

WOC INTERNATIONAL

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Review

Deut 16:16 “Three times a year all your men are to appear in the presence of Adonai your God in the place which he will choose — at the festival of matzah, at the festival of Shavu’ot and at the festival of Sukkot. They are not to show up before Adonai empty-handed” CJB

Last week, we looked at 3 important realities regarding the Festival of Sukkot

Reality 1 - Sukkot is mentioned in Scripture more times than any other feast

Reality 2 - Sukkot is the most enjoyable and festive of Yahweh’s 7 feasts which is why ...

Reality 3 - Sukkot is the only Festival with multiple symbols and significations about Yeshua

Last week, we looked at

Transferring the same Yom Kippur union to Sukkot

Trusting that He will replace this temporary sukkah

Remembering the ideology behind the festival of Sukkot

Introduction

What’s the difference between worldly joy and kingdom joy? - _____

The shifting, changing circumstances of this life produce joy that’s fleeting at best

The eternal & spiritual circumstances founded in a saving relationship with Yeshua

Foster joy that cannot be overshadowed even by the harshest earthly circumstances

Why I will rejoice today?

Reason 1 - I rejoice today because of my “_____”

1 Peter 1:23 “You have been born again not from some seed that will decay, but from one that cannot decay, through the living Word of God that lasts forever.” CJB

I once was dead in sin, but Sukkot reminds me rebirth has given me new life & new a sukkah

I once was doomed, destined for the lake of fire - Rebirth has made me a citizen of heaven

I once had no spiritual inheritance - Rebirth has given me an eternal inheritance of rest

Reason 2 - I rejoice today because I have the _____ of serving in His Kingdom

Col 3:23-24 “Whatever work you do, put yourself into it, as those who are serving not merely other people, but the Lord. 24 Remember that as your reward, you will receive the inheritance from the Lord. You are slaving for the Lord, for the Messiah.” CJB

Sukkot reminds me of the promise of a holy sukkah via the sanctification of this old sukkah!

1 Peter 2:15-17 “For it is God’s will that your doing good should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. 16 Submit as people who are free, but not letting your freedom serve as an excuse for evil; rather, submit as God’s slaves.” CJB

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Reason 3 - I rejoice today because Yeshua is my _____

1 John 5:11-12 “And this is the witness: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Those who have the Son have the life; those who do not have the Son of God do not have the life.” CJB

Sukkot reminds me I can remain in union with my Father because I have Yeshua’s life in me

1 John 2:24 “Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you. If what you heard from the beginning remains in you, you will also remain in union with both the Son and the Father.” CJB

Reason 4 - I rejoice today because Yahweh faithfully _____ my needs

While the following passage is the one that everyone knows

Phil 4:19-20 “Moreover, my God will fill every need of yours according to his glorious wealth, in union with the Messiah Yeshua. 20 And to God our Father be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Sukkot (aka known as the month of gifts) reminds me to rejoice in His giving of great gifts

2 Cor 9:8 “Moreover, God has the power to provide you with every gracious gift in abundance, so that always in every way you will have all you need yourselves and be able to provide abundantly for every good cause” CJB

Reason 5 - I rejoice today because I am _____ by my Father’s power

John 10:27-28 “My sheep listen to my voice, I recognize them, they follow me, 28 and I give them eternal life. They will absolutely never be destroyed, and no one will snatch them from my hands.” CJB

Many believe the false narrative that they have the power to walk away on their own accord

Even though He says no one has the power to snatch them away

Sukkot reminds me my protection is based on my Great Shepherd’s faithfulness

Yeshua will pay any price to protect me as my shepherd against any thief or any predator

Reason 6 - I rejoice today because my Father works my _____ to His glory

He uses painful things in my life for to refine my faith, hope and love and fulfill His purposes

Gen 50:20 “You meant to do me harm, but God meant it for good – so that it would come about as it is today, with many people’s lives being saved.” CJB

Sukkot reminds me Yeshua will be exalted in my body, whether by my life or by my death

Reason 7 - I rejoice because my Father will _____ His good work of transformation in me

Phil 1:6 “And I am sure of this: that the One who began a good work among you will keep it growing until it is completed on the Day of the Messiah Yeshua.” CJB

Sukkot reminds me there is no doubting whether He CAN finish the work in me because

1 - The Father’s Work in me is not the product of human agency or will

And He does not commence a work and then abandon it or leave it unfinished as we do

2 - Yahweh designed my hardships to make me better, not bitter

And my ultimate perfection lies in His hands not mine

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How do I maintain Sukkot's Joy in difficult times?

1 Peter 1:3-4 "Praised be God, Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, who, in keeping with his great mercy, has caused us, through the resurrection of Yeshua the Messiah from the dead, to be born again to a living hope, 4 to an inheritance that cannot decay, spoil or fade, kept safe for you in heaven." CJB

Maintaining joy starts with enacting 5 small yet significant habits

Small habits don't take much time, yet when I _____ them with a sense of purpose

They can make a significant impact on my ability to discover joy

Small habit changes make it easy for me to move forward

Even when I'm stressed by difficult circumstances

1st Habit to establish - I ask the Spirit to _____ my mind daily

Mind renewal happens through inspiration from the Spirit

Who serves as my counselor, advocate, helper, comforter, and teacher (John 14:26)

As the Holy Spirit renews my mind, I'll gain the ability to see situations more clearly

From an accurate perspective that reflects Yahweh's truth

2nd Habit to establish - Choose how to _____ to my thoughts

When negative thoughts enter my mind, I take them captive rather than dwell on them

This stops them before they progress to harmful thoughts (e.g., worry & bitterness)

2 Cor 10:4-5 "Because the weapons we use to wage war are not worldly. On the contrary, they have God's power for demolishing strongholds. We demolish arguments 5 and every arrogance that raises itself up against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey the Messiah." CJB

Examine them to see if they align with God's truth and discard them if they don't

Replace these thoughts with that worth taking up space in your mind

Phil 4:8 "In conclusion, brothers, focus your thoughts on what is true, noble, righteous, pure, lovable or admirable, on some virtue or on something praiseworthy." CJB

3rd Habit to establish - Study and _____ the Word

Fill my mind with the Father's messages to me in his Word

This helps me stay focused on joy in any type of circumstances

Rom 15:13 "May God, the source of hope, fill you completely with joy and shalom as you continue trusting, so that by the power of the Ruach HaKodesh you may overflow with hope."

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4th Habit to establish - Give thanks for my _____

Even in difficult times, I can still find many blessings for which I can be grateful

Don't take anything for granted, even my next breath is a gift from God

5th Habit to establish - Stay in frequent _____ with God

Start prayer and meditation habits I'll enjoy

Approach my time with my Father as an opportunity rather than as an obligation

Try out fresh ways of communicating that help you notice & enjoy God's presence more

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