

Well, good morning brethren! Today we complete the annual cycle of God revealing His plan for mankind through His seven annual Holy Days. That which started with Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread followed by the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost, through the fall Holy Days of Trumpets, Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles: it brings us to the seventh and final annual Holy Day, The Last Great Day. This morning we'll take a look at the meaning of this annual Holy Day.

It says in **John 7:37 – On the Last Day, the Great *day* of the Feast, Jesus stood and cried out saying, If any one thirst let him come to Me and drink.** He went on to say, **he who believes in Me, as the scripture as said, Out of His heart will flow rivers of living waters.** Jesus was referring to a time when the balance of mankind, when *billions* of humans are resurrected back to physical human life to complete a process. If they would thirst, or ardently desire for God's way of life, they would be among those who would *fulfill* God's plan to build the Family of Elohim.

Today *is* that day, that Great Day of the Feast, the seventh annual Holy Day. Today we'll focus on the meaning of The Last Great Day and the title: *If Anyone Thirsts*.

As always, our first order of business on an annual Holy Day is to be reminded of our responsibility when it comes to Holy Day offerings. If you would turn to Deuteronomy 16 we'll just take a brief look at a few scriptures here in reference to the Holy Day offerings in the three seasons of the year which we bring up an offering. And by tradition, the Church has brought the offerings up on each of the seven annual Holy Days. But in verses 1-8 it speaks of the Passover and Days of unleavened Bread, the spring Holy Days. It goes on in verse 9-12 talking about the Feast of Weeks, or the Feast of Pentecost which would be the summer Holy Day. And then in Deuteronomy 16:13-15 it references the Feast of Tabernacles. Again, the fall Holy Day's season.

It says in **Deuteronomy 16:16 – Three times in a year shall all your males appear before the Eternal their God in a place that He shall choose; in the Feast of Unleavened Bread, in the Feast of Weeks, and in the Feast of Tabernacles, in the three seasons; and they shall not appear before the Eternal empty: Every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the blessings of the Eternal your God which He has given you.** Brethren, that's what we do on each of the annual Holy Days in the three seasons of the year - that we bring an offering before God. We bring an offering because God tells us that's what we're supposed to do and our desire, our aim, is to obey God in all things including the Holy Day offerings.

In **Exodus 25:1** it says, **And the Eternal spoke unto Moses saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring Me an offering: of every man that gives it willingly with his heart shall you take My offering.** So not only are we supposed to bring an offering, we *willingly* bring an offering.

Says in **Exodus 35:5 – Take you from among you an offering unto the Eternal: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering unto the Eternal; gold, and silver, and brass.**

Verse 21 – And they came, every one whose heart stirred them up, and every one whom His spirit made willing, *and* they brought the Eternal offerings to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all his service, for all the holy garments. And that's what we do; we take up an offering at each of the Holy Days. We do this to fulfill what God has given us to do and we do it with a

willing heart, we do it with thanksgiving, and we do it with an attitude of wanting to please God. So as a reminder, offerings are to be sent in on each of the annual Holy Days in each of the three seasons of the year. It's an important aspect of obeying your Creator and Sustainer, the Almighty God.

Well, let's go back now to Leviticus 23. We'll begin here with the sermon today. Here we're given an outline of the seven annual Holy Days which picture God's plan for all mankind, the plan that has been *hidden* from man, but made known to the 'ecclesia', or the called out, to the Church of God – hidden from man. The plan which will be made known to *all* of mankind in their day, in the Last Great Day when everybody will be given a chance, will be given an opportunity to choose to obey God and live His way of life, to choose life over death.

Leviticus 23:1 – And the Eternal spoke unto Moses saying, Speak unto the children of Israel and say unto them concerning the Feasts/appointed times, of the Eternal which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations/commanded assemblies, even these are My appointed times. And so we have appointments and we have commanded assemblies, we have times that we keep as annual Sabbath days, and we have the very times that we are commanded to have holy convocations, or commanded assemblies, where we come together with God's people and worship our God and be taught by our God, learning about the meaning of the Holy Days and how God's plan unfolds before our very eyes as we live through the seven annual Holy Days.

In verse 3 it starts with the Sabbath, the test commandment. When we're first called and we get convicted of this way of life; it's the Sabbath, we have to deal with the Sabbath; and it's been brought up so many times in recent times as far as keeping the Sabbath day and having that test and knowing that it could impact you financially; it will certainly impact you socially as you start to change your life and you start keeping that Sabbath day. But here as we begin the process of going through God's seven annual Holy Days it all starts with the Sabbath which is, in a way, a culmination, it's the seventh day; it's six days for man to do their thing, to do your work, to do your play. But the Sabbath, the seventh day is God's, a time to be taught; commanded assemblies, time to come together. But it starts with the Sabbath.

In verse 4 talking about 'proclaiming in their appointed times', again, the meaning of the Holy Days and that's what we're to do. We're to expound on the meaning of that particular Holy Day and how God's plan unfolds and fits together with each of the Holy Days as we live through them on an annual basis.

Verse 5 talks about the Passover, when, as we understand, it all starts with Jesus Christ *our* Passover, who makes the understanding, the reconciliation to God; makes it all possible through the life He lived and the blood that He spilled and the resurrection He was part of.

Verse 6 speaks of the Days of Unleavened Bread, our coming out of sin. Beginning in verse 9 – refers to Pentecost, the giving of the commandments, the holy spirit, the 144,000, Christ's return. Then verse 24 – Feast of Trumpets. Verse 27 – Day of Atonement.

Verse 34 – the Feast of Tabernacles...and we drop on down to **Leviticus 23:36 - Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Eternal: on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation unto you; and you shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Eternal: it is a solemn assembly; and you shall do no servile work therein. These are the Feasts of the Eternal, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the Eternal, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a sacrifice, a drink offering, everything upon His day.** So we have the seven annual Holy Days and today being the 8th Great Day or the seventh of the seven annual Holy Days; an appointed time, a

commanded assembly, a time to be taught, a time to understand more about the depth and the meaning of the day.

It says here that we're going to be the sacrifice, a living sacrifice. That's the sacrifice that God is looking for from us and how we live our life and how we choose Him over the ways of this world.

So from the Sabbath day to the annual Holy Days *all* will be made known to man, which is part of what this Last Great Day pictures. Again, in **John 7:37 – On that Last Day, that great *day* of the Feast, Jesus stood and cried out saying, If anyone thirst, let him come to Me and drink. And he who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.** So much pictured in The Last Great Day in the great resurrection to come.

Turn with me to Genesis 1. Let's be reminded of how it came to be that the good news of the Kingdom of God, or the good news of the Family of God and the way to it has been hid from man and how God's plan fits into this whole process. **Genesis 1:1 – In the beginning God/Elohim created the heaven and the earth. And the earth became without form and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.** Here in these verses we see that the earth *became* without form, became void and in darkness; but that's not the way it was created.

Let's turn to **Isaiah 45:18 – For thus says the Eternal that created the heavens; God Himself formed the earth and made it; and He established it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the Eternal; and *there is none else.*** God created the earth to be inhabited, not in waste, not in chaos or confusion, it became that way.

In **Psalm 104:30** it says – **And You sent forth Your spirit, and they are created: and You renewed the face of the earth.** So when we go back into Genesis 1 we find that it was a renewing of the face of the earth. It was created to be inhabited. That's what's described in Genesis 1, the renewing of the face of the earth.

Well brethren, let's take a look and see why this renewing of the earth became necessary in the first place. Turn with me to **Ezekiel 28:11 – Moreover the word of the Eternal came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus says the Eternal GOD; You sealed up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. You have been in Eden the garden of God; very precious stone was your covering, the sardius, topaz, the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, and the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of your tabrets and of your pipes that was prepared in you in the day that you were created. You *art* the anointed cherub that covers; I have set you so: you were upon the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.** A created being. God's letting him know that He created him and He sustains him and He has allowed him to go where he goes and to do what he does – for a purpose, all for a purpose.

Verse 15 - You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until iniquity was found in you. That is until you became puffed up, until you were full of pride and jealousy and discontent; until iniquity was found in him. God letting him know, "Hey, this is where you were. I created you! I've allowed you to do these things. *You* chose a different way. *You* chose to be puffed up, to be jealous, to be full of pride, to be discontent with what I've given you to take care of, for your role... for your role as I've given it to you."

Verse 16 - By the multitude of your merchandise they have filled the midst of you with violence, and you have sinned: therefore I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God: out of My government, and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. This being did not choose God's way, did not obey God. He did not continue in God's way. And God says here in **verse 16 – I will cast you out as profane out of the mountain of God. I will destroy you O covering cherub.** God's just laying it out there. He created him and He will put him away....and that time is coming soon at the beginning of the thousand years so shortly before us.

Verse 17 – Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty, you have corrupted your wisdom by reason of your brightness: I will cast you to the ground, I will lay you before kings that they may behold you. And he *was* cast down to the ground; and he's *still* cast down to the ground – he's here on this earth and this is where he roams and this is where he deceives and destroys and cuts down.

Let's continue the story by turning to Isaiah 14. In Ezekiel we find a being that was created, that was full of wisdom and beauty, a being that had access to God's very throne like we do. When we get on our knees before our God we have access to the throne of God. After we repent and we are forgiven of sin and we are reconciled, atoned, to our God, then we have access to His very throne. We also find a being that was perfect, but a being who rebelled against God.

Isaiah 14:12 – How art you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art you cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! Being one of the archangels. One of the three archangels.

Verse 13 – For you have said in your heart, I will ascend unto heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God, I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; and I will become the Most High. He wanted to be God. He wanted to be the one in charge. He wanted God's throne.

Let's pick up the story in **Revelation 12:9 - And that great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast with him.** Now he's called the Devil, and Satan, and he's the one who deceives the whole world. He roams around and destroys and criticizes. There was a spiritual war as a result of Satan's rebellion, including a third of the angels who went with him. And as a result of that spiritual battle, that spiritual war that took place and him being cast to the earth, the earth *became* without form and unable to sustain life as God designed it and how God created it.

And that brings us back to Genesis 1; if we can turn back to Genesis 1. Here we find that God not only renewed the face of the earth but He began to take the next steps in His plan in building a Family. He created that which would be the focus of His plan to build *His* Family, to build a Family of Elohim. So as we turn back to Genesis 1:1 we remember that in Psalm 104 it said, 'God sent forth His spirit and renewed the face of the earth *and created man.*'

So Genesis 1:1 – In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth and the earth became without form and void, and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. So again, the earth *became* without form and void, but the spirit of God came and he was in the process of renewing the face of the earth.

Verse 3 – Then God said, Let there be light: and there was light, or light was able to once again make it to the surface of the earth, **and God saw the light and *it was* good: and God divided the light from the**

darkness; putting the rotation back onto the earth. ...and God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made it and divided the waters which *were* under the firmament from the waters which *were* above: and it was so. And God called the firmament heaven. And the evening and morning were the second day.

Verse 9 – And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so. And God called the dry *land* earth; and gathering together of the waters called He Seas: and God saw *it was good*.

Let's drop on down to **verse 26**; because He was preparing the earth, He was preparing a place to be inhabited; and in verse 26 is the pinnacle of His creation – mankind. Says in **verse 26 – And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have domain over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them.** Man created in the likeness or the image of God, after the Godkind; and again, with a purpose, a purpose to be born into the Family of God, the Family of Elohim. The first member of the Family was added when Christ was resurrected. The 144,000 will be next. At the end of the thousand years, beginning of the hundred years will be the next group that will be resurrected into the Family of God. And then during the hundred year period that this day pictures when so many more will be added to the Family, to the point where everyone would have made their choices; and we'll be to the point where there is no more crying, no more tears; a time when no more human life would exist but the God Family would exist and it would be complete as God would have it.

So man was created in the likeness, in the image of God, after the Godkind, again, with the purpose to be *born* into the Family of God as members of Elohim.

Genesis 2:7 - And the Eternal God formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Again, created *physical* for a purpose, but ultimately to be born of spirit as a member of the God Family. First physical to learn lessons, to learn to fear, to respect and recognize his need for God; to come to realize that God owns all and is all and man's very existence – your very existence... He's the Sustainer. He's working out a plan in mankind to build a Family so we're made physical to learn a lesson, to make choices: to either choose God's way or choose the evil way.

Mr. Armstrong talked about the tree of life and the tree of evil. There's a way that's God's way and there's a way that's evil. Choose God's way; learn to fear, respect God. Recognize your need for Him in your life in all that you do. Those resurrected – they'll have to come to the same point as God calls them and draws them and begins to open up their minds and as they begin to be taught the truth and they learn about the Sabbath day, they learn about the seven annual Holy Days, they start learning about God's plan...why man was even created, why man is on earth, why they were resurrected physical to live life a second time as they appreciate the opportunity that God's given them in His mercy, as they're given the chance to learn the way of peace, to live the way of peace. It's going to be a beautiful time brethren, as mankind by the billions choose God's way of life...to choose good over evil and to *overcome* their carnal human nature.

So man was created, here in Genesis, the pinnacle of God's creation because what it ultimately leads to, the building of His Family.

Let's drop down to **Genesis 3:1**; just remember, we were answering the question about mankind and why the truth of God's plan and the purpose of man being on earth, why that has been hidden from man and what it will take ultimately for man to understand.

Genesis 3:1 – Now the serpent, representing Satan (note Revelation 20:2). **Now the serpent/Satan was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Eternal God made.** Because He created Satan; He created *Lucifer* and Lucifer rebelled and *became* Satan. **And he said unto the woman, Has God said to you, You shall not eat of every tree in the garden? Casting a little doubt, a little dispersion, teasing with the mind as he does in his own demented and sick way. Has God said you shall not eat of every tree in the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die. And the serpent said unto the woman, You shall not surely die:** because he knew if she ate of the Tree of Good and Evil that she wouldn't *die then* – it's the ultimate death that God is referring to when you choose to go a different way. It's when you're judged, when you've been given the opportunity to live God's way of life and you choose not to ultimately – then you will die.

But he says, **You shall not surely die. For God know that in the day that you eat thereof your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and the tree to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof and did eat, and gave also to her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of both of them were opened and they knew that they were naked; and so they sewed fig leaves together, and made aprons. And they heard the voice of the Eternal God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Eternal God amongst the trees of the garden.** As if you can hide from God.

Verse 9 - And the Eternal God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where are you? And he said, I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked and I hid myself. And He said, Who told you you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree whereof I commanded that you should not eat? And the man said, The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree and I did eat. And the Eternal God said unto the woman, What is this that you have done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. So here we see, from the very beginning man is influenced by Satan; through sin we're cut off from God and we have our own ideas and we go do our own things. That's what happens to mankind when they're cut off from God; that *they* become without form and void and in darkness, uninhabitable by God because He cannot reside in sin. Cut off from God, no longer having access to the spirit of God.

Let's drop down to **Genesis 3:22 - And the Eternal God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now lest he put forth his hand and take also of the Tree of Life and eat and live forever: Therefore the Eternal God sent him forth from the garden of Eden to till the ground from whence he was taken. So He drove out the man; and placed at the east end of Eden cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep them from the tree of life.** So because of sin, from disobedience of God, mankind was cut off from the holy spirit, cut off from God. Again, becoming without form and void and in darkness and uninhabitable by God because sin unrepented of God can't reside around and you're cut off.

So it's the same today as it was then; when you're cut off you're cut off and God can't reside in you. Thankfully we have the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through His spilt blood paying the penalty for sin and His

resurrection and us receiving of the holy spirit through baptism and the laying on of hands; that we can have access to the throne of God, that we can repent and change and seek forgiveness and have access to the very throne, the very throne that Satan had access to before he was *cast* to the earth. Yes, we have access to the throne of God, but when we sin we're cut off and God can't reside in us, we're uninhabitable... *uninhabitable* by God! But through, again, through Jesus Christ our Passover and all that's been accomplished through Him we do, as a result of seeing ourselves, for repenting of sin, seeking forgiveness and being reconciled to God, we continue to have access to His throne.

Let's turn to Ezekiel 18. We can go back to what the serpent told to Eve about being cut off, about dying when he said, 'you shall not surely die.' If you go against God...if you go another way, you won't die." Again, he knew that she wouldn't die that day when she partook of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil; but that would be the ultimate.

Ezekiel 18:4 – again, the result of sin and going against God. It says, **Behold all souls are Mine; as the soul of your father, so also the soul of your son is mine: and the soul that sins, it shall die.** Eternal death is the penalty for sin, unrepented of sin. But that's *not* God's desire, because God's desire is not for anyone to die eternal death.

Let's go down to **verse 20** - **The soul that sins, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed, and shall keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.** And this goes way forward into the New Testament, learning about God's way of life when He calls us out of this world, again, through our Passover Jesus Christ, through His spilt blood, His death and His resurrection and us receiving the holy spirit. So it's through baptism, the laying on of hands where we can repent of our sin and be forgiven and be washed and be renewed, like the renewing of the face of the earth so it could be inhabited; that we as God's called, as the Church, that we can be renewed so God can dwell within us once again.

What an *awesome* plan God has! What an *awesome* way! How much *mercy* He has for mankind...the mercy that He's shown toward us, that He can dwell in us. And yet when we get cut off, when we sin, there's a way that we can be renewed and we can become inhabitable by the spirit of God once again in our minds working with our human spirit helping us to overcome our carnal human nature – because we have to. Just like those in the Millennium will have to, just like those in the hundred year period will have to... to be repentant, to go before God's throne, to receive the holy spirit of God into their being so we *can* obey, so we *can* make changes, we *can* overcome our carnal human nature, because we have it. We have it! People will have it in the thousand years and people will have it in the hundred years; and it all needs to be overcome because 'he who overcomes...' those are the individuals that will be part of the Family of God, the Family of Elohim.

So in **verse 21** again, it says - **But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he commits, they shall not be mentioned of him; but in righteousness shall he, that which he does he shall live.** And God just forgives and forgets and He puts the sins behind us; something that we have trouble doing. But God forgives and He reconciles and He dwells in us, which is a beautiful thing.

Verse 23 - Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? Says the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live? That's His desire! His desire is that *all* humankind, *all* mankind be made in the image and likeness of God; that we come to repentance and live and be part of the Family of God, to choose His way, to choose Him, to recognize our *need* for Him, our desire to obey Him and to live this way of life: because we all have sin.

Says in **Romans 3 – For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.**

But it also says in **John 3 – For God so loved the world**, His creation, mankind. He loved what He created. He loves His plan! He loves what He's doing with mankind! ...**that God so loved the world/His creation**, He so loved mankind...**that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes on Him should not perish**, or suffer eternal death, **but should have eternal life.** That's God's desire! God's desire for all of His creation, for all mankind when they're given their opportunity. Mankind...there's different stages, different opportunities for man to be called by God and to be given this opportunity for eternal life; and we'll talk about that a little bit later.

Says in **II Peter (3:9) - The Lord is not slack concerning His promise as some men count slackness but is longsuffering toward us; not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.**

Let's turn to **I Corinthians 15:20 - But now is Christ risen from the dead, and became the firstfruit of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, all die, save one, Jesus Christ born of the virgin Mary, God being His father, of being a human being...lived a life without sin: the only way that He could pay the death penalty in our stead; the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. For in Adam all die, all men die; even so in Christ shall all be made alive... all be made alive; everybody with an opportunity to choose God and to become a part of the Family of God, to be resurrected to eternal life.**

Then it talks about the order in **verse 23.** He says, **But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruit; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming.** The 144,000, the next resurrection, followed by those that through the 7th millennium as we'll see... the next great resurrection. But these are the ones that God calls; and there's a process to the calling. There's a way that God calls and works; there's different times for different people and that's just the way God has a plan, that is God's way.

Let's turn to **Revelation 20:1 - And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed for a season.**

Verse 4 - And I saw thrones, and they that sat on them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God, which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received the mark on their foreheads or in their hands; but they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. And again, that was clarified a year ago; we know they weren't all beheaded, but they were cut off from the world, they were different than the world. When you're called by God and you begin living this way of life you're different than your neighbours, you're different than the people you work with, you're different than your family, you're cut off. They don't understand. *They* are cut off from God, and you are cut off from them.

It goes on to say in **verse 5 - But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.**

Verse 6 - Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: which is referred to up in verse 4; **on 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.**

But again in **verse 5 – But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished...** this massive resurrection at the end of the thousand years or beginning of the hundred years (in that time frame); as was revealed at last year's Feast of Tabernacles is the *next* resurrection after the 144,000 are resurrected at Christ's return. The next opportunity for an increase in the members of the God Family; some who overcome their carnal human nature during the thousand years with the help of the holy spirit, after being called by God (because they will all be called by God and given an opportunity), after baptism and laying on of hands and receiving the holy spirit and living a life of overcoming their carnal human nature which they will have until they die. Those that are in that position during the thousand years, and die during that thousand years, will be resurrected to eternal life at the end of the thousand years/beginning of the hundred years; at which time the *billions* of people who have never known God, who've never had an opportunity, who have fallen asleep...they'll be resurrected back to physical life.

Last year's revelation answered so many questions about the thousand year period as far as death is concerned, the timing of adding additional members to God's Family, or the conditions during that time period, or even during the hundred year time period. It's so inspiring! Last year's Feast was so inspiring! We learned so much about the thousand years. We learned that, hey, it's not going to be a cake walk and people are going to have carnal human nature that they're going to *have* to overcome – *because they have to overcome it* as we were told; and people are going to die, and death is going to be experienced by mankind because everyone is appointed once to die. And at the end of the thousand years is the next opportunity for those who have died to be resurrected, those who know God, those who God knows how they're going to react and allow them to be part of His Family – the next great spiritual resurrection after the 144,000 are resurrected.

And then there's the great physical resurrection of billions of people who've ever lived, that have not had an opportunity to live God's way of life, and more about the lessons that there are going to be examples. The thousand year period is going to be a lesson, there's going to be examples for those who are physically resurrected. They're going to be awake in a different world than they left and they will be told the stories about the thousand years and about this piece right here. It starts in **verse 7 – And when the thousand years are expired Satan will be loosed out of his prison and shall go out to deceive the nations which were in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, and gather them together to battle: the number of them who is the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth and encompassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city; and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. And the devil that deceives them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and he shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.**

I was reading through the sermons from last year's Feast, because you've got the PDF copies out there, and it's interesting; you can print them off. I don't like to read off the computer, I wouldn't be a very good 'kindle' guy, but I like the piece of paper in my hand. But I've printed those sermons off and just reading through them and there's just little nuances in there if you go back...and it's a little different

than listening when you can sit there and just kind of read through and get a little different take on it, little different emphasis wherever your mind goes on them. And you know there's a comment after this verse was read... it said... and this was after it said 'the devil that deceives them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are* and shall be tormented day and night and forever and ever...' And it said, "If we understand what that means..." And that was last year. But the bottom line is Satan no longer able to influence man; because the next phase are people that have lived in this world under the influence of Satan and not even having the opportunity to know God or to be called by God; but now to be resurrected into physical human life and given the opportunity to be called, to make choices, to be given the opportunity to be members of the God Family. It's a beautiful thing!

Revelation 20:11 - And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heavens fled away; for there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Verse 13 - And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. So John saw all who ever lived that would be resurrected (in vision), that lived during the first 7,000 years. As we learned last year, there will be some during the thousand year period that will be resurrected to physical life again; all being called by God, given knowledge of God, how to live this way of life...and then judgement would be upon them and how they would react, to what choices they would make – whether they would choose God's way or they would choose evil.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: understanding. They were being called; they could understand the truth. **And another book was opened, which is the book of life:** given an opportunity to live this way of life and then be judged.

Let's turn to Daniel 7. God's plan is awesome, it's beautiful, it's complete, it's inspiring! He doesn't leave anybody out, everybody has an opportunity. What a beautiful plan; the plan of your Almighty God and Father.

Daniel 7:9 - I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair on His head was like pure wool: His throne was like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from behind Him: thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and tens of thousands times ten thousand stood before Him: His judgment was set, and the books were opened. A time when man will learn how wrong He was about God in life, to learn *why* man really was created, to what God was doing, the purpose – why God allows everything that He's allowed over 7,000 years; and He reveals Himself and knowledge of His way of life to the balance of mankind at that time. It's just beautiful.

Let's turn to Ezekiel 37 – again, prophetic of the resurrecting of the dead to human life. Gives us a glimpse again of the magnitude. The bottom line – God has a plan for mankind and the Last Great Day will be an awesome time period. It'll be an awesome time period for man to thirst. 'If anyone thirsts.'

Ezekiel 37:1 - The hand of the Eternal was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Eternal, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of dry bones, and caused me to pass by them

round about: and behold, *there were very many in the open valley; and lo, they were very dry.* Been there for a *long* time; some of them have been there for nearly 7,000 years. **And He said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, You know. Again He said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O you dry bones, hear the word of the Eternal. Thus say's the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live: And I will lay sinew upon you, and will bring you up flesh on you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Eternal.** If you think about that... you're been dead for 2,000 – 3,000 – 4,000 years and you know what the world was like when you were alive and maybe you even remember how you died, and you're resurrected during the Great White Throne, the Last Great Day – resurrected at the beginning of the last 100 years allotted for man. 'You'll know I am the Eternal.' They'll know! There will be no question.

Verse 7 - So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied there was a noise and behold a shaking, and the bones came together bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinew and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them about: but there was no breath in them. Then said He unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say unto the wind, Thus says the Lord GOD; Come with the four winds, O breathe, and breathe upon the slain that they may live. So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, an exceeding great army. He said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: the balance of mankind to be given their chance to live God's way of life, to be called out of this world and brought back to physical life. Says...behold, they say, Our bones are dry, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.****

Verse 12 - Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus says the Lord GOD; Behold, O My people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Bring you into the Church. And you shall know that I am the Eternal, and I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up out of your graves, And shall put My spirit in you, and you shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: and you shall know that I am the Eternal, have spoken it and performed it, says the Eternal. This great physical resurrection, back to physical life for *all* those who never knew God, who didn't commit the unpardonable sin; a time when the Eternal Almighty God, Yahweh Elohim; He'll reveal Himself to the balance of mankind and call them.

It says in **John 7:37 – In the Last Day, that Great Day of the Feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink. And he that believes on Me, as the scripture said, Out of his belly shall flow living waters.**

Yeah, all those resurrected will be called by the Father and can have access to the holy spirit if they humble themselves and repent of sin just like everybody else has to do. **If any man thirst...** or as another translation has it... **If anyone thirst...** it's a process; to thirst, to desire *ardently*, to have that internal desire for God and His way of life.

It says in **John 6:44 – No man can come to Me except the Father draw him;** you must be drawn, you must be called. There's a calling; that we must be called; that no man can come on his own. It's not a choice that we make, it's a calling that God gives to us to come out of this world, to be drawn to His way of life, for Him to begin working with people's minds so they can begin to understand the truth, so they can see the Sabbath day, they can see who God is, the true God, what true worship is, what the true spiritual intent of the law is, what the plan of God is, the seven annual Holy Days and what it pictures and why God created mankind and what the plan is for mankind and how He's building Himself a

Family...and how everyone will be given an opportunity to be in that Family if they so choose to live God's way of life and to accept it; an opportunity to be given that desire to be baptized so that sins can be blotted out; and then the laying on of hands and the receiving of the holy spirit. God's plan for man will be revealed to all, but all in their time.

If you think about **John 6:44** where all must be called. **No man can come to Me except the Father draw him**, or call him. During the first 6,000 years – not too many, 144,000 out of the billions of people that have lived on this earth; 144,000 will be born into the Family of God at the return of Jesus Christ. They were called. Others were called along the way that didn't make it, that didn't overcome their human carnal nature. But then you think about those during the 6,000 years that are going to live on into the next thousand years. A lot of you that are listening today – that was the purpose of your calling, to be part of the Church so that you can go on into the thousand year period already knowing who God is and already knowing what's happening and already being there as a foundation of the membership of the Church of God and helping those that are *still* going to be called, that are going to be *dragged* out of this world at the very end as they're given an opportunity to humble themselves and accept God and realize where they are wrong and want to change and want to live on into the thousand year period that's right before us. You can be there for them as an example for them and you can tell the stories that you can tell and help them and encourage them.

Then the next calling is everybody who is... not only everybody who's called now that are baptized and are going to go on into the thousand years; but those those who are going on in and maybe getting baptized maybe before, some of them after; but the next group of people that are going to be allowed to live on into the thousand year period. Then all those who are born during the thousand years that God will call. They're going to have their calling and great lessons will be had there. They're going to have the example of what went on for 6,000 years. And then those who are alive at the very end of the thousand years are going to witness what happens when Satan's let loose and how he really has an impact on mankind and what man will do in that short period of time when God puts that to a screeching halt through *death*!

And then the balance of mankind being called at the beginning of the last 100 years when they're resurrected back to physical human life, when their bones are pulled back together, when their sinews, skin slapped on to them and breath is blown back into their lungs so they can breathe, so they can live again and *know that God is God*. They know where they were and they know where they're at. What a beautiful thing! They will know that He *is* the Eternal and *He* did it; and then they can look back at 7,000 years. They know what it was like under Satan, but they didn't know what it was like under Satan with God's spirit; but now they have the opportunity to have God's spirit in more of a protected state. But they got the example of what happened at the end of the thousand years...after a thousand years of the Kingdom of God *ruling* on this earth over human beings; the Family of God ruling on the earth, the 144,000 along with Jesus Christ...and *still* what happened at the end of the thousand years. They'll have that to look back on. But they'll be shaken to their core anyway knowing what happened, knowing that they were dead...and some of them for *thousands... six thousand years, five thousand years*. When they're brought back to life and, "Whoa..." that'd be different. And they will *know* they were brought back to life and they will *know* the Eternal Almighty God did it.

So *all will be called* and given the opportunity to choose God's way of life, all mankind. It's a beautiful thing.

They're going to be resurrected to a different world than what they died in – things that are going to be fulfilled during that last hundred years. Again, so much of the beautiful truths, clarifications of understanding, knowledge and wisdom that we were given last year at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Micah 4:1 – Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Eternal's House shall be established on the top of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills and people shall flow unto it. Many nations shall come and say, Come, let us go to the mountain of the Eternal, to the House of the God of Jacob and He will teach us His ways and we shall walk in His paths for out of Zion shall go forth the law and the word of the Eternal from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples and shall rebuke strong nations afar off and they shall...and again, I think we learned more about that. Yes, He's going to judge, going to be a time of judgement on all mankind for the hundred year period. And who's going to be afar off? Those who cut themselves off, those who are without form and void and not inhabitable by the spirit of God. Just like when we sin, we go there, when we're the nations that are afar off.

Verse 3 – He shall judge between many peoples and shall rebuke strong nations afar off and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; but everyone shall sit under his vine, under his fig tree and no one shall make them afraid...no one shall make them afraid. It's going to be a different world that last 100 years. People are going to have big opportunity to live God's way of life and to fulfill their days not in fear. **For the mouth of the Eternal has spoken; for all the people walk each in the name of his god, but we shall walk in the name of the Eternal our God forever and ever.** Again, this is fulfilled during the 100 years.

Says in **Habakkuk 2:4 – For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the glory of the Eternal as the waters cover the sea;** a world *full* of the knowledge of God as the people of God that *thirst* are *taught* God's way. For those that *thirst* for this way of life, the knowledge of God will be there; God's way of life will be there for them.

Joel 2:12 – They must thirst for this way of life, they must hunger and thirst for it; or as we've been told for a long time, we need to *fight* for it. We need to fight hard for it! The words I'm using; they'll need to *thirst* for it... truly is probably the same thing, fighting for it/thirsting for it.

And again, they will have to respond just like anybody during the 7,100 years will have to respond. **Joel 2:12 - Now therefore says the Eternal, turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.** Why? Because they recognize that they were wrong and they were against God, they were an enemy of God and they did not know God, they did not know God's way and they will see that. And this will be the proper reaction; **turn to Me with your heart, with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and mourning.**

Verse 13 – so rent your heart, not your garments; be pricked in the heart, **return to the Eternal your God for He is gracious and merciful.** What mercy! What mercy for God to give every human being an opportunity to be a part of His Family; what mercy, what graciousness of God to allow His Son to suffer what He suffered, to make the way possible for *ALL* mankind to be born into the Family of God – our Passover Jesus Christ. Gracious! His way of life – Jesus Christ fully living God's way of life to *our* benefit. It behoves us to do the same thing, to live this way of life in such a way that it's to the benefit of others, that the grace of God can live through us, that we receive the grace of God and then we can thereby live

this way and others can benefit through God's grace and His tremendous mercy for mankind...for each and every one of us.

And it goes on here **...for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, slow to anger.** That says *a lot*. **...and of great kindness, and He relents from doing harm.** So if they respond, just like if we respond, the balance of mankind will have the opportunity to be given eternal life and membership in the Family of Elohim, the Family of God, spirit beings.

Let's turn to **Isaiah 65:20**. Here is the spot where we get an idea of how long that last period of time will be. **There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that has not fulfilled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old but the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed.** So a 100 year time period allocated in God's plan for all those billions resurrected to live again physically and learn to live the way of God. God desires that they all be saved, that they *all* become part of His Family... that's God's desire!

Isaiah 11...again, as revealed last year, this is referring to conditions during the 100 year period after the great resurrection to physical life for the billions of people that have ever lived and not given the opportunity to choose God's way. **Isaiah 11:1 – There shall come forth a rod from the stem of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of its roots; and the spirit of the Eternal shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of council and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Eternal. His delight is for the fear of the Lord and He shall not judge by sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; but with righteousness He shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.** Again, speaking of those who *thirst*, who hunger and thirst for this way of life and those who would have a teachable spirit, the meek, those that are resurrected in the Great White Throne and who *see what they see* and they remember what they remember and they realize that *the Eternal is the Eternal* and the Eternal brought them back to life and has given them an opportunity. And knowing that God desires that none of them... *not one of them* not make it and not be a part of His Family. The meek of the earth...humbled, awestruck, amazed, ready to respond.

It goes on. Says, **He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth and with the breath of His lips and shall slay the wicked.**

Verse 5 – Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins and faithfulness the belt of His waist. Here we're going to be talking about where even the nature of animals will be changed to facilitate human life, to facilitate what God's plan is for that last 100 years; and this is where it happens, starting in **verse 6 – the wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young ones shall lie down together and the lion shall eat straw like an ox, the nursing child shall play in the cobra's hole and the weaned child shall put his hand in a vipers den.** And as we were told last year...**they will not be harmed**, they cannot be harmed; God will not allow them to be harmed because they are going to live out their years. That child will live to be 100 years old, whatever it takes, up to a hundred years so God can know; "Now I know you. Welcome to My Family!" ...they'll be given eternal life being *born* a spirit being. Again, this is fulfilled during the 100 years.

All these things are a process, from being called... it's a process; it began with those that God worked with for the first 6,000 years, and then those that He's working within the thousand years, and then in the 100 years. It's a process; they all have a process and they all get totally fulfilled during the 100 year period. But some things *are* for the 100 year period and this is for that time, where the nature of

animals be changed, where God will *not allow* this child to be harmed, *cannot* be harmed because God won't allow it, because God has a plan for that child; just like for *every member* of the human family – *all* of mankind.

Verse 9 – and they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Eternal as the waters cover the sea. And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse who shall stand as a banner to the people, and for the Gentiles shall seek Him and His resting place shall be glorious. Conditions during the 100 years; to give those resurrected to life, to a physical life the second time, an opportunity to repent and change and to be added to the Family of God.

During this time, the balance of mankind that are resurrected will come to understand *all* about the nature of man's heart, the things that we've been taught for so long, that the natural heart without God, cut off from God, *uninhabitable* by God, without form and void, is disobedient, it's deceitful, it's *wicked*, it's rebellious, it's stubborn, it's unrepentant and it's impatient. And we can see those qualities in us. These are things that we need to overcome. We need to overcome our carnal human nature, just like those in the thousand years will have to, just like those in the 100 years will have to. They'll see their heart. We should see our heart. We should *see* that we're disobedient and deceitful and wicked and rebellious and stubborn and unrepentant and *impatient*. Should make us sick! But *they'll* see it because they'll have a lot to reflect on; but *if they thirst...* if they thirst and with the spirit of God, with God's spirit dwelling in them, they will *not* fight instruction, they will receive and accept correction, they will be teachable and they can *overcome* their carnal human nature.

Lessons for us today. If we thirst, if we fight for this way of life with the spirit of God we will *not* fight instruction, because we're fighting instruction. We all do, it's part of our human nature, its part of what we need to overcome; because they will *not* fight instruction; or they'll *receive* and accept correction, be teachable. Are we teachable? We need to be teachable.

If we understand our heart and we keep on guard and we *thirst* for this way of life, if we allow God's spirit to dwell in us we will not fight instruction, we'll receive and accept correction, we'll be teachable and *we can overcome with God's help*, not on our own, not on our own power – none of this is! It's with the spirit of God dwelling in us and us submitting to it we can overcome our carnal human nature. And they have that opportunity. And not only that, they will also come to *know and live the way of peace*.

That was a strong set of sermons – 'The Way of Peace'. Every time we open our mouth, if we could only go back and let those sermons run through our head; to know and to live the way of peace. We've been told *that's our responsibility now, to begin to live* that way of peace that's been described to us.

And those of you who are going to live on in, or those of us I should say, that are going to live on into the thousand year period... that *you* begin to live that way of peace, to know and to live it and to be that example for those who are not part of the Body initially as they go on into the thousand year period. And then to have those billions of people resurrected to understand their heart and understand what they can accomplish with God's spirit, what God can accomplish *in* them; and then *they* can come to know and to live the way of peace. What a beautiful sight, what a beautiful thought!

Revelation 21:1 – Again, as revealed last year, the process begins in the 1000 years but is not complete until there is no more human life...this whole process of changing, of healing the mind. **Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God**

prepared as a bride adorned for her husband and I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men and He will dwell with them and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, there shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away. Then He who sat on the throne said, Behold I make all things new. And He said unto me, Write for these words are faithful and true.

Yes, the time coming after the 100 years is finished, when *all* will be fulfilled and the Family of God is complete; but the final phase as outlined in the Last Great Day begins with that great resurrection, and we remember what Jesus said... **On the Last Day, that Great *Day* of the Feast, Jesus stood and cried saying, If anyone thirsts...If any man thirsts...If anyone thirsts let him come unto Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water... *IF* anyone thirsts.**

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