

Welcome, everybody, on this day of the Feast. Let's go directly into the sermon for today.

Normally when we address the subject of the Feast of Tabernacles we read Leviticus 23:33-44. But today I want to start by considering the 'god of this world', who is described by Paul in **2 Corinthians 4:4**. And it states there, **In whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.** So early on [in] the existence of the Church Satan blinded the knowledge about the thousand years.

The knowledge about the Millennium and the belief in the Millennium hadn't been lost yet in the third century AD. A certain Tertullianus speaks of it on his writings dated in the 3rd century AD. He says that in the days after the resurrection there will be a physical realm of Christ that will last a Millennium. One century later, in the 4th century AD, Eusebius Pamphili of Caesarea also wrote about the Millennium, but from then onward the belief in the Millennium gradually was lost. This happened when the Catholic church put the book of Revelation on their list of forbidden books; in Revelation 20:1-6 the thousand years are addressed. From that time on the Roman empire began to be considered as God's Kingdom. But we know that the Kingdom of God is composed of God's Family, who will form the government in the Millennium, as was explained to us by Mr. Armstrong.

So as we can see, Satan twisted and turned everything that God had in store for humankind considering His Family, therefore we must stay close to Him and repent every hour and every minute of our life so Satan doesn't get a chance at spreading doubt about any of the 57 Truths at all. We must cherish them and go through them again and again and ask for Gods help to hold fast to what He revealed to us through His apostles and prophets; never to give up but to continue steadfast, because what God has in store for us is so fantastic and beautiful.

Let's now go to **Leviticus 23:33 – And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of the seventh month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles for seven days unto the LORD.** The Feast of Tabernacles, symbolizing the Millennium, starts with a High Day, a yearly Sabbath.

Verse 35 – On the first day shall be a holy convocation: you shall do not servile work therein. And then six more days to this 8th day, which again is a High Day, a yearly Sabbath, and is called the Last Great Day, which we will celebrate in a few days from now.

Then in **verse 40 – And you shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.** Mr. Weinland explained at the Feast of Tabernacles in 2006 that we are temporary dwellings that must bear fruit. So we are temporary until we are thus molded and fashioned that we can be placed into the spiritual Temple of God, which is eternal. How exciting is God's plan for us!

On in **verse 41 – And you shall keep it a Feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute forever in your generations: you shall celebrate it in the seventh month.** It says there 'it is an eternal statute forever in your generation' – how then can the religions of this world claim that these Feasts have been done away with? We know that they cannot see because they have not yet been called.

Let's also have a look at **John 6: 44** and **65**. We know these verses well, but it's expedient to review them again. **John 6:44 – No man can come to Me except the Father which has sent Me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

And then **verse 65 – And He said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto Me, except it were given unto him of My Father.** They can't help it, but therefore for us it is even more important that we do take heed. It's extremely important for us to cherish the calling that God has given to us. That is something that will be easier in the future for the masses because one will no longer be influenced by Satan and his demons. They will be bound at that time in the bottomless pit (abyss) as we find in **Revelation 20:2-3 – And he laid hold on the dragon, that is that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.**

One will no longer be restricted by the people in power who carried high positions. Those have been destroyed in the bottomless pit as stated in **Revelation 19:20 – And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. Both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**

Let's go to **Joel 2:28 – And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.** All stumbling blocks will be taken out of the way and God will pour His spirit upon all flesh. All will have the ability to see the truth ... **your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.** They will be able to see the truth!

Let's now go to **Isaiah 11:9 – They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.** The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, and at that time this knowledge must [be] used /worked with, and this to the point that God can say, "Now I know you. Come and inherit My promise, My Family Elohim."

I want to go to Matthew now, to see what Jesus says in the sermon on the mount about that knowledge, the knowledge that we must have for to grow into the Kingdom of God. He says in **Matthew 5:3 – Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.** The 'poor in spirit', those who know they are poor in spirit, needy of God's spirit. That means we must ask for God's spirit daily in prayer – in our car or wherever we are; we must continually ask for His spirit to be able to fight temptations and our own human nature.

Verse 4 – Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. And on in **verse 5 – Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.** Meek – the dictionary states the following about this, 'pleasant, gentle, mild, humble, submissive, soft, mild, modest, sweet.'

And then **verse 6 – Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be fulfilled.** This means judging justly, righteously, striving to be righteous with God's help that lives in us.

Then **verse 7 – Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.** We must also strive to be merciful, for that is also a characteristic that God expects of us; have pity on and take care of the less fortunate and the spiritually weak in God's Church, and help them.

And **verse 8** then – **Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.** Are we 'pure in heart'? Am I 'pure in heart', honest and fair? When I look at myself I tend to see quite some rough spots, and then I ask God, "Help me, please, because I want You, You and Your Son! Convert me and forgive me through the blood of Your Son who has delivered me. Help me Father!"

Verse 9 – Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Peacemakers... mmm...there's still some work to be done there isn't it for us, for myself and for everybody.

Verse 10 – Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Then in **verse 11 – Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake.** Persecuted, yes we are, the world and some of the scattered Churches persecute us by spreading false rumors about us, but God promises for those, the persecuted ones, is the Kingdom, "My Government, My Family".

Continuing in **verse 12 – Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.** Be happy and joyful...uh-huh, that's not always easy isn't it? ...when they do these things to us. Still, God wants us to be thus and He helps us as long as we keep asking this help of Him daily. The prophets were persecuted, and now again a prophet is being innocently 'put in chains'. You know, to me this actually is one of the many proofs that *this is God's Church!* Think about that, brethren.

Let's go to **Isaiah 2:1-5 – The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.**

Verse 2 – And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S House shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it. This 'in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills' means above all governments of this world. Jesus sits on His throne in Zion, in the House of the Lord.

Verse 3 – And many people shall go and say, Come you, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the Word of the LORD from Jerusalem. The nations will go there out of their own free will. But what do these people say? I found a better translation for the scripture, but what do these people say? I found a better translation for this scripture... ¹**Many people will come and say, "Let's go to the mountain of the Lord God of Jacob and worship in His Temple – into the House of spiritual Israel, is that.**

Verse 4 – And He shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up swords against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. What a beautiful world, the world that is coming. Imagine no more war. But that will take a lot of work to accomplish. As Mr. Armstrong said, it will take up to four generations to erase a lot of wrong thinking that is passed from generation to generation.

Then **verse 5 – O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the LORD.**

A beautiful time is approaching brethren, and we who are pioneers will be allowed to be

¹ Contemporary English Version (CEV)

instrumental in helping it to come about. It's fantastic to fight for that right now, and not to give up, because of what Paul says in **Romans 8:18-19 – For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which will be revealed toward us.**

Verse 19 – For the creation waits with eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.²

This is talking about the ultimate goal of being born as divine beings. And to us it is given to be instrumental in that time that is now before us, either as physical humans or as one of the 144,000. How *awesome* is God's plan! We must hold fast and stay in God's Church, otherwise God cannot work with us and we won't be allowed to enter this age and to partake in it.

So we do what is stated in **Isaiah 2:5 ...we walk in the light of the LORD**, meaning we walk according to His laws and His commandments.

By the way the title for this sermon is *The Thousand Years*. (The 1,000 Years.)

We shall go now to **Jeremiah 31:1-14 – At the same time, said the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people. This said the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.**

Verse 3 – The LORD had appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. Again, I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shall go forth in the dances of them that make merry. Israel that will be restored.

Verse 5 – Thou shall yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things. For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the Mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise you, and let us go up to Zion and unto the LORD our God. For thus said the LORD; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish you, praise you, and say, O LORD, save the people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall return thither. Gathered together from all over the world, that's what here is noted, gathered from all over the world.

Verse 9 – They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble: for I am the Father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn.

Verse 10 – Here the word of the LORD, O you nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather them/him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the LORD has redeemed Jacob and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.

Verse 12 – Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and they shall be as [a] watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all.

Verse 13 – Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. Brought to Zion.

² World English Bible (WEB)

Then **verse 14 – And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with My goodness, said the LORD.**

This will be built upon gradually, and God will dwell only in those that are committed to Him, and He will work out His plan in every individual's life, and not one will be the same as the other. Everyone is unique, and God moulds and fashions everyone so they will fit as stones in His Temple. So again, do not give up! And hold fast, because what is now right before us is so great!

As I'm preparing this sermon I suddenly realize that I too sometimes forget how beautiful this all is, and how I must push myself more and be diligent and ask over and over again every day, "Father, please help me and forgive me through the precious blood of Your Son. And please keep living in me to do Your works, because only You really know me and know what I need most to grow more and more towards you."

We all need to do these things more in our lives, brethren; that is what God expects of us. Through trial and error we must pick ourselves up again and again, and *never give up* – sometimes, that some have done in the past few years. It hurts to no longer have them among us. I can't help but notice in all conversations I've had lately, that it hurts and that people wonder "How is this possible?" *How* is this possible? And I've told those who have not experienced the apostasy the following, "You can compare this on a small scale to what happened back then on a massive scale, and compare it to that hurt and pain of no longer being able to have them in our midst."

Let's go to Ezekiel 36:1, one chapter after Jeremiah...**Ezekiel 36:1 – Also, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, You mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD;** this verse, the whole house of Israel, the mountains, are being addressed – the twelve tribes.

On in **verses 8-11** we can see how God is going to accomplish all this, **But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people of Israel; for they are at hand to come.**

Verse 9 – For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and you shall [be] tilled and sown:

Verse 10 – And I will multiply men upon you, and the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be built: And I will multiply upon you man and beast, and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and you shall know that I am the LORD.

And in verses 22-27...**verse 22 – This said the LORD God; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for Mine holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the heathen, whither you went. And I will sanctify My great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which you have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, said the LORD GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.**

Verse 24 – For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of the countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. The 'clean water' means that everyone will receive of God's holy spirit; they will receive God's spirit and thus they will be cleaned up of all corruption and of all idols they have worshipped in the form of worldly habits and customs and everything that is against God. They loved the mammon more than He who created them.

Then in **verse 26 – A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.** 'A heart of flesh' He will give us. Terry Wrozek gave a sermon on this subject last April. It would be good to review this sermon and pray about it and consider how we can humble ourselves more before God so that He can accomplish this in us... and He can, if we do so.

And look what is said in **verse 27 – And I will put My spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My judgments and do them.** *Awesome, brethren, awesome!*

Verse 29 – I will also save you from all your uncleanness: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. No more famine! *Everyone* will know the truth and will be spiritually fed so they can live God's purpose in their lives. They will be able to see what we can see *right now*, and it will be *awesome* to witness that happening!

Verse 34 – And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the Garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.

Verse 36 – Then the heathen that are left round about, you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it. The attention of the nations, all people on earth, will also be drawn.

Then **verse 37 – This said the LORD God; I will yet for this be enquired of by the House of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men, and they shall know that I am the LORD.**

And where is Christ? Let's go to **Revelation 14:1 – And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Zion, and with Him a hundred forty-four thousand, having the Father's name written in their foreheads.** This is Zion! The government is established there, in the House of God, as we just read in Isaiah 2:2.

There are few people whose position is mentioned in the Bible; the positions that they will occupy after they have been resurrected in the first resurrection.

Jeremiah 30:9 – But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them. Here is that David shall be king over the tribes of Israel.

Ezekiel 34:23-24 – And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even My servant David; he shall feed them and he shall be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and My servant David, prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.

Ezekiel 37:24 – And David My servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd, they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them, with Jesus Christ, a shepherd, as the head.

Luke 22:29-30 – And I appoint unto you a Kingdom, that My Father has appointed unto Me;

Verse 30 – That you may eat and drink at My table in My Kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. The apostles will each rule over one of the tribes of Israel, that's what Jesus said here.

Matthew 19:28 – And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That you which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

And everyone will have access to salvation.

Romans 11:26 – And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. Brethren, we must *fight* our own human nature with the help of God's spirit, so that later we can also help out in that world that is coming. And it doesn't matter whatever you are, physical or if you are a spiritual being at that time, what matters is that God's plan to bring everyone to repentance and conversion grows and grows throughout those thousand years.

I'd like to now quote part of what Mr. Armstrong wrote about repentance³:

"So, a Christian (someone who is truly converted) is someone who has received the holy spirit of God and in who's mind that spirit lives."

But how can someone receive God's spirit? On the day that the Church was established the apostle Peter said in **Acts 2:38 ...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the holy spirit.** Repent. Of what? ...of sin? But what is sin?

Check out **1 John 3:4 ...sin is the transgression of the law.** "Transgression of what law?" Mr. Armstrong asked. "The law which carnal humans, who are by nature enmity to God, are not subject to GODS LAW!"

Romans 8:7 – Because the mind of the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can it be.

In the same article of Mr. Armstrong we also read:

"...the holy spirit, that God has given to them who are obedient to Him. **Acts 5:32 – And we are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the holy spirit, whom God has given to them that obey Him.**

These are two conditions for receiving the gift of God, the gift of the holy spirit – repentance and faith. Baptism is the outward sign of the inner belief in Jesus Christ. Repentance isn't just being sorry about something you did, nor even about a amplitude of sins, it is deep remorse and repentance about self (what you where and what you are) – a sincere loathing of your former mindset and life without God. It is a total change of yourself – of your thoughts, your heart and your way of life.

It's a change of lifestyle. It is a turning away of the selfish ways of vanity, selfishness, greed, rebellion against authority, envy, strife and indifference about the wellbeing of others. It means turning toward a Godly way of life, in obedience, submission to authority, love towards God above love toward self, and love and care for fellow mankind as much as the love for yourself.

³ Just What Do You Mean -- Repentance? (Translated from Dutch version of article so is not exact.)

In **Romans 13:10** it says **...love therefore is the fulfillment of the law.** And in **Romans 7:14** – **For we know that the law is spiritual...** and can only be fulfilled because **...because the love of God has been shed abroad in our hearts through His holy spirit which was given unto us. (Romans 5:5)**

On in Mr. Armstrong's article:

"The holy spirit opens one's mind for UNDERSTANDING of God's teaching concerning His way of life, but will not force anyone to live Gods way of life – there is no constraint involved. Each Christian must act upon their own initiative, but gets help from God's spirit, faith and strength. But only those who are [and then it's the verse from **Romans 8:14**] **...led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**"

Beautiful how Mr. Armstrong captures the meaning of remorse and repentance, to be led by God's spirit as sons of God *...Incredible!* And that's what it *is* all about, to become sons together with our older brother and Redeemer/Saviour Jesus Christ. We must be made spirit, and that involves trial and error, perseverance, never to give up. What is being offered to us is awesome! Those who will be born during the Millennium, and those who will be resurrected at the Great White Throne will also have to do all this to attain to belonging to the God Family.

The account of the Great White Throne can be found in **Revelation 20:12-13** – **And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them, and they were judged every man according to their works.** This verse is usually quoted on The Last Great Day.

Jesus explained this to Nicodemus, how that man can become a son of God. **John 3:1-6** – **There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;** he represented the Jewish religion.

Verse 2 – **The same came to Jesus by night and said unto Him, Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that You do, except God be with Him.** He did see at that time that Jesus was a teacher, a scribe from God, but he doesn't see the He was the Messiah.

Verse 3 – **Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.** So how is it that worldly religions can say that they have already been 'born again' and that the church *itself* is the Kingdom. Jesus says that we cannot see the Kingdom! And they say that they've already been 'born again'...and they say that they have been 'born again'. I remember that that was one of the first things that Mr. Tkach changed in the Worldwide Church of God, and at the time I thought, "Well, That's not what I've been taught through Mr. Armstrong from God." It comes from God. Mr. Armstrong told it from God given. And I remember the first thing that I did after that, I went through the booklet again when I got home that he had written on that subject. At that time I did not know what more would happen in the Church later on...how practically everything, what had so beautifully been taught to us by Mr. Armstrong, would be rejected.

Now back to **John 3:4** – **Nicodemus said unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?** To be able to see this, we need God's calling and Gods spirit. We *can* see it! We can see it! Let's never forget how unique this is, for such a

small amount of people that are in God's Church at this time. To me, again, that is one of the proof's that this is the only one true Church.

Let's go to **Luke 12:32** quickly to see what Jesus says about this, **Fear not, little flock;** not large as the worldly churches are. No, but small, always has been 'little flock' **...for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.** His Family. We need to consider this calling every day of our life, the reason why we can see and understand all this and thus live according to the way of life that God expects from us... live according to the way of life that God expected from us.

John 3:5, going back... **Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.** Cleansed by God's spirit.

You don't have to turn there, but in **John 7:38-39** it says, **He that believes on Me, as the scripture have said, from within him shall flow rivers of living water. But this spoke He of the spirit, which they that believed on Him were to receive: for the spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified.**

Go back to **John 3:6** – **That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.** Here Jesus says that we will get a spiritual body, if we repent are baptized and keep God's Commandments.

Let's now go over to **Isaiah 35:1-10** to look and see how these 1,000 years slowly but surely will pan out, because it will not all happen all [at] once but spread out over years. It will become to be more and more beautiful in time as things are being prepared for the second resurrection, at which time a 'paradise-like' environment will be achieved.

Isaiah 35:1 – **The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice even with the joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon: they shall see the glory of Jehovah, the excellency of our God.** This, what God says, and He will make it come to pass. *Amazing!* We need to be more in awe for our Almighty God and Father and strive towards perfection with His help. We must think upon these things that are before us more often in order to be more motivated in our daily struggle, in our daily fight.

In **Romans 8:18-19** Paul says, **For I reckon that the suffering of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward [in us].**

Verse 19 – **For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God.** So brethren, whatever comes to pass with us in the physical tribulation and whatever we suffer in our daily lives, spiritually it does not compare to what Gods has in store for us! ...it does not compare to what God has in store for us – don't forget.

Back to **Isaiah 35:3** – **Strengthen the weak hands and confirm [make firm] the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you.** Magnificent what God inspired to be written here and the promise that He gives us here – to be set free from the influence of Satan and the deception that he has caused in the past 6,000 years – redemption through the blood and the suffering of Christ. It also states **...be strong, fear not.**

That reminds me of what God says in **1 John 4:4** (you don't have to turn there) **Ye, you are of God, my little children, and have overcome them, because greater is He that is in you than he that's in the world.**

Isaiah 35:5 – Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Everyone will be able to see and understand the truth, the Sabbath, God's Holy Days and God's law, the 10 Commandments, the tithing system. Beautiful, those thousand years that are before us, beautiful!

Verse 6 – Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. 'Lame' can also be explained spiritually as 'deceived by Satan'. He has deceived the world with the exception, the true Church of God – and *we are part of that!* We are part of that true Church of God...and he has the whole world, but we, we are blessed who can see this all.

There will also be physical healing, the right knowledge of healthy living, clean and unclean foods, etcetera, etcetera. See **Isaiah 33:24 – And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.** Through repentance you receive ...**forgiveness of their iniquity** it says. Our God 'forgives many-fold' is what we read in the Bible. Many scriptures in the Bible mention how God removes our iniquities far away from us.

Let's go to **Psalms 103:10-13 – He has not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Like as a father pities his children, so the LORD pitied them that fear Him.**

On in **Isaiah 35:7 – And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes.** What a wonderful world, that 'World Tomorrow' that is coming, as Mr. Armstrong often stated.

Verse 8 – And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it but it shall be for those, the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. The 'way of holiness' referred to by Christ as 'the narrow path', the way of growth through the works that the Father will accomplish in all humans. But one has to surrender to Him, because it also says that 'no unclean' shall go over into it. So if you keep on holding onto your habits and wrong ways, and you do not repent and keep on the broad way you won't get in. I'm speaking to myself also because I realize that there is still a lot of work to do here – pointing at myself – but I know that I must persevere and hold fast to be able to keep on following this road, this way of life to the end, and to keep on fighting, to overcome without ever giving up. It's so incredible, all that is being offered to us.

All that will be born during those 1,000 years, that will be able to instantly see the truth from a very young age and who will come to the point of baptism at some time in their life, will also have to walk in that 'way of holiness'.

Verse 9 – No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up therein, it shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. Satan won't be around but human nature will still be.

Verse 10 – And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Ransomed by the blood of our elder brother given for all mankind.

God says in **1 Peter 1:18-19 – Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.**

Before the 1,000 years can begin, all governments of this world must first be replaced by Gods government. That is the 4th Truth, and the first truth given by Mr. Armstrong during the Philadelphia era. We can find a description of those different governments in **Daniel 2:31-35 – Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form therefore was terrible.**

Verse 32 – This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass. The first kingdom (gold) was the Chaldean, the second kingdom (silver) was the Persian kingdom, the third (the copper) was the Greek-Macedonian kingdom and splintered into four parts.

And finally **verse 33 ..his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.** The fourth empire, that Roman made of iron consists of 10 kingdoms, which the last seven were fully controlled by the beast power.

This is described in Revelation 13 and 17. Mr. Weinland gave a sermon series on this subject entitled 'Late in the Night'. It consisted of three sermons, of which the later two thoroughly covered this subject. They are dated the 20th and 27th of October, 2012. We are now living in the last of those seven kingdoms. See **Revelation 17: 10 – And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when it comes, it must continue a short space.** Mr. Armstrong saw this when Hitler and Mussolini were in power – 'five are fallen and one is – the German Reich at that time – 'and another is not yet to come; and he must continue a short space'.

And then verse 34, back from [to] **Daniel 2:34 – Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon its feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces. (35) Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them. And the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and fulfilled the whole earth.** This 'became a great mountain and fulfilled the whole earth' will be Gods government.

Verse 44 – And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a Kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Jesus Christ will come with the 144,000 and then the Millennium, the thousand years will start.

We can read more about this in **Revelation 20:1-6 – And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.** Satan and the demons will be replaced by Christ and His firstfruits.

Verse 2 – And I saw an angel coming down out of the heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. Satan will be bound for a thousand years.

Verse 3 – And cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more until the thousand years should be finished: after this he must be loosed for a little time. He can no longer deceive the nations! That is the *good* news, the gospel. The Kingdom,

God's Family, will be established and Satan can no longer broadcast through the air. This was also so beautiful, explained to us by Mr. Armstrong, the broadcast of Satan in the air.

On in **verse 4 – And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as worshipped not the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**
Judgment was given to them. We are now being judged.

1 Peter 4:17 now. We go to **1 Peter 4:17 – For the time is come for judgment to begin at the House of God: and if it begin first at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of God?**
So all who have been called and are in God's Church, are now being judged. The same is true for everyone who will be born during the thousand years; and at the end of that thousand years many will be added to the numbers of the 144,000. Then the second resurrection will come and judgment will be passed on those who then will live for a second time during the hundred year period in which they will get time to walk according to God's way of life.

And in verse 4 of Revelation 20; we go back to **Revelation 20:4**; it says that same thing about the 144,000, that judgment will be passed on them. And this **verse 4** also mentions **...the souls of them that had been beheaded..** this was explained to us by Mr. Weinland. I always had trouble understanding this verse and thought, "So then my head shall also roll when that beast power is going to persecute us in the future. Would indeed this beast power behead those who will not accept their teachings?" (Ha Ha!) 😊...so I was very happy with the explanation given by Ron, and I have slept better ever since! (Ha ha!) 😊 What this here means is that they are cut off from the world because of holding on to God's ways, it's not your head that must go off, but you are cut off from the world. It's good that Ron has explained this. And that is what we must strive to do, to be as strangers and pilgrims in this world.

We go now to **Hebrews 11:13**, the belief chapter we are going [to] often – **These all died in faith, not having received the promises but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**

Verse 14 – For they that say things declare plainly that they seek a country, and that they look forward to that better world, that's being offered to us.

And then a couple of pages further in **Hebrews 13:14 – For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.** This world will come to an end and we look forward to the one still to come.

Back to **Hebrews 11:39** now **And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise.** We have not received the promise yet; we also, brethren.

On in **Revelation 20:4 – And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**
The 'mark on their foreheads and on their hands' is not just the weekly Sabbath but also pertains to God's Feasts, like the Feast we are now observing. And the later part of this verse talks about the 144,000 who will reign with Christ during the thousand years.

Verse 5 – But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. This verse refers to The Last Great Day, to the second resurrection, a Holy Day that we will observe a few days from now.

Verse 6 - Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. The second death has no power, meaning *eternal life!* *Eternal life!* Let us persevere and not give up for that which God has set before each of us, a place in His Family. We are all unique to Him and all are different, and God uses that to mould us into His Temple.

Now I would like to quote part of what Mr. Armstrong wrote in 'Mystery of the Ages' in chapter 7 titled 'The Mystery of the Kingdom of God.' And more specific about the financial policies of this world compared to that which is coming in the 'World Tomorrow', which is based upon Gods 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tithe system. Mr. Armstrong wrote the following:

Economy of the World Healed

Since governments will be in the hands of the spiritual family of God, and partially administered by those human leaders directly under that great ruling family--and since there will be no huge bureaus watching other huge bureaus, which are suspiciously watching other bureaus; no military establishment; no "intelligence" (spy) agencies or members of Interpol; no huge cartels, monopolies, unions, or giant government spending--the economy of the world will be healed.

Think of it! No more foreign aid programs, no more wasted billions to buy 'lovers' (allies). (Ezek. 23:9, 22; Lam. 1:2, 19; Ezekiel, 16th chapter)

Ezekiel 23:9 (he mentioned in this article, he noted) **Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted. And verse 22 – Therefore, O Aholibah [Israel], thus said the LORD God; Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy mind is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side.**

And now in **Lamentations 1:2 – She weeped sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks; Among all her lovers she had none to comfort her: her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they are become her enemies. And verse 19 – I called for my lovers, but they deceived me: My priests and my elders gave up the spirit in the city, while they sought them food to refresh their souls.**

And Mr. Armstrong goes farther... and you can also read Ezekiel 16 at home if you want. He goes [says] in the article:

No more foreign aid--none of the wasted billions to buy "lovers" (allies) who turn and rend you later. No more string-attached government grants to industry, to science and space technology, to schools and institutions for research.

Instead, every necessary industry, educational institution, and business will be in sound financial condition.

"What a world that will be!" Mr. Armstrong wrote.

Let's now turn to **Micah 4:1-4 – But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the Mountain of the**

House of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, the larger nations, and it shall be exalted above the hills, the smaller nations, and people shall flow into it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the Mountain of the LORD, and to the House of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways – what was just covered, God's laws – and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Then in **verse 3 – And He/Christ shall judge among many people and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.** *Incredible!* No more war, but peace that will come to pass by people living by God's laws. And the farther we go into the thousand years, the more blessing will be added, and along with those also, prosperity.

Verse 4 – But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken it.

Everyone will live in a world reigned by Jesus Christ. And under that Godly Government the earth will be flooded with happiness and abundance, as we saw in the scriptures we just read. Education will also be transformed, *no more evolution rubbish!* Paraphrasing what God says, '...man's wisdom is foolishness unto Me'.

There will also no longer be different religions, but *one* truth and *one* faith, and that truth and that faith can only come from God. Ghetto's and slums will disappear and be replaced by decent housing. Man will be able to see the suffering that Satan has instigated during all 6,000 years: unhappiness, pain, hate, discrimination, jealousy, envy, and so on, and they will see that all these things came about because mankind would not live by God's laws – the Laws that are based upon love, Godly love, agape!

Mankind shall also experience prosperity and good health by when they do keep God's food laws. And their happiness will be the result of the powerful execution of God's government. And yes, of course there will be those (maybe even many), who will still rebel and reject God's way and will refuse to repent and accept the sacrifice and the blood that Christ gave for them too.

But let's hope and pray that most people will come to salvation and eternal life. Without Satan's presence, as we said, human nature will still be there, but the fight will be less intense than what we experience now. That's why what God gives to us now (and Satan the instrument in this) is a great opportunity to be pioneers in that world, in His 'World Tomorrow' that is now quickly coming. Just imagine how incredible that is.

We're such a small group right now and God has decided to give this to you and to me personally so that later on we can tell people how we fared in this age. We can tell them about the Apostasy that took place under Mr. Tkach, and even how people still fell away up to the very end. We can also tell them then that they must take heed never to take anything for granted, and how this will be a battle for them too, a battle that they can win with God's help and His indwelling. They will hear about Laodicea and what happened during that era. They will hear about how people in God's Church...

Ach... you know, let's just read it. It's good to read those verses again; **Revelation 3:15 – I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth.** People had become lukewarm and were spewed out.

Verse 17 – Because you sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and

knowest not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked. This 'rich, and increased with goods' is an attitude of "Well, we know it all," and then you started to take everything for granted. We must battle this attitude and stay close to God so He can help us not getting lukewarm.

I counsel thee to buy of Me gold, tried in the fire, that thou may be rich; and white raiment, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou may see. So that we will repent from being 'naked and poor' and stand on our two feet again to put on the 'white raiment', white clothing/garments that God is offering to us to wear.

So those who will still be mortal in God's Church that will enter the Millennium, will work together with they who will be immortal: the woman/144,000 with her husband/Christ.

God's household is a Family that rules and reigns, one Government and one Kingdom, as we just read. Daniel described this establishment of this Kingdom of God and how Jesus Christ will remove all ruling governments at His return, and how He will be at the head of one world government.

Let's go to **Daniel 7:13 – I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought Him near before Him.** Christ ascended to God's throne in heaven. God is almighty over the whole universe. What Daniel saw in this vision was the Almighty God and Father (here described as 'the Ancient of days') of Jesus Christ giving that rulership to Him, Jesus.

In the dictionary it says the following about 'reign' – 'rule, govern, power, dominion, hold sway, command, sovereignty'. And He [Christ] will receive Royal Power.

Now in **verse 14 – And there was given Him dominion, and glory, and a Kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve Him: His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His Kingdom which shall not be destroyed.** The peoples and nations all over the world that speak different languages will all be ruled over by God's Family, God's Government, God's Kingdom with, at its head He who is worthy, Jesus Christ.

So what will the 144,000 and all who will later be added (once having been born again) look like? Let's go to **Philippians 3:21 – Who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.** Fashioned like His glorious body.

Let's go to **1 John 3:2 – Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that when He shall appear we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.** And what does the glorified Christ look like?

Let's go to **Revelation 1:14 – His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; and His feet like unto fine brass as if they burned in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters.** So this is what all who are born from God will look like. And let's not forget what Jesus told Nicodemus: 'Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God'. So one needs to be made spiritual first. They will be able to manifest themselves in human form, as we've read about Christ after His resurrection when He appeared many times to the disciples.

And so brethren, when reading these verses again, we must go on and ask God in prayer day after day to help us with our conversion so that we can grow and be diligent in keeping this way of life, so that we can fight against the sin within us and resist it, and live like all that have gone before us, about whom we can read in Hebrews 11. Do read this when you get back home, and pray about it that you may be able [to] follow their example. I will do this because I and you, all who are present here, must hold fast and never give up if we want to be born into God's Family.

Let's now go to **Zechariah 14:4 – And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave into the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north and half of it toward the south.** We know that that will be on a Pentecost and that the 144,000 will stand there alongside Him.

Verse 8 – And it shall be in that day that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them towards the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. Living waters is the holy spirit that will be available to all. *Fantastic!* Finally *everyone* will be able to see the truth and do as we do now, walk in God's ways with the help and thanks to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, His Son.

Verse 9 – And the LORD shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and His name one. King over the whole earth. We've just seen how that is going to come about.

Verse 11 – And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. No longer driven out of their countries as happened to the Lost twelve tribes – eleven tribes of it. Joseph's sons were divided into two tribes by his father, Jacob, Ephraim and Manasseh.

And Satan will no longer be able to spiritually exile humanity. In other words, humanity that has been forced to be blinded and cut-off from God's world during those full 6,000 years. The promised land that is just ahead of us. But we can see that now because God has opened our mind to see that we are strangers and pilgrims in this world. We are so incredibly blessed brethren to be able to see this; to be freed from the shackles of Satan as Jesus said, "...the truth shall make you free," in John 8:32. And we are free because God lives in us and we can change because of that and be freed by putting these sins out of our life. We have also learned that God is reproducing Himself, and steadily the Family of God grows, finally delivered from exile, finally out of the clutches of Satan and his demons.

Verse 12 – And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they [are] standing upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. That is what is now ahead of us and what must come to pass. Humanity must be brought low and then, and only then, man will listen and let go of their pride and surrender to God to be baptized and start to learn how to live His way of life. Only then man will start to observe His Sabbaths, and will they put away their pagan holidays like Christmas, Easter, and all the other pagan days they hold on to.

Verse 16 – And it shall come to pass that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. To also start observing this Feast, the Feast of Tabernacles! Jesus Christ *also* observed the Feast of Tabernacles!

Let's go and see in **John 7:8 – Go you up upon this Feast: I go not up yet unto this Feast for My time is not yet full come.** *Now His time has been fulfilled! Now He is ready to go into the Feast...now, at this moment.*

Verse 10 – But when His brethren were gone up, then went He also up unto the Feast, not openly, but as it were in secret. This states that He not only observed the Feast of Tabernacles but also all the other Holy Days that His Father instituted. How then can the worldly religions say that these true Feasts of God are abolished? We know, but only because God has been so merciful to us to place us into His only true Church on earth. Incredible! This humble all of us even more, and should be cause us even more to pray and ask daily, "Father, thank you for giving me this, for being to understand this. *Please keep me humble and forgive me my iniquities, because I want You and nothing else! Help me against the attacks from Satan. Help me to put on the full armour and to keep it on, because what you have in store for me is so great! And it is that, what I want, and no matter what happens I – (we) – just want to overcome.*"

We need to look out for each other in the Church, and offer a helping hand where needed, or just build each other up with uplifting words. We must love each other, because we are *all* His children, of He who has called us.

Verse 11 – Then the Jews sought Him at the Feast, and said, Where is He? Here it is again, they're clearly talking about the Feast of Tabernacles.

And in **verse 14 – Now about the midst of the Feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught.** Again, in the middle of the Feast, so the Feast was halfway through.

Verse 16 – Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not Mine, but from His that sent Me. He *always gave all* the credit to the Father. That is something we *all* must do too, and never to think that it *all* came from us.

Verse 17 – If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself.

verse 18 – He that speaks of himself seeks his own glory, but he that seeks His glory that sent Him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. The simple fact of this sermon that I must give shows me even more that all must come from Him. He has to inspire and I have to receive it in humbleness, and then the words and scriptures come to me. *Incredible!* Incredible, brethren!

Now a little further in **verse 28 – Then cried Jesus in the temple as He taught, saying, You both know Me, and you know whence I am: and I am not coming of Myself, but He that sent Me is true, whom you know not.** Likewise, we did not come to God's Church on our own initiative. No! God placed us in His Church and opened our minds, and that is how we know Him. If we just stay close to Him every day, so that He can accomplish in us, to be willing and able **...both, to will and to work... Philippians 2:13**, that He both do the will and the work in us so we can grow and bear fruit, so that He, our Father, at the given moment in time can say to us as He said to Abraham, "For now I know you. You will inherit My Kingdom, My Household, My Family."

And **verse 33 – Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto Him that sent Me.**

Verse 34 – You shall seek me and shall not find Me: and where I am, there you cannot go. Yet again Jesus is crystal clear about this and still the worldly religions proclaim that we all go to heaven.

We will not touch upon verses 37 and 38 for they pertain to The Last Great Day, the final Feast in God's plan.

Let's return to **Zechariah 14:17-18 – And it shall be, those who will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.**

Verse 18 – And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. Look at that! So if you do not observe the Feast of Tabernacles during those thousand years that are coming, you will not be blessed. The same counts for us now. We are observing the Feast, brethren, and look how blessed we are by God with all the Truths that we have been given over the past few years, and look at the growth we can see in each of us. This is also the result of going through the 4½ years without giving up. And it is physically as well as spiritually; God blesses all who keep His commandments and statutes, who go on in obedience, even if things don't pan out as we expected it. We must continue to follow God and not give up. We must go forward even when we find ourselves right before the Red Sea.

Verse 19 – This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. *Everyone*, meaning *all* people. And it also states that it is a sin not to observe the Feast, and this counts for all the other six Feasts of God as well.

Let's look at **Deuteronomy 16:13 - Thou should observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, after that thou have gathered in thy corn and thy wine:** Hmmm.....**after thou hast gathered.** This means we have to set aside 2nd Tithes. That is also commanded, that God gives us to do apart from 1st Tithes, which everyone who has an income, a job, must also give unto God. Those 2nd Tithes are for you, yourself, to observe the Feast of God. And they are mainly used for the Feast of Tabernacles. It is for all the Feasts but mainly for the Feast of Tabernacles.

Verse 14 – And thou shalt rejoice in thy Feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates. To 'rejoice', that is what God asks of us, and we must be grateful that we can do this. He opened our minds to this. He showed us that we should observe the Feast. We must be grateful that we are no longer blind as the world is. We must rejoice and be thankful and have love amongst ourselves and involve everyone in the Church; make everyone be a part of it. It is a Feast that we all observe together, so *no one* should be left out on their own. *No! No! No!* We must rejoice together!

Let's look at what David wrote about that joy and that happiness that we should have. **Psalms 100:1 -2 – Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all you lands.**

Verse 2 – Serve the LORD with gladness, come before His presence with singing. Make a joyful noise and sing.

Paul writes in **Ephesians 5:19-21** (you don't need to turn there) **Speak to one another with the words of psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing hymns and psalms to the LORD with praise in your hearts. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, always give thanks for everything to God the Father.**

Verse 21 – Submit yourselves to one another because of your reverence for Christ.

We go back to **Psalm 100:3 – Acknowledge that the Lord is God. He made us, and we belong to Him; we are His people, we are His flock.** He is our God and Father. We belong to Him through baptism, and through that baptism He and His Son, Jesus Christ, can live in us, in *His* people, His sheep. *Fantastic* what it says here, 'we are His flock'. As sheep, God leads us, moulds and fashions us to be made ready to go into those thousand years, and to develop more and more until we can become Elohim. *Incredible!*

Verse 4 – Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise: Give thanks unto Him, and bless His name. Strive to go into these gates, His courts, with thanksgiving and praise.

"Father, please help us to continue and not to give up, because what You have done for us is so beautiful. Help us to have that joy during this Feast, so that we can be pleasing to you. And give us Your agape, Godly love, through Your spirit that lives in us."

Verse 5 - For the LORD is good. His loving kindness endures forever, His faithfulness to all generations. 'His loving kindness...' that is mercy, forgiveness, gentleness, grace, forbearing, and kind into all eternity! And 'His faithfulness'; He won't forsake us, He helps us in every situation, *always*, even though it may sometimes seem that He is not in us, that's not the case. If you purge out sin and repent time and time again, then He is *in* you. We know that God cannot and will not live in someone who sins, but He is faithful and does help us in all that we ask of Him, all things concerning our repentance and spiritual growth. Beautiful, the God that we serve. I cannot state it enough! *What a beautiful plan our God has for us!*

To finish now we go to **Deuteronomy 16:15 – Seven days shall you keep the Feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose; because the LORD thy God will bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the work of thy hands, and thou shall be altogether joyful.**

And those thousand years which we have discussed today are celebrated in this Feast of Tabernacles! Let us therefore be joyful!

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