"The Feast Of Peace"

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Have you ever wondered how the Bible greats, such as David, walked out the visions God gave them without losing heart during persecution and the sometimes very long waits before God brought His vision for that person to fruition.

One of the key elements in the lives of these servants of God is peace. Consider what Proverbs savs about peace: Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, [a] with strife. Proverb 17:1 (NIV)

The Psalms show us that David spent much time and effort dwelling on our Heavenly Father when things around him seemed to be falling apart. He kept the peace of God in his heart and thus was used to bring peace to Israel.

If we look at the story of how Saul sought to find and kill David we can see this principle proven. 1 Samuel tells us (in chapters 18-30) about the relationship between Saul and David and



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[a] Proverbs 17:1 Hebrew sacrifices

also the contrasts of the two men. David spent most of those chapters running and hiding from the jealous Saul. Why was Saul jealous of David? Saul knew that he had disobeyed God and he (God) had lifted his hand of protection from Saul. He also knew that God had anointed (through the prophet Samuel) David to be the next king of Israel. So while Saul may be feasting on the best physical food Israel had to offer, he was dealing with these problems and the evil spirits that tormented him. Meanwhile, David enjoyed the peace of knowing God's favor and having a vision from God for his (David's) life. At times David and his men were starving but they had peace and vision and in the long run, they feasted on both peace and food.

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"Fulfilling The Feasts" (Teaching Sketch)

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Exodus 23:14-17 (KJV)



oday's teaching is by Pastor John Simpkins of the

Blackwood Pod. Pastor Simpkins authors the Monday Sojourners Daily Bulletin (SDB). His messages have been a blessing to many.



In Exod.23:14-17, God commands that each man must appear before Him 3 times a year at the major feasts -Passover, Pentecost & and Tabernacles.

I want to share the meaning of each feast and how they apply in our life today.

Passover

The Israelites were in bondage in Egypt - a type of our bondage to sin in the world and needed a deliverer. God sent that deliverer. Moses. who was a type of Christ. There is much symbolism in all of the feasts. Some of those from Passover were:

The lamb for the sacrifice was to be perfect with out blemish. Christ.

the Lamb, was in all things tempted vet without sin.

- They were to eat all of lamb. Jesus said, "except ye eat my flesh and drink my blood, ye have no life in you."
- The blood of the lamb was to be applied on doorposts & lintel of the house. - sacrifice of Christ applied to us for forgiveness of sin.
- Passover then speaks of us leaving the enslavement of sin and mortality by accepting Jesus Christ as the Passover Lamb.

Pentecost

It was the 50th day from Passover and is also called the Feast of Weeks.

God came down on Mt. Sinai and spoke the Word to them they heard it and were terrified! God's purpose was to write the law on their hearts, but they ran away in fear. He desired for everyone to hear

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¹⁴Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. ¹⁵Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:)

¹⁶And the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

¹⁷Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the LORD God.



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His voice personally, but they wanted to hear only through an intermediary -Moses (or the pastor). They



only had a Passover level of faith.

It is interesting that Lev.

23:17 says it was a leavened feast - showing the Pentecostal age is still a time of mixture.

Pentecost is more than speaking in tongues or

exercising spiritual gifts. The Gifts of the Spirit are given to train us to hear God's voice and mature into full grown sons of God.

Tabernacles

It was celebrated in the 7th month and is a Feast of Harvest. It's Hebrew name is 'Succoth' or 'booths'.

2 weeks before it is the feast of trumpets (trump of God) 10th day is day of Atonement

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15th day begins Tabernacles. It was 8 days long (which speaks of new beginnings) and began and ended with a sabbath. The booths were made of materials that are LIVING. In the redemption of our body, the LIVING body that we lost through Adam's sin will be redeemed.

Tabernacles is God's goal for us - it foreshadows the resurrection from the dead and being clothed with immortality. No one yet has received the new body, but

some, such as Moses, Joshua & Caleb, etc. are heroes of faith or overcomers in Heb. 11. Also, Paul: was still striving as shown in Phil. 3:7-12 later, he knew he had overcome - 2 Tim. 4:6-8 just before he was put to death.

These 3 feasts show a prophetic overview of the path which God wants to lead us all through during our life on earth. The ultimate goal is that we might become 'priests and kings' with Him in eternity as full joint heirs with Christ.

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- Informal fellowship & **sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- Praise, Worship, & Offerings, (Offerings to be placed in basket during Praise & Worship)

Words of Prophecy or Knowledge if they have been given during "Praise & Worship." (other times as the Spirit moves)

- The Pastoral Message
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- The Blessing

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