zechariah 14

16 And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.

18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

20 In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.



Options if you want rain:

1. Observe the Feast with the Messianic Jews
2. Initiate your own feast of worship and thanksgiving
3. Maintain a heart and spirit of worship and gratefulness to God for His blessings.
4. Make sure that your next door neighbor does one of these things!

Tabernacles Today

The following pictures are from this website:

http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/2011/10/sukkot_a_celebration.html





Christ in the Feast of Tabernacles:

The Hallel: Psalms 113 – 118 (See below)

Jesus Christ is the Cause of our Thanksgiving

Colossians 2

16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths,

17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.



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The First Thanksgiving



PRACTICAL APPLICATION

1. We are Pilgrims
2. God is our source
3. Worship & Giving of Thanks is an act of the will – not just an emotion
4. Being Grateful is serious business with God
5. Choosing to give thanks allows the Living Water of the Holy Spirit to flow through you.

Psalms 113

1 Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, Praise the name of the LORD!
2 Blessed be the name of the LORD From this time forth and forevermore!
3 From the rising of the sun to its going down The LORD'S name is to be praised.
4 The LORD is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens.
5 Who is like the LORD our God, Who dwells on high,
6 Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?
7 He raises the poor out of the dust, And lifts the needy out of the ash heap,
8 That He may seat him with princes-With the princes of His people.
9 He grants the barren woman a home, Like a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD!

Psalms 114

1 When Israel went out of Egypt, The house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
2 Judah became His sanctuary, And Israel His dominion.
3 The sea saw it and fled; Jordan turned back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams, The little hills like lambs.
5 What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back?
6 O mountains, that you skipped like rams? O little hills, like lambs?
7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, At the presence of the God of Jacob,
8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of waters.

Psalms 115

1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, **But to Your name give glory, Because of Your mercy, Because of Your truth.**
2 Why should the Gentiles say, "So where is their God?"
3 But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.
4 Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, **but they do not speak**; Eyes they have, **but they do not see**;
6 They have ears, **but they do not hear**; Noses they have, **but they do not smell**;
7 They have hands, **but they do not handle**; Feet they have, **but they do not walk**;
Nor do they mutter through their throat.
8 Those who make them are like them; **So is everyone who trusts in them.**
9 O Israel, trust in the LORD; **He is their help and their shield.**
10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD; **He is their help and their shield.**
11 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; **He is their help and their shield.**
12 The LORD has been mindful of us; He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.
13 He will bless those who fear the LORD, Both small and great.
14 May the LORD give you increase more and more, You and your children.
15 May you be blessed by the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.
16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD'S; But the earth He has given to the children of men.
17 The dead do not praise the LORD, Nor any who go down into silence.
18 But we will bless the LORD From this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Psalms 116

- 1 I love the LORD, because He has heard My voice and my supplications.
- 2 Because He has inclined His ear to me, Therefore I will call upon Him as long as I live.
- 3 The pains of death surrounded me, And the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I found trouble and sorrow.
- 4 Then I called upon the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I implore You, deliver my soul!"
- 5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; Yes, our God is merciful.
- 6 The LORD preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.
- 7 Return to your rest, O my soul, For the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- 8 For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, And my feet from falling.
- 9 I will walk before the LORD In the land of the living.
- 10 I believed, therefore I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted."
- 11 I said in my haste, "All men are liars."
- 12 What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me?
- 13 I will take up the cup of salvation, And call upon the name of the LORD.
- 14 I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people.
- 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD Is the death of His saints.
- 16 O LORD, truly I am Your servant; I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds.
- 17 I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the LORD.
- 18 I will pay my vows to the LORD Now in the presence of all His people,
- 19 In the courts of the LORD'S house, In the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

Psalms 117

- 1 Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!
- 2 For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

Psalms 118

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! **For His mercy endures forever.**

2 Let Israel now say, "**His mercy endures forever.**"

3 Let the house of Aaron now say, "**His mercy endures forever.**"

4 Let those who fear the LORD now say, "**His mercy endures forever.**"

5 I called on the LORD in distress; The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.

6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?

7 The LORD is for me among those who help me; Therefore I shall see my desire on those who hate me.

8 It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man.

9 It is better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes.

10 All nations surrounded me, But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

11 They surrounded me, Yes, they surrounded me; But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

12 They surrounded me like bees; They were quenched like a fire of thorns; For in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.

13 You pushed me violently, that I might fall, But the LORD helped me.

14 The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation.

15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation Is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted; The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.

17 I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the LORD.

18 The LORD has chastened me severely, But He has not given me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD, Through which the righteous shall enter.

21 I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation.

22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This was the LORD'S doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

25 Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.

27 God is the LORD, And He has given us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.

28 You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You.

29 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.