# The Fall Holy Days: The Feast of Tabernacles Part Two



## **Scriptures**

## • <u>Leviticus 23:42-43</u>

You shall live in booths for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall live in booths. So that your generations may know that I had the sons of Israel live in booths when I brought them out from the land of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

## • Exodus 13:21

The Lord was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and a pillar of fire by night...

#### • Deuteronomy 8:2-5, 10,16-17

You shall remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years. that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart. He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord. Thus you are to know in your heart that the Lord your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son.

<sup>10</sup>When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you.

<sup>16</sup>In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end. <sup>17</sup>Otherwise, you may say in your heart, 'My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.'

#### • James 1:1-4

James, a bond-servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes who are dispersed abroad; Greetings. Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

#### • 2 Corinthians 1:8

For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

### **Other Scriptures**

- Leviticus 23:40
- Deuteronomy 28:47
- Deuteronomy 8:4
- Hebrews 12:6

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## **Main Points**

- Holy Day: Feast of Trumpets
  - o Concept: Examining our Hearts
- Holy Day: Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)
  - o Concept: Forgiveness and cleansing
- Holy Day: Feast of Tabernacles
  - o Concept: Celebration
  - o Principles of the Feast of Tabernacles
    - Attitude of rejoicing
    - Practice gratitude
    - Knowing God is enough
    - Depending on God
- When you feel like you have nothing, God will be enough for you.
- Over 100 times in the Bible the Lord tells us "Do not be afraid."
- What happened to Israel historically is applicable to our lives today.
- The Lord brings us through a test in order to bring us up to the next level.
- God brings us through a wilderness before He brings us into the Promised Land.
- We must become completely dependent on the Father and His Word.
- The final act of the Feast was the pouring out of water on the alter as a picture of God's blessings pouring forth. The people rejoiced greatly.
- The goodness of God will continue to be poured out on your life!

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What encouragements do you find in the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot? Following the days of reflection and repentance, this feast is designed to bring rejoicing and celebration. What are some ways that God has spoken and taught you through the whole process of the Fall Holidays?

2. Does remembering how God led and cared for His people in the wilderness help you demonstrate faith in His similar care for you? Are there still some particular items that you need to surrender to God's care? Take time to do that now.

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3. When God removes and strips us of things we have depended upon, He is there to replace those temporary things with the eternal and the things of this world with Himself. Stripping precedes blessing and the next level in our walk with Him. Look for God's moving in your circumstances—in life's desert, look for the waters of His faithful provision to pour forth. Rest on His unfailing promises to care for you. Fear not—have faith.

How have you seen this work in your life before?

4. What are some particular passages from God's Word through which He is speaking to your heart? Are you completely anchored in trust, or have you neglected to seek the Father through His Word? Go to it now and ask God to speak to you about whatever situations He is bringing you through.