

Love Is For Ever -- Rediscovering Abba's Fantastic Truths
Please read **Leviticus 23:23-43**

Tabernacles (and the other Fall festivals) Today.

There are some that believe that the feasts were all nailed to the cross. This is very obviously NOT the case, even though we and most other believers have been taught this. Those who taught us were taught by others, and so on for generations. The early assembly of believers never promoted such a thing for the historical record shows that they were busy practicing these festivals for some 300 years after the time of Yahushua. It was during the fledgling years of Catholicism that this notion ever came about.

Things changed when Satan joined "the church." When Constantine was "converted" from paganism, (and we use the term very loosely) nearly everything "Jewish" became a target of ridicule, sanction, and persecution. The Sabbath, the first feast (**Leviticus 23:1-3**) became a target as well as the other appointed times. The papacy claims to have done away with the feasts (as well as the Sabbath) and this is the tradition that has been handed down through the ages. "The Catholic Church abolished not only the Sabbath, but all the other Jewish festivals." THOMAS ENRIGHT, St. Louis, MISSOURI, 1905. (**Daniel 7:25** anyone?) But we are responsible not for the light (limited as it was) that was revealed to our forefathers, but for the light that is shining upon us today!

"There are many at the present day clinging to the customs and traditions of their fathers. When the L-rd sends them additional light, they refuse to accept it, because, not having been granted to their fathers, it was not received by them. We are not placed where our fathers were: consequently our duties and responsibilities are not the same as theirs. We shall not be approved of G-d in looking to the example of our fathers to determine our duty instead of searching the Word of Truth for ourselves. Our responsibility is greater than was that of our ancestors. We are accountable for the light which was handed down as an inheritance for us, and we are accountable also for the additional light which is now shining upon us from the word of G-d." *The Great Controversy p. 164*

Brethren, not everything handed down to us was light! "We have many lessons to learn, and many, many to unlearn. G-d and heaven alone are infallible. Those who think that they will never have to give up a cherished view, never have occasion to change an opinion, will be disappointed. As long as we hold to our own ideas and opinions with determined persistency, we cannot have the unity for which Chr-st prayed." *Review & Herald, 7-26-1892*

There are also some more studious believers who say that all the feasts were nailed to the cross except the Feast of Tabernacles because it alone has not met anti-type. This feast represents the Final Harvest (the 2nd Coming).

"The Feast of Tabernacles was not only commemorative but typical. It not only pointed back to the wilderness sojourn, but, as the feast of harvest, it celebrated the ingathering of the fruits of the earth, and pointed forward to the great day of final ingathering, when the L-rd of the harvest shall send forth His reapers to gather the tares together in bundles for the fire, and to gather the wheat into His garner. At that time, the wicked will all be destroyed. They will become 'as though they had not been.' Obadiah 16." *Patriarchs and Prophets, page 541*

Brethren, we have told you before, and it must be said again: Unleavened Bread, Feast of Weeks (Pentecost) and Feast of Ingathering (Tabernacles) are part of YHVH's unchanging perpetual covenant. There are 2 witnesses. Here is the first reading of the covenant: *Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. Thou 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:)*

And 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. Exodus 23:14-16

There was more than the 10 commandments on the tablets of stone; here's the second witness after Moses broke the original: *The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt. And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end.* **Exodus 34:18, 22**

Brethren, can you gainsay this evidence? Read these passages in context and you will find that these in these texts are words that are part of the everlasting covenant. Scripture does not plead with us to obey, it commands obedience. However, for those who require it, we are not left without pleading:

“Like the Passover, the Feast of Tabernacles was commemorative. In memory of their pilgrim life in the wilderness the people were not to leave their houses and dwell in booths, or arbors, formed from the green branches ‘of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook.’ Leviticus 23:40, 42, 43.

“At these yearly assemblies the hearts of old and young would be encouraged in the service of G-d, while the association of the people from the different quarters of the land would strengthen the ties that bound them to God and to one another. Well would it be for the people of G-d at the present time to have a Feast of Tabernacles--a joyous commemoration of the blessings of G-d to them. As the children of Israel celebrated the deliverance that G-d had wrought for their fathers, and His miraculous preservation of them during their journeyings from Egypt, so should we gratefully call to mind the various ways He has devised for bringing us out from the world, and from the darkness of error, into the precious light of His grace and truth. *Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 540*

Read this in context. This author was not sanctioning campmeetings or any other assembly as a replacement for Feast of Tabernacles. This chapter is about the real McCoy, not what has become its replacement. Nothing against campmeetings; we need revival, however these are not appointments in time to meet with YHVH. We do not make appointments with Him, He makes appointments with us. We can either make or break these appointments. Just as our Sunday keeping brethren should not expect to receive a Sabbath blessing for assembling on a day not sanctified by the Creator (**Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15**), we cannot expect to receive the blessings reserved for festival observance by convocating at our convenience for campmeeting. If you understand nothing else, understand this: these are HIS Divine appointments and He never changes, **Malachi 3:6, Deuteronomy 4:2**. We can not, dare not, put Him in a box and tell Him when to meet with us!

The feast of Trumpets and Day of Atonement (DOA) are the other Fall festivals. It is interesting that these are not named in the covenant. It is also quite interesting that Seventh-day Adventists, who claim that these feasts were nailed to the cross, claim that on Day of Atonement, in 1844, Yahushua observed this appointment in time and entered the Most Holy Place. How is it possible to un-nail this solemn appointment 1,800 years after it was supposedly nailed? Who sanctioned this un-nailing? And who said to nail it back? YHVH is not the author of confusion.

Feast of Trumpets was a warning that Judgment was coming 9 days later at Day of Atonement. Brethren, Feast of Trumpets and Day of Atonement have still not met anti-type. And won't until the sins of the righteous are placed in the head of the scapegoat, one of the final acts done on this day. If it has not met anti-type; it is still binding. Brethren, in type, the high priest entered the Most Holy Place only once a year and came back out on the same day. We observe these things symbolically until type meets anti-type, but type must meet anti-type **to the letter**. If you are not observing this appointment, what is become of your sins?

Feast of Trumpets is still binding and will be as long as Day of Atonement has not met anti-type. Feast of Trumpets was the warning to prepare for Day of Atonement. Judgment (investigative or otherwise) is coming. It comes every year, right at the Divine appointment, and every year the Feast of Trumpets warns us to prepare for this event. These 2 festivals are not named in the covenant because after final Judgment, there will be no need to celebrate the demise of sin and sinners. The kingdom will be a happy place, **Revelation 21:4**.

Be a Berean!