

# **FEAST OF TABERNACLES**

## **THIRD DAY... KINGS IN THE WORLD TOMORROW**

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At the Feast ... we look forward to the world to come. It will be very different from today ... peace ... prosperity... health ... joy ... truth.

Not only the world that will be different ... WE will be too! You and I will be very different ... spirit bodies vs physical. Immortality vs mortal.

Another major difference is our role ... who we are and what we do. Today ...housewives ...office workers ... truck drivers ... window cleaners ... self employed tradesmen.

In the world to come ... Kings and Priests! Rulers of the world! Today ... clerk or housewife ... tomorrow ... King or Queen. Prince or Princess. A priest.

That's something worth reflecting on.

#### **Revelation 1:4-8 (NKJV)**

4 **John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:**

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

5 **and from Jesus Christ**, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth.

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

6 and **has made us kings and priests to His God and Father**, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

8 **"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."**

#### **Revelation 5:7-10 (NKJV)**

7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll,

And to open its seals;

For You were slain,

And **have redeemed us to God** by Your blood

Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

10 **And have made us kings and priests to our God;**

**And we shall reign on the earth.**” (*On the earth ... not in Heaven*)

Real! Very familiar ... but

#### **Revelation 20:1-6 (NKJV)**

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

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. (*Everyone that has died ... will live again*) 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.**

If we are to “reign” ... there must be subjects ... circumstances ... decisions to be made ... judgments to be delivered (and in the early days ... enforced).

**Daniel 7:13-14 (NKJV)**

13 "I was watching in the night visions,  
And behold, One like the Son of Man,  
Coming with the clouds of heaven!  
He came to the Ancient of Days,  
And they brought Him near before Him.

14 **Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom,**  
That all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him.  
His dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
Which shall not pass away,  
**And His kingdom the one**  
**Which shall not be destroyed.**

**Daniel 7:24-27 (NKJV)**

24 The ten horns are ten kings  
Who shall arise from this kingdom.  
And another shall rise after them;  
He shall be different from the first ones,  
And shall subdue three kings.  
25 He shall speak pompous words against the Most High,  
Shall persecute the saints of the Most High,  
And shall intend to change times and law.  
Then the saints shall be given into his hand  
For a time and times and half a time.  
26 'But the court shall be seated,  
And they shall take away his dominion,  
To consume and destroy it forever.

27 **Then the kingdom and dominion,**  
**And the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole**  
**heaven,**  
**Shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High.**  
**His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,**  
**And all dominions shall serve and obey Him.'**

We will rule over real ... physical people ... men ... women ... young and old ... nations!

**1 Peter 2:4-10 (NKJV)**

4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

5 **you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,  
“Behold, I lay in Zion

A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,

And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”

7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient,

“The stone which the builders rejected

Has become the chief cornerstone,”

8 and “A stone of stumbling

And a rock of offence.” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed.

9 **But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people**, that you may proclaim the praises

of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light;

10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

We don't need to wait to at least start learning what it means to be a King. What mind/attitude ... how does a King think? What are the key attributes of a good ... godly ...king?

There are things that we can be doing today ... though more concepts ... shadows ... but at least see the vision?

### **1 Chronicles 28:2-9 (NKJV)**

2 Then **King David** rose to his feet and said, “Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it.

3 But God said to me, ‘You shall not build a house for My name, because you have been a man of war and have shed blood.’

4 However **the Lord God of Israel chose me above all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever**, for He has chosen Judah to be the ruler. And of the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among

the sons of my father, **He was pleased with me to make me king over all Israel.**

5 And of all my sons (for the Lord has given me many sons) He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel.

6 Now He said to me, 'It is your son Solomon who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his Father.

7 **Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day.'**

8 Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the Lord, and in the hearing of our God, **be careful to seek out all the commandments of the Lord your God,** that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever.

9 "As for you, my son Solomon, **know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.**

### **1 Chronicles 28:20 (NKJV)**

20 And David said to his son Solomon, "**Be strong and of good courage,** and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord.

The king serves God. Loyal ... takes courage.

David was an experienced king. He experienced rough and smooth! He made wise decisions and foolish decisions. He wanted his son to learn ... to be faithful to God.

You and I need the same attitude. Serve loyally ... faithfully ... courageous ... observe God's ways ... good for us and for the people we reign over.

### **Deuteronomy 17:14-20 (NKJV)**

14 "When you come to the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,'

15 **you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses;** one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.

16 **But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the Lord has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.'** (Solomon did)

17 **Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.** (Solomon did)

18 **"Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book,** from the one before the priests, the Levites.

19 **And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes,**

20 that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, **(no pride ... arrogance ... superiority over others) that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom,** he and his children in the midst of Israel.

Serve God. Serve the people of God. Stick with God's ways ... don't turn aside to wealth ... self-importance or seek to domineer. Not a godly king!

#### **Matthew 20:20-28 (NKJV)**

20 **Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.**

21 And He said to her, "What do you wish?"

She said to Him, **"Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom."**

22 But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with?"

They said to Him, "We are able."

23 So He said to them, "You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, **(positions of authority)** but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father."

24 And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers.

25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

26 Yet it shall not be so among you; (*ever ... never!!*) but **whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.**

27 **And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—**

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

How are we doing? How are some others we’ve known ... doing? Understand ... believe Jesus? This is about the mind of a king.

#### **Proverbs 16:10, 11-15 (NKJV)**

10 **Divination (*inspired judgement*) is on the lips of the king; His mouth must not transgress in judgment.**

12 It is an abomination for kings to commit wickedness, For **a throne is established by righteousness.**

13 **Righteous lips are the delight of kings, And they love him who speaks what is right.**

14 As messengers of death is the king's wrath, But a wise man will appease it.

15 In the light of the king's face is life, And his favour is like a cloud of the latter rain.

#### **Proverbs 16:12 (AMP)**

12 **It is an abomination [to God and men] for kings to commit wickedness, for *a throne is established and made secure by righteousness* (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation).**

#### **Proverbs 16:13 (NIV)**

13 **Kings take pleasure in honest lips; they value the one who speaks what is right.**

There are a number of references to kings in the Book of Proverbs.

#### **Proverbs 20:28 (NKJV)**

28 **Mercy and truth preserve the king,**

**And by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.** (*Mercy/Loving Kindness= Chesed ... loyal love. Loyalty and truth upholds a king*)

The characteristics of a good king ... Chesed ... loving kindness ... faithfulness.

It preserves us ... how a king should reign.

This is the nature of the Great King ... our example.

**Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NKJV)**

23 Thus says the Lord:

“Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom,  
Let not the mighty man glory in his might,  
Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;

24 But **let him who glories glory in this,**

**That he understands and knows Me,**

That ***I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.*** (*That should be us too*)

**For in these I delight,” says the Lord.**

It is easy to be selfish ... impatient ... brusque/rude ... judge on a fraction of the evidence.

This is a description of a good king ... of loving kindness and righteousness.

**Psalms 72:1-19 (NKJV) (David’s prayer for Solomon)**

1 **Give the king Your judgments, O God,**

**And Your righteousness to the king's Son.**

2 **He will judge Your people with righteousness,**

**And Your poor with justice.**

3 The mountains will bring peace to the people,  
And the little hills, by righteousness.

4 **He will bring justice to the poor of the people;**

**He will save the children of the needy,**

**And will break in pieces the oppressor.**

5 They shall fear You

As long as the sun and moon endure,  
Throughout all generations.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing,  
Like showers that water the earth.

7 **In His days the righteous shall flourish,**

**And abundance of peace,**

Until the moon is no more.

8 **He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,**

**And from the River to the ends of the earth.**

9 Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him,  
And His enemies will lick the dust.

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles

Will bring presents;

The kings of Sheba and Seba

Will offer gifts.

11 Yes, **all kings shall fall down before Him;**

**All nations shall serve Him.**

12 **For He will deliver the needy when he cries,**

**The poor also, and him who has no helper.**

13 **He will spare the poor and needy,**

**And will save the souls of the needy.**

14 **He will redeem their life from oppression and violence;**

**And precious shall be their blood in His sight.**

15 And He shall live;

And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him;

**Prayer also will be made for Him continually,**

**And daily He shall be praised.**

16 There will be an abundance of grain in the earth,

On the top of the mountains;

Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon;

And those of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

17 **His name shall endure forever;**

**His name shall continue as long as the sun.**

**And men shall be blessed in Him;**

**All nations shall call Him blessed.**

18 **Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,**

**Who only does wondrous things!**

19 **And blessed be His glorious name forever!**

**And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.**

**Amen and Amen.**

Note: Righteousness ... judgment to the poor ... deliver the needy ...  
redeem lives.

Chesed ... justice ... faithfulness ... US?

The attributes of a king ... but of men and women of God ... even now?

**Micah 6:6-8 (NKJV)**

6 With what shall I come before the Lord,  
And bow myself before the High God? (*How do I come before the Lord  
God? What is important to Him?*)

Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,  
With calves a year old?

7 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
Ten thousand rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

8 He has shown you, O man, what is good;

And **what does the Lord require of you**

**But to do justly.** (*do what is right*)

**To love mercy.**

**And to walk humbly with your God?** (*That is what God is looking for  
... no pride ... arrogance ... self*)

This is what God wants in us ... in kings ... now and “then”.

God is not interested in “religious acts” ... big buildings ... big choirs ...  
ornate stained glass windows ... the number of magazines/books we  
produce ... the technical quality of TV programmes (okay per se ... but?)

The key! Justice ... fairness ... loving kindness ... kingly qualities.

Here we can see the same thought:

**Amos 5:21-24 (NKJV)**

21 “***I hate, I despise your feast days,***

***And I do not savour your sacred assemblies.***

22 ***Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings,  
I will not accept them.***

***Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings.***

23 ***Take away from Me the noise of your songs,***

***For I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments.***

24 ***But let justice run down like water,***

**And righteousness like a mighty stream.**

**Amos 5:24 (Voice)**

**24 Here's what I want: Let justice thunder down like a waterfall;  
let righteousness flow like a mighty river that never runs dry.**

That's what we'll see/experience in the World Tomorrow. We'll rule ... govern ... with justice and righteousness. People learn by seeing and imitating.

But ... it is a good idea to learn now. If not ... when?

The nature of God's Great Servant ... what His heart is ... God's goal.

**Isaiah 61:1-11 (NKJV)**

**1 "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,  
Because the Lord has anointed Me  
To preach good tidings to the poor;  
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,  
To proclaim liberty to the captives,  
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;**

**2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,  
And the day of vengeance of our God;  
To comfort all who mourn,**

**3 To console those who mourn in Zion,  
To give them beauty for ashes,  
The oil of joy for mourning,  
The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;**

That they may be called trees of righteousness,  
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

**4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins,  
They shall raise up the former desolations,  
And they shall repair the ruined cities,**

The desolations of many generations.  
**5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,  
And the sons of the foreigner  
Shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.**

**6 But you shall be named the priests of the Lord,  
They shall call you the servants of our God.**

You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles,  
And in their glory you shall boast.

7 Instead of your shame you shall have double honour,  
And instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion.  
Therefore in their land they shall possess double;  
Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

8 “For I, the Lord, love justice;  
I hate robbery for burnt offering;  
I will direct their work in truth,  
And will make with them an everlasting covenant.

9 Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles,  
And their offspring among the people.  
All who see them shall acknowledge them,  
That they are the posterity whom the Lord has blessed.”

10 **I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,**

**My soul shall be joyful in my God;**

For **He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,**

**He has covered me with the robe of righteousness,**

As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments,  
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

11 For as the earth brings forth its bud,  
As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth,  
So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth  
before all the nations.

This is the World to come ... what this Feast pictures. Its King ... and Kings and Lords and Priests ... will be part of this repairing and rebuilding ... establishing everlasting covenant ... our work directed in truth.

To give them beauty for ashes and bringing the oil of joy for mourning.

It will be great to be a King and Priest then!

We saw Proverbs 20:28 ... loving kindness and truth. A throne is established. Key attribute ... definitely learn now.

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NKJV)**

1 **Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.**

2 And **though I have the gift of prophecy,** and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and **though I have all faith,** so that I could remove mountains, **but have not love, I am nothing.**

3 And **though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,** and **though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.**

4 **Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;**

**5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;**

**6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;**

**7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

8 **Love never fails.** But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

13 **And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.**

What is God's great motive? Now ... the World Tomorrow ... Eternity ... to show and share His love. It should be our motive too.

So. The Feast is a vision of a time when we will be Kings ... but ... we can acquire attributes now.