

Feast of Tabernacles
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Torah Portion

Lev 23:39 – 43

'Also on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep the feast of the L-RD for seven days; on the first day there shall be a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day a sabbath-rest. 40 And you shall take for yourselves on the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, branches of palm trees, the boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the L-RD your G-d for seven days. 41 You shall keep it as a feast to the L-RD for seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations. You shall celebrate it in the seventh month. 42 You shall dwell in booths for seven days. All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, 43 that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the L-RD your G-d.'

John 4:19 – 24

19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 G-d is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Service Portion

What does it mean to us?

1) We live in an earthly tabernacle

2 Cor 5: 1 – 4 (KJV)

5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of G-d, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

2) We long for our heavenly dwelling

2 Corinthians 5:5

5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is G-d, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

3) We are looking for a kingdom

Hebrews 12:28

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve G-d acceptably with reverence and G-dly fear.

4) We look to our king

Zachariah 14:16 – 19

And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the L-RD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 17 And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the L-RD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. 18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the L-RD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. 19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

All in NKJV unless notated otherwise.