

Feast of Tabernacles

God Desires to Dwell With Man - The Progression of the Concept through Time

They walked and talked with God in the garden (Gen 3:8).....TREE OF LIFE LOST

- Gen 3:22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. **Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever--**"

Moses built a tabernacle in the wilderness - that GOD could dwell in their midst --- Exo 25:8
And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst.

Solomon Built a House for the Name of God and God filled it with His Glory --- 2Ch 7:1-2 As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and **the glory of the LORD filled the temple.** (2) And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house.

Jesus TABERNACLED among us --- Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt ***[tabernacled]*** among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

You are the TEMPLE --- 1Co 3:16-17 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? (17) If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

That Where I Am You May Be Also - this is God's heart

Joh 14:2-3 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? (3) And if I **go and prepare a place for you**, I will come again and will take you to myself, **that where I am you may be also.**

In heaven what was lost in the garden is regained

The Tabernacle of God is with men in heaven TREE OF LIFE REGAINED --- Rev 22:1-6 Then the angel showed me **the river of the water of life**, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb (2) through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the **tree of life** with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. (3) No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. (4) They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. (5) And night will be no more. **They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light**, and they will reign forever and ever. (6) And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

The theme of water and light

- ***Water*** of life flowing from the throne
- Light - the LORD is the ***light***

FEAST of TABERNACLES

Deu 16:13-15 NIV **Celebrate** the Festival of Tabernacles for seven days ***after*** you have **gathered the produce** of your threshing floor and your winepress. 14 **Be joyful** at your festival--you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, and the Levites, the foreigners, the fatherless and the widows who live in your towns. 15 For seven days celebrate the festival to the LORD your God at the place the LORD will choose. ***For the LORD your God will bless you in all your harvest and in all the work of your hands, and your joy will be complete.***

1) JOY AFTER the HARVEST

- Ps 126:5-6 Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy! (6) He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with ***shouts of joy***, bringing his sheaves with him.
- Mat 25:21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. ***Enter into the joy of your master.***'

IN THE END ALL THAT WILL MATTER IS HOW OUR LIVES WERE INVESTED IN HIS KINGDOM

Lev 23:39-44 NIV "So beginning with the fifteenth day of the seventh month, ***after*** you have **gathered the crops** of the land, celebrate the festival to the LORD for seven days; the first day is a day of sabbath rest, and the eighth day also is a day of sabbath rest. 40 On the first day you are to **take branches from luxuriant trees**--from palms, willows and other leafy trees--and **rejoice before the LORD your God for seven days**. 41 Celebrate this as a festival to the LORD for seven days each year. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come; celebrate it in the seventh month. 42 **Live in temporary shelters** for seven days: All native-born Israelites are to live in such shelters 43 so your descendants will know that ***I had the Israelites live in temporary shelters when I brought them out of Egypt.*** I am the LORD your God." 44 So Moses announced to the Israelites the appointed festivals of the LORD.

2) A Reminder of Living in TEMPORARY Shelters"

We Are Sojourners

Heb 11:8-10 NIV By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Water and Light

There were two ceremonies during Feast of Tabernacles

1. Pouring of water from the pool of Siloam
2. Lighting large candelabra

WATER AND LIGHT IN THE WILDERNESS

Neh 9:18-21 Even when they had made for themselves a golden calf and said, 'This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt,' and had committed great blasphemies, (19) you in your great mercies did not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of cloud to lead them in the way did not depart from them by day, nor the pillar of fire by night ***to light for them the***

way by which they should go. (20) You gave your good Spirit to instruct them and did not withhold your manna from their mouth and gave them water for their thirst. (21) Forty years you sustained them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing. Their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell.

1Co 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

WATER AND LIGHT IN JESUS MINISTRY

Joh 7:37-39 On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "if anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. (38) Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" (39) Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Joh 8:11-12 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more." (12) Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

During our Sojourning - Where we are strangers

- Christ is the only one who can quench our thirst - We need the Holy Spirit
- We need the light to show us the way ['go and sin no more']

In Heaven – the final Tabernacle, and the elements of Water and Light

Revelation 22:1-5 the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb...the tree of life...the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

Joh 4:13-14 NIV Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."