Fall Holy Days: Does Being Thankful Matter?

Scripture

- **Leviticus 23:39-40,42**

On exactly the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the crops of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD for seven days, with a rest on the first day and a rest on the eighth day. Now on the first day you shall take for yourselves the foliage of beautiful trees, palm branches, and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days.

42 You shall live in booths for seven days; all the native-born in Israel shall live in booths,

Other Scriptures

- I Thessalonians 4:16
- I Corinthians 11:31
- Hebrews 10
- John 7:38
- Zechariah 14
- Matthew 28:20

Main Points

- Yom Kippur-The Day of Atonement
- Yom Teruah-the Feast of Trumpets
- The season of repentance between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are known as the 10 Days of Awe.
- The blood of the animal sacrifices in the Hebrew scriptures was a shadow of Jesus’ death on the cross.
- Jesus’ blood covers your sins for all time—past, present, and future.
- Sukkot is also known as the Feast of Tabernacles.
- Holy Day Application:
  - The blowing of the shofar on Yom Teruah/Rosh Hashanah reminds us to wake up because judgement is coming.
  - Yom Kippur recognizes that man has a problem with sin.
  - On Yom Kippur we recognize that God has provided a remedy for our sin.
The Feast of Tabernacles is known as a feast of rejoicing. Knowing that our sins are forgiven through the blood of Jesus, we rejoice on the Feast of Tabernacles. Jesus both celebrated and fulfilled the Feast of Tabernacles. Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles 2018 begins at sunset on Sunday, September 23, 2018 and ends at nightfall on Sunday, September 30, 2018. The lulav is symbolic of the beauty and provision of God. The Feast of Tabernacles is known as the Feast of Thanksgiving. We should show God appreciation for all the good gifts He has given us in our lives. Life is a gift from God. There is an opportunity for you every day to choose God. Holy Day Application:
  o The Feast of Tabernacles reminds us that all we really need is God.

Discussion Questions

1. Summarize the three Fall Holy Days and how they connect with each other. Can you see how the Old and New Testaments actually work together to show God’s plan of redemption and relationship with His people, both Jewish and non-Jewish? Write about this.

2. Tell why a feast of rejoicing is a natural ending to the other two which precede it.

3. How do we know that thankfulness matters to God?

4. How does knowing that the Feast of Tabernacles is something we will practice in the Millennium add importance to it in our lives now? How will you demonstrate thankfulness to God this year?