

A SABBATH SERMON

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Feasts of the LORD (YHVH)

Leviticus 23: 1, 2: **The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say unto them, ‘These are the appointed feasts (mo ed, Genesis 1:14) of the LORD that you shall proclaim as holy convocations; they are My appointed feasts. (H4150 moed Genesis 1:14)**

Genesis 1: 14. **And God said. Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night: And let them be for signs and for seasons (Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter, as well as Holy times to meet with “The LORD”.) and for days and years.**

So, we know that the Sabbath, Feasts, seasons for sowing and seasons for harvest, did not begin at Mount Sinai, with the giving of the Ten Commandments. Sacrifices must have begun with Adam and Eve. God accepted Abel’s proper offering, but refused Cain’s improper sacrifice.

Psalms 47: 7. **For God is King of all the earth; Sing praises with a skillful psalm, God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne.**

Since Adam and Eve chose, for mankind, the fruit of the tree of good and evil, mankind has drifted farther and farther from the holy ways of God. Today, few know evil from good. Even the few trying to follow a good path, compromise, “go along to get along”. While Iranian funded Hamas rape, shoot, behead, shoot to kill and wound thousands of Israelis, Americans continue to feel safe.

A “free Palestine” rally was held in Dearborn, Michigan, on Tuesday, featuring elected officials and community organizers from across the Detroit area, saw cheers for Hamas terrorist organization and chants for the destruction of the State of Israel. (Henry Ford was an anti-semitic. Dearborn was chosen by then President Obama to settle Muslim refugees who voted Rashid into Congress.)

The rally was hosted at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center. Attendees chanted slogans such as “From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free,” implying complete destruction of the state of Israel, stretching from the Jordan River to the Mediterranean Sea. Also, chants of “With our souls, with our blood, we’ll defend you, O Aqsa” were raised.

It has long confounded me, that American President after President, sides with terrorists that promise to kill, "First the Sabbath people, then the Sunday people".

Perhaps, it is because they are of the party that gave America slavery, the CSA, KKK, and poverty. America is bent on returning to the days when everyone from the sheriff, judge, mayor, and governor were the "rule by fear or force" days generations of Southern African Americans lived.

Before that:

It was the result of the way of Cain, the way his parents, Adam and Eve chose, for us.

The world needs the Kingdom of God. Only the Kingdom of God can replace Babylon. That is where the weekly Sabbaths, and you, "The Chosen" come in:

Every seventh day, a few get to experience a foretaste of that Kingdom. But, we must "Endure to the end", before we can experience it, fully. The end may not be pleasant. (Hebrews 11). Beheadings could be coming, possibly to a city near you!

Turn to **1 Corinthians 1**. Paul is writing to the congregation at Corinth, and to us, who like Joseph of Arimathea are "waiting for the kingdom of God". (Mark 15:43 and Luke 23: 51.)

1 Corinthians 1: 14-27:

But to them which are called, (Are you called? This means you, too.). **Both Jews and Greeks,** (non Israelite born) **Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.** **25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men: and the weakness of God is stronger than men.** **26 For you see your calling, brethren how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 But God has chosen the foolish things to confound the wise; and God has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty.**

Twice. Two times in these short verses we read, "God has chosen". So what if you are not rich, or a great success in the world. God is building better, with you, and in you. Now, and in the Kingdom of God. F O R E V E R!

God has chosen to rebuild the world, His way, with you. Christ and His Bride has 1,000 years of work to do. It is "the restitution of all things". See Acts 3:21.

Let us not be in such a hurry for the Kingdom of God, to come...so we can rule. *Let's remember a word of Caution, from Jesus, Himself:*

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Matthew 21-22:

For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should be no flesh saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Question: How much flesh saved alive? 10%? Someone at the Feast said 10% left alive, to start the Millennium. Well, for the sake of the elect, I hope so. Otherwise, without living breathing, shell shocked humanity, all that would be left for Christ and His Brice to do, for 1,000 years, would be to restore the planet for the Great Resurrection, at the end of the Millennium.

God wants people, alive, to start the Millennial reign.

Isaiah 2: 2-4:

Now it will come about in the last days the mountain of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains, and will be raised above the hills; and all the nations (plural) will stream to it. And many peoples shall say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that He may teach us concerning His ways and walk in His paths." ("This is the way, walk in it." Teachers will say to them. See Isaiah 30:21.)

Let us continue in Isiah 2, with the work of Christ and His bride, in the Millennium:

For the law shall go forth from Zion and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And He will judge among the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples:

Let me interrupt this scripture for an update, from the life of Moses:

Exodus 18: 1.

When Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all God had done for Moses and for all Israel His people, and that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

- Did God have only one true "church in the wilderness?"
- Would God have Moses live with pagans, until the burning bush episode?
- We speak of "the priest of Midian" as one might speak of another Church of God congregation, we are not part of.

In Exodus 18, Moses sat from morning until the evening, judging matters between the people of Israel. Jesus will have many nation, all nations to judge, at the beginning of the Millennium. Thankfully, God planned ahead. The Bride of Christ is composed of many parts. Some will be capable of judging matters. Jethro suggested Moses seek "men of truth" to judge matters between thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. Jesus, the Bridegroom will be King of kings, High Priest of priests. (Jesus said that in His house are "many mansions" (John 14:2) Jethro was not wiser than God.

Christ and His Bride have much work to do, together. Think about it.