

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

DAY 7 ...OUR GLORIOUS FUTURE

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During the Feast period we look towards the future.

It is good to dwell on what lies ahead for us (and the world) ... but not only where we will be ... but ... who we will be then.

Romans 8:16-18 (NKJV)

16 **The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.**

17 **and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.** *(We co-inherit with Christ)*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with **the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

Paul comprehended the total contrast.

When his circumstances were difficult (often!) ... he no doubt looked ahead.

Even from the very beginning it's hinted at.

Genesis 1:26-27 (NKJV)

26 Then **God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; (just like Him with more of His type of character and nature. Man's abilities are far greater than any animal ... there is no comparison)** let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 **So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.** *(The greatest of His creation)*

God here is "Elohim". Ultimately we are going to be Elohim. The God family.

Elohim = Uni-plural

- one team ... many members
- one family ... many members
- one church ... many members
- one Elohim ... many members

John 3:1-10 (NKJV)

1 **There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.**

2 **This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; (they knew who Jesus was ... but they were just being hypocrites)** for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”

3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?”

5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

7 Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you *the* teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?”

Born once ... physically ... with a father and mother ... begotten by father and 9 months later → born ... delivered from the womb. Alive and independent existence.

It pictures the spirit birth. Begotten by the Father ... time passes ... mature spiritually ... born again ... delivered from physical existence ... spirit being.

1 Corinthians 15:20-24 (NKJV)

20 **But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits (implying that there will be others) of those who have fallen asleep. (fallen asleep = dead)**

21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

22 **For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.**

23 But **each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruit, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.**

24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

How do we look? Is it the same body?

1 Corinthians 15:35-49 (NKJV)

35 But someone will say, "**How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?**"

36 Foolish one, **what you sow is not made alive unless it dies.**

37 And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain.

38 But **God gives it a body as He pleases**, and to each seed its own body.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds.

40 There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. **The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.**

43 **It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.**

44 **It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.**

45 And so it is written, "**The first man Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.**

46 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

47 **The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.**

48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, **we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.**

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (NKJV)

51 **Behold, I tell you a mystery:** We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. **For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

1 Corinthians 15:53 (NKJV)

53 **For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.** *(we are going to live on for ever and ever and ever)*

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 (NKJV)

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

55 “O Death, where is your sting?
O Hades, where is your victory?”

We shall live forever ... not just quantity ... but quality ... Kingdom Life.

This is what the saints saw ... longed for. It meant so much to them. It should for us.

Philippians 3:8-15 (NKJV)

8 Yet indeed **I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;**

10 **that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,**

11 **if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.**

12 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but **I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.**

13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,**

14 **I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.**

(The Voice) I am sprinting toward the only goal that counts: to cross the line, to win the prize

Nothing in this life compares ... gold to straw!

Daniel 12:1-3 (NKJV)

1 "At that time Michael shall stand up,
The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people;
And there shall be a time of trouble,
Such as never was since there was a nation,
Even to that time. (***The Great Tribulation ahead of us***)
And at that time your people shall be delivered,
Every one who is found written in the book.

2 **And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth** (*dead in the grave*) **shall awake,**

Some to everlasting life,

Some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 Those who are wise shall shine
Like the brightness of the firmament,
And those who turn many to righteousness
Like the stars forever and ever.

Daniel 12:13 (NKJV)

13 "**But you, go your way till the end; for you shall rest, and will arise to your inheritance at the end of the days.**"

Daniel knew. Probably tired ultimately of Babylon ... the city ... the music ... the food ... but what a future!!

We know that finally in God's kingdom ... nothing harmful ... no sin ... no rebellion ... all will live by the same high standards ... underpinned by love. Everyone has some standards.

Romans 6:22-23 (NKJV)

22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.

23 **For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

We don't earn salvation by living right ... but we can lose it by living wrong ... selfish ... rebellious ... wayward. It's our choice ... but we should see the future.

Philippians 3:17 - 4:1 (NKJV)

17 **Brethren, join in following my example**, and note those who so walk (*live*), *as you have us for a pattern*.

18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

20 **For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ,**

21 **who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body**, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Chapter 4

1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.

Let's look at Jesus' glorious body.

He will transform or change our lowly body (state of lowliness) into His state of glory.

We know a little bit about that:

- can never die
- shines brilliantly
- travel at high speed (speed of thought?)
- not limited by material/physical
- pass through walls
- rise up into the air
- travel through space

What does this look like?

Matthew 17:1-9 (NKJV)

1 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves;

2 and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light.

3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.

4 Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid.

7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

9 Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead." (*a vision of the World to come*)

Revelation 1:10-18 (NKJV)

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, (the prophesied Day of The Lord) and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band.

14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and **His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.**

17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.
18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

Our future is very similar.

Revelation 2:7 (NKJV)

7 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.” ’

Revelation 2:11 (NKJV)

11 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.” ’

Revelation 2:25-28 (NKJV)

25 But hold fast what you have till I come.
26 And **he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—**
27 “He shall rule them with a rod of iron;
They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels’—as I also have received from My Father;
28 **and I will give him the morning star.**

Revelation 3:11-12 (NKJV)

11 **Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.**
12 **He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.**

Revelation 3:20-21 (NKJV)

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. (*Jesus is standing at the door and knocking. He is outside The Church*) If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.
21 **To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.**

Revelation 3:22 (NKJV)

22 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’ ’ ”

All of this applies to all of us.

Revelation 20:4-6 (NKJV)

4 **And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.**

5 **But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.**

6 **Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such 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 coming ... and hopefully soon!!

A beautiful world ... peace ... prosperity ... interest ... challenge ... excitement ... fun ... as immortal spirit beings.

But more ... ACTUALLY BORN INTO THE GOD FAMILY.

1 John 3:1-3 (NKJV)

1 **Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!** Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

2 Beloved, **now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.** (when Christ returns ... we shall be like Him)

3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1 (NKJV)

14 **Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?**

15 And **what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?**

16 And **what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God.** As God has said:

“I will dwell in them
And walk among them.
I will be their God,
And they shall be My people.”

17 Therefore

**“Come out from among them
And be separate, says the Lord.**

**Do not touch what is unclean,
And I will receive you.”**

18 **“I will be a Father to you,
And you shall be My sons and daughters,
Says the Lord Almighty.”** (we are God’s Family already)

Chapter 7

1 **Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

Hebrews 2:5-13 (NKJV)

5 **For He has not put the world to come, of which we speak, in subjection to angels.**

6 But one testified in a certain place, saying:

“What is man that You are mindful of him,
Or the son of man that You take care of him?”

7 **You have made him a little lower than the angels;
You have crowned him with glory and honour,
And set him over the works of Your hands.**

8 **You have put all things in subjection under his feet.”** (The universe)
For in that He put all in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him.

9 **But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.**

10 For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,

12 saying:

“I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You.”

13 And again:

“I will put My trust in Him.” And again:
“Here am I and the children whom God has given Me.”

Sons of God ... daughters of God ... Jesus our brother. Not ashamed but proud to say “these are my brothers and sisters”. Glorified ... immortal ... dazzling bodies ... everlasting fellowship ... with The Father and each other.

Psalms 16:9-11 (NKJV)

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices;
My flesh also will rest in hope.

10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

11 **You will show me the path of life;**

In Your presence is fullness of joy;

At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.